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S.A.S. VISITS

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| May 9th | Visit to Newdigate and Dorking.
Details were given in <i>Bulletin</i> 64. |
| June 6th | Visit to Porchester Castle, Titchfield Abbey and Fareham. |

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

EXCAVATION NOTICES

NEATHAM, Nr. HOLYBOURNE, HANTS.
(SU 742412)

Director: **MR. D. GRAHAM**

The Farnham Museum Society in conjunction with the Ministry of Works is carrying out excavation of an extensive Romano-British site. There is a time limit of two months; work will continue every week-end from 11 a.m. — 5 p.m. Car parking at Neatham Mill Lane. Enquiries to the Director at Dromore, Old Frensham Road, Farnham. (Tel. Frensham 2104).

OLD TOWN, CROYDON
(TQ 320655)

Directors: **MR. P. L. DREWETT, B.Sc., MRS. A. ELLISON, B.A.,** and others.

Rescue excavations will continue on the sites of the late Saxon and Medieval settlements on behalf of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. 23rd to 31st May and 1st to 16th August, 1970.

Apply to P. L. Drewett, 36 Lebanon Park, Twickenham, Middlesex.

NOTES AND QUERIES

S.A.S. Museums Committee Conversazione.

An informal meeting was recently held in Guildford House, Guildford, at which the Museums Committee welcomed representatives of museums

in all parts of the county. The President, Dr. R. A. Skelton discussed a number of ways in which co-operation was taking place; between museums in the historic County of Surrey and scholars engaged upon county-wide studies; by the use of the Bulletin as a forum for notes and queries; and in helping over the Archaeological Index now being prepared at Castle Arch, in collaboration with the County Planning Officer.

It was felt that this opportunity to discuss museum matters had been of considerable use, and it is hoped that it may be repeated.

(J. Batley).

Errata.

Two corrections are recorded to the note on Museums in Surrey published in *Bulletin* 61.

SOUTHWARK. Cuming Museum. The penultimate sentence should read 'Works closely with the Southwark Archaeological Excavations Committee and the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society.'

EGHAM. Insurance cover is paid for by the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society. Delete references to transport.

(Dr. E. M. Dance).

Parish Magazines.

The Borough of Guildford Central Library, North Street, Guildford are trying to form a collection of magazines for the parishes in Guildford and in the immediate neighbourhood and would be most grateful to receive from members any copies for which they have no further use.

(Miss M. D. Liggett).

London University Diploma in Archaeology.

The writer would like to hear from anyone interested in attending a 4-year Diploma Course either in Dorking or Guildford. He understands that if a request for a course is made from a group of 18 or more prospective students, then the Department of Extra-Mural Studies of the University of London might give consideration to the proposal.

(C. dela Nougerede).

Fire Insurance and Local History.

One source of local history usually totally ignored by local historians is the records of the old fire insurance companies.

Fire insurance in this country started soon after the Great Fire of London, and, although at first confined to the Metropolis, by the early part of the 18th century companies were insuring property all over Surrey. Most dwellings were at some time insured with one company or another. The problem often is to tell which. Original policies sometimes turn up among deeds and these detail the property at length.

Some houses still retain the fire marks put up to identify insured property, these indicate the company with whom the house was insured and, on older marks, the policy number. This makes the research much easier.

The records of the Sun, the Hand-In-Hand, and the London Assurance Companies have been deposited with the Guildhall Library, Basinghall Street, E.C.2. These muniments have a great value for local historians and genealogists. Policies were issued for a period of seven years. When issued or renewed an entry was made in a register. It is these registers which form the basis of the records. From then it is often possible to trace the history of a property, giving the size, building material (brick, timber, thatch, etc.), value, owners, and occupiers, over a period of a hundred years or more. The first entry is often marked 'newly erected' or 'unfinished', this helps considerably in dating buildings. Changes in ownership and additions to the property can be traced. Moreover, as there were no formal addresses at that time, the situation of the property was often given at length. For instance one house in East Molesey is described as 'abutting on the east on the San Ale-House', from this the position of an inn which has entirely disappeared, and which is not even mentioned in the parochial records, can be defined exactly.

