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S.A.S. MEETINGS 1970

March 21st	Lecture Symposium at Reigate.
April 23rd	Visit to Fishmongers' Hall, the Innholders' Hall and City Churches.
April 25th	Annual General Meeting at Guildford.
May 9th	Visit to Ewood Ironworks and Mill Cottage, Newdigate and to Dorking sand caves.
June 6th	Visit to Porchester Castle, Titchfield Abbey and Fareham.
July 19th	Walk in the Guildford area.
August 12th	Visit to Checkendon and Rotherfield Greys, Oxfordshire.
September 12th	Visit to the Reigate area.
October 3rd	Visit to the Weybridge area.

NOTES

Acting Honorary Secretary.

Following the sad death of Mr. Gilbert in September, the Council have appointed D. J. Turner as Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hon. Local Secretaries.

Mr. N. Farrant has been appointed Hon. Local Secretary for Wandsworth in succession to the late Rev. N. D. Gill.

Mr. H. C. Warnes has been appointed Hon. Local Secretary for Horley and Charlwood.

(D. J. Turner).

Conference: The Future of Industrial Archaeology.

This conference was arranged by the Council for British Archaeology and held at the Institute of Archaeology on Saturday, 11th October, to enable industrial archaeologists to discuss the future of the subject, and in particular to consider the report of a Steering Committee (appointed at the 1968 Bath Conference) which was charged with examining the need for and form of a possible national organisation for industrial archaeology.

In its report the Committee felt that the most urgent tasks for such an organisation were to provide a national liaison and information service, to promote research projects including excavation, and to press for a national policy for the preservation of industrial monuments. It was also

of the opinion that the C.B.A. (by virtue of its standing and Government recognition) was the best suited body to carry out such tasks, but recommend that the C.B.A. should take steps to make its Industrial Archaeology Research Committee territorially more representative, to reorganise its procedure to speed up the making of recommendations for preservation and listing, and to increase secretarial provision to cope with Industrial Archaeology matters.

After lengthy debate, the Steering Committee's proposals were approved *nem. con.* A further resolution calling for the immediate formation of a national society with individual membership was rejected, although with many abstentions. (G.L.I.A.S. Newsletter, 5, 2-3).

Applied lettering record.

Applied lettering (in other words, cast iron street names, inscriptions, plaques, etc.) is being recorded by the Typography Unit of Reading University. A photographic archive is being compiled showing lettering in context and details of design and manufacture. An attempt is also being made to preserve items of special merit which would otherwise be destroyed. Members who have photographs of examples and are willing to loan negatives for prints to be made should contact Dr. Twyman or Miss Riley, Typography Unit, The University, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AQ. (G.L.I.A.S. Newsletter, 5, 3).

Museums in Surrey.

The following list is a shortened version of one prepared in July 1969 for the Museums Committee of the Society; it is printed here in the hope of eliciting corrections and additions. Its purpose is twofold: to inform members where, in Surrey, they can find substantial collections of evidential material for the archaeology and history of the county; and to indicate the museum services (identification, information etc.) available in the same sphere. The object of the exercise is not to list all the places where Surrey material is to be found, for example the British Museum, other national collections, the London Museum, and many other museums, large and small, all over the country. Nor is it a conspectus of general museum services in the country. The list is restricted to collections of material relevant to the work of the S.A.S. within the historic county, excluding museums of national coverage such as the Army Museum and the Transport Museum, which naturally contain some Surrey material.

Museums open to the public at stated times

Guildford is placed first because of its special relationship to the Society; the others are in chronological order of foundation.

GUILDFORD. Opened by the Surrey Archaeological Society at Castle Arch in 1898, to house the Surrey objects collected since 1854. (For history see *Sy.A.C. LIII*, 61 ff.). Since 1933 financed from rates of Guildford Borough. Curator, one assistant, and occasional part-timers. On the archives side, salary of archives assistant paid by the Surrey County Council. The only museum in Surrey with a county-wide coverage. In return for heavy if indirect subsidy from Guildford Corporation since 1898 the Surrey Archaeological Society undertakes to place all its museum material in Guildford Museum and nowhere else. School Loan.

CHARTERHOUSE. Opened 1876. Includes handsome quantity of local material among its teaching collections of general and natural history material and Carthusiana. Private Museum.

HASLEMERE. Founded 1895 as an educational museum. Although it is important mainly as a natural history museum, research and field centre, it has large collections of local interest and enviable contacts. Trustee museum, which gets grants from several education authorities, especially the Surrey County Council. Curator, one assistant and honorary helpers. School Loan.

