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S.A.S. VISIT

Saturday, 27th September: Visit to Chertsey area arranged by Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe.

Details of this visit, and of other meetings, are given elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

ASHTEAD FOREST: ROMAN TILERY

(TQ 178602)

Details as given in July *Bulletin*. Daily to 10th August. Enquiries to Mr. J. N. Hampton, 5 Lindsay Close, Epsom. Tel.: Epsom 24855.

OATLANDS PALACE, WEYBRIDGE

(TQ 079652)

Daily to the end of August. Enquiries to The Curator, Weybridge Museum, Church Street, Weybridge. Tel.: Weybridge 43573.

NETHERNE LANE, COULSDON

(TQ 295558)

Details as given in June *Bulletin*. Saturday afternoons and Sundays. Enquiries to Mr. R. Thorne, 43 Fairdene Road, Coulsdon, CR3 1RD. Tel.: Downland 55332.

NOTES

Industrial Archaeology in Surrey: An appeal for volunteers

Surrey has hitherto remained a backwater in the sphere of Industrial Archaeology, apart from the activities of individual enthusiasts. Many counties have already issued lists of industrial monuments and sites of

all kinds, and possess detailed records of them which are particularly valuable in these days of rapid redevelopment, forming a centralised source of information available to all.

This Society will be glad to hear from anyone interested in any aspect of industrial archaeology, with a view to the compilation of similar county records for Surrey. People who have been pursuing specialised interests for some time may already be in a position to supply information in a standardised form about one or more sites: others may be prepared to take on a survey of their local area covering several kinds of site, or to organise this if additional help is available, and it is hoped that many more will volunteer to join in with some aspect of this scheme, with preliminary guidance if needed. In the first instance those willing to help are asked to write to Mr. Holling, at Castle Arch, Guildford, with a brief note of their interests, area covered, and any other relevant details such as technical qualifications related to their interests.

(F. W. Holling).

The Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society (GLIAS)

The formation meeting of GLIAS took place on 12th April at the Westminster Technical College and a constitution was adopted. The Society has been set up to further Industrial Archaeology in and around Greater London.

Two *Newsletters* have been issued (April and June) which have given details of events and meetings concerned with Industrial Archaeology, news items and information about projects in hand. Mr. Christopher Cox (29 Bolingbroke Grove, S.W.11) wishes to hear from anyone interested in forming an Industrial Archaeology group in his area and Mr. R. A. Hutson (4 Rayleigh Rise, South Croydon, CR2 7AN) wishes to know of the location and details of any interesting and unusual cranes and hydraulic equipment in the London area. Mr. David Lloyd (87b Elizabeth Street, S.W.1) of the Victorian Society requests information on lesser known examples of good or unusual railway station architecture in the region. The Victorian Society (secretary, Mrs. J. Fawcett, 12 Magnolia Wharf, W.4) is reported as being willing to assist with campaigns for the preservation of items of special importance connected with industry which are threatened with demolition or destruction.

The subscription to the GLIAS is £1 per annum for individuals and £2 for institutions. The secretary is Paul Carter, 20 Chestnut Grove, Wembley, Middlesex.

(D.J.T.)

Cheam: Medieval pottery kiln (TQ 243636)

The Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Soc. has recently carried out a rescue excavation under difficult conditions and in very restricted time of another medieval pottery-kiln dump (with some associated structure) at Cheam. Processing the thirty crates of pottery recovered is now under way but more volunteer helpers are needed (contact Brian Brockwell, 3 Ivy Cottages, Church Farm Lane, Cheam — Tuesday and Thursday evenings). It is hoped that a note on the site will appear in this *Bulletin* in the near future.

(N.E.A.S. *Newsletter* and D.J.T.)

Chertsey: Ham Farm (TQ 067654)

By courtesy of the owner a preliminary survey of this moated site is being carried out by the Walton and Weybridge L.H.S., under the supervision of Mrs. Lansdell. The site is thickly overgrown and there are extensive badger diggings.

(*Dialstone*, 28).

Coulsdon: Coulsdon Woods Cemetery (TQ 304593)

On Monday, 9th June, 1969, the remains of ancient burials were seen in the sides of drainage trenches on the Waters housing development at Coulsdon Woods on the N.E. side of Farthing Down. After a coroner's report confirming that the bones were ancient, the Bourne Society was allowed to carry out an emergency excavation.