Unfortunately these records are very imperfectly indexed. The numerical indices are good, but for this, of course, one must have prior knowledge of the policy number; and there are some nominal and topographical indices for later years. The Surrey Archaeological Society would be performing a useful function by organising the indexing of all Surrey entries in these registers, either professionally or by voluntary labour.

(R. G. M. Bakers).

Carshalton/Wallington : Worked flint from Little Woodcote.

A large collection of worked flints, from an area a few hundred yards across, have been gathered by Mr. Robert Stanbridge of Wallington and his brother David. They are being studied by Mr. E. E. Harrison and will be the subject of a detailed report in the *Collections* in due course.

The remarkable collection appears to cover a long period of occupation. There is one probable mesolithic tranchet axe and a possible second; several fragments of polished axes from the neolithic period and a number of barbed-and-tanged arrowheads from the late neolithic or early bronze age. One striking aspect of the collection is the large average size of the implements which does not seem to arise from selective collecting because small ones are also included. The majority of the implements have cortex remaining.

Certain forms are common — thick scrapers with very steep flaking at the end and with plenty of cortex remaining. There is also a characteristic waisted scraper form, one example of which is made from the cutting edge of a polished axe. This gives an interesting indication that the collection is probably late in date.

(E. E. Harrison and D. J. Turner).

Saturday, 6th.

**S.A.S. VISIT TO PORCHESTER CASTLE, TITCHFIELD ABBEY
and FAREHAM.**

Arranged by Mrs. M. Trier and led by Mr. David Lloyd, B.A., A.M.T.P.I.

- 8.30 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate, P.H.
8.45 a.m. Coach leaves Dorking, White Horse Hotel.
9.15 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford Park Road, rear of B.R. Station.
Car park in Guildford Park Road.
11.15 a.m. Arrive Portchester.
12.30 p.m. Coach leaves for Titchfield where, after a walk through the village there will be an hour for lunch. There are two pubs with restaurants.
2.10 p.m. Assemble at Titchfield Church.
2.30 p.m. Coach leaves Titchfield Square for the Abbey.
3.15 p.m. Coach leaves for Fareham. The High Street which is of great architectural interest and not the main shopping street, will be visited on foot. If time allows the church will then be visited.
4.45 p.m. Tea.
5.30 p.m. Coach leaves, returning via top of Portsdown Hill passing Forts, Wallington and Nelson.

Tickets (members 3/-; non-members 4/-, Coach fare 14/-)
from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton.

Tuesday, 16th. 8 p.m.

CONSERVATION AREAS AND REDEVELOPMENT IN KINGSTON. Talk by Mr. K. N. BEET, Borough Planning Officer, to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Godstone Caves : Information requested.

Mr. H. Pearman, 24 Sydney Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, who is collating information on mines and tunnels in S.E. England, would be glad to know of any records of the history of the Godstone Caves. The archives of Marden and the Public Record Office have yielded nothing earlier than this century, yet the extent of the working suggests a long continued industry.

(Bourne Society *Bulletin* 59).

Recent Publications.

Anon (1969) Moore Place. (Notes on the formation of the estate). *Local History News* 6, 24-5 Esher District L.H.S.

Anon (1969) The origin of the Claremont Estate. Vanburgh's activities in 1709 at Chargate Farm). *Local History News*, 6, 24 Esher District L.H.S.

Baker, R. G. M. (1970) Claremont. (Information revealed by fire insurance records for the period 1772 to 1787. *Local History News*, 7, 27-8, Esher District L.H.S.

Barton, K. J., (1970) The Contents of an Eighteenth-century well at Bishop's Waltham, Hants. *Post-Medieval Archaeology*, 3 (1969) offprint 22 pp., 10 figs. Bound. Post free, price 4/-.

Berry, A. (1970). The Bell Inn, East Molesey. (Notes on the inn and on a former landlord). *Local History News* 7, 27. Esher District L.H.S.

Blackman, M. E. (1970). Notes on the purchase of Oatlands by the Duke of York. *Monograph* No. 8. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S.