WIMBLEDON. John Evelyn Society's Museum, founded 1903. Mostly graphic material relating to Wimbledon and district, but also a few objects. Open Saturday afternoons. Private Museum.

KINGSTON. Founded 1904 as part of the library service, which it has remained. Covers Kingston and Thames Valley including some natural history. Financed from rates of Kingston: one curator on librarian's staff. School Loan.

SOUTHWARK. Cuming Museum, in library building in Walworth Road. Founded 1906 on basis of general collection belonging to Cuming family. Curator, one assistant. Works closely with the Southwark and Lambeth Excavations Society. Financed from rates of Southwark.

WEYBRIDGE. Founded in 1911, mainly by Dr. Gardner, and kept going until 1964 by Mrs. Grenside as Honorary Curator. Local archaeology and history for Weybridge and about five miles round. Urban District Council became a museum authority in 1964 and has now leased rooms the the new library building. Urban District rate supported; curator and one assistant. Grant from the Surrey County Council.

GODALMING. Founded 1924; was at one time taken over by Charterhouse, and then resuscitated. Run by Borough Council under aegis of County Library. Small collections with products of recent excavations. Also some 2,000 title deeds and valuable Percy Woods MSS. School Loan.

CAMBERLEY. Founded before the war, mainly by the efforts of our member C. G. Poulter. Urban District Council is now a museum authority and has taken a house near the Country Library branch. Part-time curator and assistant. Rates of Urban District. School Loan.

FARNHAM. Founded about 1960, under delegated powers from the Surrey County Council, but is now a museum authority. The immediate occasion was when Willmer House became available. Urban District rates. Curator and one assistant. School Loan.

CHERTSEY. Founded 1965. Chertsey was already a library authority and hence a museum authority. The nucleus is an unexpectedly fine collection of Greek vases, but it is understood the intention is to make it mainly local. Housed in very nice room in old Town Hall. Honorary curator. Expenses paid out of Urban District rates.

EGHAM. Became a museum authority some years ago, but have remitted their responsibilities to the local society, Egham-by-Runnymede Historical

Wednesday, 14th. 5 p.m.

TIMBER CHURCH PORCHES AS A KEY TO REGIONAL PRACTICE IN CONSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES. Lecture by MR. S. E. RIGOLD to the ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE at Burlington House.

Thursday, 15th. 8 p.m.

TIMBER BELFRIES IN SOUTH ENGLAND. Talk by MR. K. W. E. GRAVETT to the OXTED AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY at the Oxted County School, Blue House Lane, Oxted.

Tuesday, 20th. 8 p.m.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. Lecture by MR. J. N. HAMPTON to the KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at the Central Library Lecture Hall, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Wednesday, 21st. 8 p.m.

Talk by MR. CLARE ROBINSON, the Chairman, to the CHIDDINGFOLD SOCIETY, in the Village Hall Annexe, Chiddingfold.

Saturday, 31st. 3.30 p.m.

THE CELTIC HELMET. Lecture by MR. J. N. G. RITCHIE to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY at the Institute of Archaeology.

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Friday, 6th. 7.45 p.m.

MEDIEVAL VILLAGES. Talk by MR. J. G. HURST to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY in the Committee Rooms behind the Council offices in South Street, Farnham.

Tuesday, 10th. 8 p.m.

Meeting of the EMLINGE HISTORY SOCIETY as 5th January.

Wednesday, 11th. 5 p.m.

EXCAVATION AT THE IRON AGE HILL FORT, MAM TOR, DERBYSHIRE, 1965-69. Lecture by MR. H. THOMPSON AND MR. D. COOMBS to the ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, at Burlington House.

Friday, 13th. 8 p.m.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS. Talk by MR. J. ASHDOWN to the HOLMESDALE N.H.C. at the Museum, Croydon Road, Reigate.

Monday, 16th. 8.15 p.m.

THE THAMES BETWEEN WEYBRIDGE AND WALTON. Talk by MR. J. A. STONEBANKS to the WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY at St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Walton-on-Thames.

Tuesday, 17th. 8 p.m.

GEOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY. Lecture by MR. J. PENN, to the KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY as 20th January.

Thursday, 19th. 8 p.m.

SOME LOCAL WILLS. Talk by MRS. K. PERCY to the OXTED AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY as 15th January.

Wednesday, 25th. 5 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND PALAEOECOLOGY OF NEOLITHIC AND E.B.A. SITES AT THE CORBY, BALLYNAGILLY, CO. TYRONE. Lecture by MR. A. M. APSIMON and others to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY at Burlington House.