Two Iron age ditches were revealed, running along the contours of the chalk slope. They were V-sectioned with signs of revetment in the lower ditch. In the upper ditch, above an accumulated layer of clay and chalk, pieces of R-B pottery were found. This pottery consisted of native-made cooking pots and a few pieces of imitation Samian ware. Seven burials were found in a row between the two ditches. They were about 3 ft. deep and faced towards the N.E., they had all been disturbed by the mechanical excavator and the bones were in a poor state of preservation because of the effect of the chalk, but it was possible to find small pieces of wood around the bones and the large iron nails which had secured the coffins. No grave goods were found with the burials but a 4th century coin (an Ae 4 of Constantius II, dating to before the reform of the currency in 346) was found close to the jaw bone of one of them: it is possible that these are burials of the late R-B period.

(Mrs. M. Saaler).

Ewell: Historic buildings.

The following are notes about some of the listed buildings in Ewell which have been threatened recently.

5 and 5a Cheam Road. 16th century cottage which it was not possible to save but which was photographed, measured and recorded by members of the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Soc. before its demolition. The main timbers have been preserved for use by the Weald and Downs Open Air Museum.

26 High Street. 17th-18th century building on the Supplementary List and under consideration for a B.P.O. before the change in procedure.

24 High Street. This building now has the same protection under the recent Town and Country Planning Act as it would have had from a B.P.O.

Hill Cottage. Owned by the Corporation and shortly to become a students' hostel.

Keepers Lodge. On the site of the Privy Gardens of Nonsuch Palace, the M. of P.B. and W. have referred this site to the Ancient Monuments Commission to be considered for scheduling as an ancient monument.

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 27th

S.A.S. Visit to Chertsey Area
Arranged by Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe.

- 10.20 a.m. Meet at Parish Church (St. Peter's) at junction of the three main streets. Car park adjoining Public Library in Guildford St.
- 10.45 a.m. Chertsey Museum (Old Town Hall).
- 11.15 a.m. Abbey site; stewponds; principal buildings in the main streets.
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch. View 18th century bridge.
- 2.30 p.m. St. Ann's Court (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Fischer). A distinguished modern house on the site of the home of Charles James Fox. View Fox's Tea House Grotto and Garden Temple.
- 3.30 p.m. Botley's Park mansion (by kind permission of the Medical Superintendent, Botley's Park Hospital). Neo-classical, 1763-5, to a design by Kenton Couse.
- 4.10 p.m. Hardwick Court Farm (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Boyde). 17th century house and medieval barn.
- 5.15 p.m. Tea at Queenwood House by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Pardoe. Exhibition of topographical drawings, early English water colours and architectural designs.

Lunch. Facilities for lunch are poor. *The Bridge* Hotel will provide sandwiches (assorted fillings) at 2/6 per round only if ordered in advance. Packed lunches could probably be taken in the Hotel's riverside grounds. Please order sandwiches from Miss Smith by 20th September giving number of sandwiches required and enclosing payment therefor.

Car transport is necessary to *Bridge* Hotel and thereafter, but lifts can be arranged.

Tickets (members 3/-, non-members 4/-) from Miss C. Smith, *Elyots*, Minster Road, Godalming.

DECEMBER

Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th.

ECONOMY AND SETTLEMENT OF NEOLITHIC AND EARLY BRONZE AGE BRITAIN AND EUROPE

A study conference at the University of Leicester devoted to the environmental and economic aspects of human settlement in Britain in the 3rd and early 2nd millennium B.C. This weekend residential conference has been planned from Friday evening, 12th December, to after tea on Sunday, 14th. The principal speakers will be Prof. Piggott, Prof. Atkinson, D. M. Brothwell, Dr. Evans, P. J. Fowler, Dr. Isobel Smith, and D. D. Simpson.

Details from Administrative Officer, Department of Adult Education, 6 Salisbury Road, Leicester, LE1 7LT.

31 High Street. Covered by a B.P.O. Measured, protographed and recorded by members of the N.E.A.S.

(N.E.A.S. *Annual Report*).

Ewell: Nonsuch Park survey.