Carter, P. (1970). Beam Engines in Greater London. *Monograph*. G.L.I.A.S. (Descriptions, Grid references, and a measured drawing by D. Smith). 9d. plus 6d. postage from Michael Bussell, 23 Fitzgeorge Avenue, W.14.

Coad, J. G. (1970) Chatham Ropeyard. *Post-Medieval Archaeology*, 3 (1969) offprint; 23 pp., 3 figs., 6 plates. Bound. Post-free, price 7/6d.

Dawson, G. (1970). Croxted Road Railway Bridge. (To be restored by British Railways). *Newsletter* 21-4. Southwark & Lambeth A.S.

Dines, J. S. (1969). A Local Meteorologist. (A note on W. H. Dines, F.R.S., who lived at Oxshott from 1892 to 1906). *Local History News*, 6, 23-4. Esher District L.H.S.

Holling, F. W., Seventeenth-century Pottery from Ash, Surrey. *Post-Medieval Archaeology*, 3 (1969) offprint, 13 pp., 4 figs. Bound. Price 4/0d., post free from Guildford Museum (Cheques etc. payable to Guildford Corporation).

Hurst, Mrs. D. G. (1969) Medieval Britain in 1967. *Medieval Archaeology*, XII (1968), 164-211. (Note on excavations at Court Lodge Farm, Horley, p. 193).

2nd — 4th September.

THE EARLY CELTIC WORLD. A Colloquium arranged by **UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH** in connection with an exhibition of **EARLY CELTIC ART** during the Edinburgh International Festival. Papers from many distinguished speakers. Details from Dr. A. M. Snodgrass, Institute for Advanced Studies, 12 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh. EH8 9JT.

MEETINGS

MAY

Saturday, 9th.

S.A.S. VISIT TO EWOOD IRONWORKS, MILL COTTAGE, NEWDIGATE and DORKING SAND CAVES.

Saturday 9th. 3 p.m.

Annual General Meeting of the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society at Brooklands College, Heath Road, Weybridge.

Tuesday 12th. 8 p.m.

STAINES MILITARY HISTORY. Talk by Mr. **LIVERMORE** to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at Egham Library Lecture Room.

Thursday, 14th. 8 p.m.

A.G.M. of the Esher District Local History Society, followed by **CONSERVATION AREAS**, talk by Mr. P. A. **DEANE**, Esher Council, at King George's Hall, Esher.

Saturday, 16th. 8.30 p.m.

CHURCHES IN ROMNEY MARSH, RYE AND WINCHELSEA. Coach excursion from Guildford, led by Mr. **LAWRENCE JONES** of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Tickets 27/6d. (25/- for members of the Workers' Educational Association). Details from Claude Wilcox, 57 Pewley Hill, Guildford.

Tuesday, 19th. 8 p.m.

ROMAN SITES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. Talk by Mr. N. **FARRANT** to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Thursday, 21st. 7.30 p.m.

NETHERNE, A MEDIEVAL MANOR HOUSE. Talk by Miss L. **KETTERINGHAM** and Mrs. M. **SAALER** to the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society at Purley Library, Banstead Road, Purley.

JUNE

Tuesday, 2nd. 6.45 p.m.

EXCAVATION TECHNIQUES. TALK BY Mr. R. **CANHAM** to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road.

Le Fevre, Margaret (1970). 300 Years of Local Schools. *Paper* No. 5. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. 10/- plus 6d. postage from R. Hargrave, 16 Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.

Matthews, L. G., and Green, H. J. M., Post Medieval Pottery of the Inns of Court. *Post-Medieval Archaeology*, 3 (1969) print, 17 pp. 3 figs. Bound. Post-free, price 4/6d.

Mynard, D. C., A group of Post-Medieval Pottery from Dover Castle. *Post-Medieval Archaeology*, 3 (1969) offprint, 16 pp., 8 figs. Bound. Post-free, price 4/6d.

Smith, J. T. and Yates, E. M. (1969). On the dating of English houses from external evidence. *S.P.A.B.*, 5/-, plus 4d. postage.