Friday, 27th. 7.45 p.m.

FARM BUILDINGS IN PUTTENHAM AND WANBOROUGH. Talk by MISS R. DUGMORE to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY. As 6th February.

Society. Urban District Council gives free premises and insurance cover and "will help" (? use of transport etc.) but no actual cash. Open September 1969. Work all honorary.

Collections of Local Societies etc. not open at stated times

REIGATE. Holmesdale Natural History Club's Museum. Open by appointment. Mainly a natural history collection, but including some local history material.

WARLINGHAM. Museum in a parish room. Though small it has some good archaeological and historical material. Also open by appointment.

CROYDON. The Natural History and Scientific Society has a collection, mostly natural history and not all of it local. It also has archaeological and historical material. They now have their own premises to keep it in.

DORKING. There is material, not all of it local, stored in an Urban District Council building.

CATERHAM AND DISTRICT. The Bourne Society has some material.

Local Societies at Merton, Leatherhead, Horley and Limpsfield all hold some local material, perhaps in preparation for a museum.

Libraries

Many libraries have greater or lesser quantities of local objects in their basements or other stores. Examples which spring to mind are Richmond and also the Lambeth (Minet) Library which recently took over some objects from the Clapham Antiquarian Society together with records. A systematic survey would undoubtedly reveal more; but such material may not be evidential in the strict sense, as it may often have lost the accompanying information which alone gives it a value to the S.A.S.

Schools

Many schools have what they call a museum, which sometimes includes material relevant to us. Examples known are Sheerwater, where 16th century pottery from the old Woking Manor House site has been seen, and Bramley where they have interesting material relating to the school. The museum at Epsom College has now been disbanded. Here again a survey might be rewarding.

Churches

It occasionally happens that churches have small collections of objects found in, or associated with, the church, as well as topographical material such as prints and drawings. For example Compton has the fragments of a medieval pot found under the floor.

Private Collections

The outstanding one is that of Mr. A. W. G. Lowther who has the products of many pre-war and just post-war excavations. This is important evidential material. (Dr. E. M. Dance).

Local History Records

All eight numbers of the Bourne Society's *Local History Records* are now available at 24/- post paid for the set. No. 2 will only be available

as part of a set but individual numbers of most others are available at 3/- each post paid. Orders by post from The Bourne Society, 52 Buxton Lane, Caterham.

The Chiddingfold Society

A Meeting was convened recently in Chiddingfold, and the forty members present decided to form a Chiddingfold Society, the main object of which will be to explore and record the history of the village, both past and present. A quarterly bulletin will be issued and it is hoped that this will eventually lead to the writing of a history of the village. Chiddingfold is one of eleven Surrey names shown in the Gough map of c. 1360 and one of four in the Florentine map of 1567. Membership is open to all and the subscription is 5/- (minimum).

(C. Robinson).

Horley : The Emlinge History Society.

At a meeting held on Thursday, 2nd October, 1969, a local history society was formed to be known as the Emlinge History Society — the name being derived from the original name of the River Mole — covering the parishes of Burstow, Charlwood and Horley.

It was agreed that subscriptions should be £1 per annum for senior members and 7/6 per annum for junior members under 18 years. Meetings have been arranged for the winter period 1969/70.

One of the objects of the society is to promote the study of the history and archaeology of the parishes, and further this aim a project group has been formed to study and produce a history of Horley Parish Church. Other project groups will be formed as members become available to carry out the necessary research.

Persons who would like to join in the work of the society will be welcome at any of the meetings, or the Hon. Sec. (Mrs. E. Morley, 26 Careys Wood, Smallfield).

(H. C. Warnes).

MEETINGS

EXHIBITION

NONSUCH — A LOST TUDOR PALACE. An exhibition of archaeological finds and contemporary illustrations at the LONDON MUSEUM, Kensington Gardens, W.8. (Admission free, weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

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Monday, 5th. 8 p.m.

Meeting of the EMLINGE HISTORY SOCIETY at Horley Central Library, Victoria Road.

Wednesday, 7th. 7.30 p.m.

POTS AND POTTING. Talk by MISS PAMELA HANNAH to the CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY at the Board Room, Volkswagen, Brighton Road, S. Croydon.

Monday, 12th. 8 p.m.

THE FITZNELLS CARTULARY. Talk by MR. P. SHEARMAN to the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY at the Fitznells School of Music, Chessington Road, Ewell.