A number of younger members of the N.E.A.S. have carried out a survey of the north corner of the park. The primary aim was to establish the present extent of the 'ridge and furrows' within the Park. The results of the survey were far from conclusive, but it would appear that the surviving ridge-and-furrow is the result of the late 18th-early 19th century agricultural practice. A full report will appear in the next N.E.A.S. *Bulletin*.

(N.E.A.S. *Annual Report*).

Farnborough Hill, Hants: Manufacture of Farnham or Tudor Green ware (SU 876566).

During the excavations at this site notified in the *May Bulletin* it was discovered that Farnham ware was undoubtedly made there, several wasters in this ware being found complete including a jug, costrel and money box. There was also much other off-white pottery, especially pipkins and various forms of bowl and jar. The bulk of the pottery, which is tentatively dated to the late 16th century, was associated with a working floor on which were three demolished kilns. These require much additional excavation, which it is hoped to undertake next year, but it was possible to determine that one of the kilns had a flue at each end and an oval oven about ten feet long. A second was about the same size, apparently with a single flue. Another floor with the outline of a sleeper beam in it was found with part of a possible fourth kiln extending into the unexcavated area. A ditch underlying the working area contained 15th century sherds, similar to waste medieval pottery found, mainly in other parts of the site, last year. Some sherds which are certainly 17th century occur on this site, but only a few were seen in the excavated area in topsoil. The presence of further working areas in the vicinity connected with these earlier and later periods is therefore indicated.

(F. W. Holling).

Hersham: Southwood Manor Farm.

The Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. have carried out a small excavation behind this ancient farmhouse. The foundations of one wing, long since demolished, have been found, together with a mixed bag of pottery fragments.

(*Dialstone*, 28, 2).

Kingston Archaeological Society.

The latest addition to Surrey's growing number of local history and archaeological societies is the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society which has been formed with the promise of massive backing from

many influential people in Kingston. The scope for archaeological work in Kingston is considerable. Enquiries to Mrs. M. Canham, Kingston upon Thames Museum, Central Library, Kingston upon Thames.

(D.J.T.)

Putney: Excavation at 34/36 Erpingham Road.

This excavation is now finished and it would seem that the only early man-made feature on the site was a ditch running north-south, found last year. With the exposure of a greater length of the ditch this year some doubt has been cast on the number of postholes found in 1968. There was certainly a large D-shaped one about 8" across but some, at least, of the others are doubtful, being at the most stake-holes.

A gully cutting across the ditch appears to have been a natural one leading into a stream. One trench did disclose a portion of this stream bed but there was nothing in it earlier than the post-Medieval period. Flints found on the site have been submitted to the British Museum.

The work was arranged by the Wandsworth Historical Society.

(*News Sheet*, Wandsworth H.S., 1969/3).

Putney: Excavations at 38/40 Sefton St.

The Wandsworth Historical Society opened five small trenches on this site to test the extent of the R-B settlement. Only one or two sherds of that period were found: the two lowest strata both appear to be Medieval, though not much pottery was found.

The most interesting find was a rim portion of secondary Neolithic pottery found in the lowest level. The pottery falls into the Mortlake ware group of the Peterborough Culture. It is a thick coarse ware decorated on top of the rim with finger nail impressions and down to the neck to the shoulder with twisted cord impressions. Inside the rim the pot was further decorated with slashes. There was also a small wall sherd, along with many worked flints, some of which were quite fine.

As a result of the find — the first prehistoric pottery to have been found on an archaeological excavation in Wandsworth Borough — it has been decided to open the whole site when some concrete foundations have been removed.

(*News Sheet*, Wandsworth H.S., 1969/3, 2).

Walton-upon-Thames: Painting acquired by Weybridge Museum.

Weybridge Museum has acquired, by means of public subscription, a painting of Walton Bridge by Rouviere. Comment is invited about the identity of the mysterious Rouviere.

(*Dialstone*, 28, 2).

Weybridge Churchyard.

Members of the Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. have begun renovating some of the more overgrown monuments in Weybridge Churchyard. Work is being done on Saturday mornings and more volunteers would be welcome. The churchyard contains some splendid 18th century carved headstones. The renovators have cleaned up the oldest inscription found so far — to Edmond Bunyon who died in 1657.

(*Dialstone*, 28, 2).