Stonebanks, J. A. (1969). The Thames Bridge at Walton. (An illustrated history and description). *Paper* No. 4. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. 3/-, plus 6d. postage from R. Hargrave, 16 Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.

Swain, E. R. (1969) Divided and galleried hall houses. *Medieval Archaeology* XII (1968), 127-45. (Includes an account of Batchelor's Farm, Limpsfield, and The Old Cottage, Broadham Green, Oxted.)

Walker, T. E. C. (1968) Manor of Westberg or Westborough. (Claim of Christopher Buckle, in 1781 to Lordship of that Manor). *Local History News* . 6, 24 Esher District L.H.S.

Walker, T. E. C. (1970). A Cobham Will. The will, with inventory, of James Sutton, 1608). *Local History News*, 7, 28-9. Esher District L.H.S.

Surrey Local History Organisations.

This list is continued from *Bulletin* 64.

SURBITON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Sec.: Mrs. D. Edwin, 32 Balaclava Road, Surbiton. Tel.: 01-399 1087.

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Castle Arch, Guildford. Tel.: Guildford 66551.

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Excavations Committee. Sec.: Mr. J. N. Hampton, 5 Lindsay Close, Epsom. Tel.: Epsom 24855.

SURREY ASSOCIATION FOR THE ELDERLY (SAFE). Sec.: Mr. P. J. Martin, 5 Grove Crescent, Kingston upon Thames. Tel.: 01-546 6891.

SURREY COUNTY LIBRARY. Headquarters: 140 High Street, Esher. Tel.: Esher 63585.

SURREY EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (History of Education Group). Correspondence: c/o The Chairman, S.E.R.A., Education Department, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames. Tel.: 01-546 1050.

SURREY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES. Sec.: Miss F. E. Yates, 26 Stoke Road, Guildford. Tel.: Guildford 62523.

SURREY LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL. Jenner House, 2 Jenner Road, Guildford. Tel.: Guildford 66072.

SURREY NATURALISTS' TRUST LTD. Sec.: Mrs. J. E. Smith, The Coach House, Albany Crescent, Claygate, Esher. Tel.: Esher 62831.

SURREY RECORD OFFICE. County Hall, Kingston upon Thames. Tel.: 01-546 1050.

SURREY RECORD SOCIETY. Castle Arch, Guildford. Tel.: Guildford 66551.

WALTON & WEYBRIDGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY. Sec.: Mrs. M. de G. Eedle, 7a Clarence Road, Walton-on-Thames. Tel.: Walton-on-Thames 28425.

WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Sec.: Mr. D. R. Pollock, 102 Disraeli Road, Putney, London, S.W.15. Tel.: 01-788 5687.

WEALDEN BUILDINGS STUDY GROUP. Sec.: Miss M. J. Hallam, Amberfold, Heyshott, Midhurst, Sussex. Tel.: Midhurst 2385.

WEST KENT BORDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP. Excavations Director: Mr. B. J. Philp, 242 Langley Way, West Wickham, Kent. Tel.: 01-777 8010.

WEST SURREY SOCIETY. Sec.: Mr. E. E. Harrison, 1a Church Street, Godalming.

Concluded.

(L. C. Silverthorne).

EXHIBITIONS

ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN GREAT BRITAIN. At the North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road. 4th — 30th May, Library Hours.

COURSES

Tuesday, 5th May. 7.30 p.m.

SURREY CHURCHES. Illustrated lecture by Mr. LAWRENCE JONES of the HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST, to the Workers' Educational Association at the Royal Grammar School, High Street, Guildford. Followed on succeeding Tuesday evenings by visits to Wanborough, Puttenham, Seale, Ash and Farnham Churches. Details from Claude Wilcox, 57 Pewley Hill, Guildford. (See also under Meetings).

18th — 25th July.

FIELD TECHNIQUES OF ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY. Residential Summer Course at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. UNIVERSITIES OF CAMBRIDGE AND LONDON, Departments of Extra-Mural Studies. Particularly suitable for those with qualifications in the biological sciences. Fee £21. Details from The Secretary, Board of Extra-Mural Studies, Stuart House, Mill Lane, Cambridge.