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S.A.S. VISITS

July 19th Walk from Puttenham to Shere.
 Details were given in *Bulletin* 66.

August 12th Visit to Greys Court etc.

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

EXCAVATION NOTICES

**FARNBOROUGH HILL, HANTS: MEDIEVAL AND
POST-MEDIEVAL POTTERY SITE.**
(SU 876566)

Directors: MR. F. HOLLING AND MR. J. ASHDOWN

Further excavation on this site in the grounds of Farnborough Hill Convent School will take place from 18th July to 9th August inclusive, from 10 a.m. daily. It is proposed to complete investigation of the late 16th century kilns discovered last May and to examine parts of the adjacent area which may produce evidence of different periods in the life of the pottery. Volunteers will be welcome. Please bring personal excavation tools.

Access by road: approaching from Frimley on A325, turn left along Ship Lane 100 yards beyond roundabout junction with A327. The site is $\frac{1}{4}$ mile along on the right in field adjoining the road. By rail: the site is within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of Farnborough North station, and less than 1 mile from Farnborough and Frimley stations.

Enquiries to: Felix Holling, Guildford Museum and Muniment Room, Castle Arch, Guildford. Telephone: Guildford 66551.

Local Secretaries.

Revisions to the areas covered by the Honorary Local Secretaries are

taking place. The following changes to the list in the *Annual Report*, 1969, are current. Further changes will be announced in due course.

London Borough of Sutton:	
Sutton and Cheam	A. A. D'Encer.
Banstead Urban District:	
Banstead and Woodmansterne	E. A. Baxter.
Chipstead, Kingswood and Walton	G. Stannard.
Caterham and Warlingham Urban District	Mrs. M. Saaler.
Godstone Rural District:	
Chelsham, Farley, Limpsfield, Oxted, Tatsfield and Titsey	Lt.-Col. F. R. Wright. (D. J. Turner).

Jubilee.

The Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society, having been founded in 1920, celebrated their Jubilee on 23rd May, 1970 by holding a Dinner. The Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough of Sutton were present, as was Dr. R. A. Skelton, President of the Surrey Archaeological Society, and distinguished guests representing the two principal amenity societies, The Carshalton Society and The Sutton and Cheam Society. In all some 150 guests attended, including the sole surviving Founder Member, Mr. H. V. Molesworth Roberts. In appreciation of her very many years of hard work on their behalf, Miss H. K. B. Clarke, former Hon. Treasurer, was made an Hon. Member of the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society.

A booklet is shortly to be published to mark the Jubilee, it will contain among other contributions, a history of the society and a bibliography of the area.

(K. A. Pryer).

Godalming: Road Proposals.

In 1968 the Surrey County Council published proposals for relief roads to the north and south of Godalming High Street. The scheme provided for two three-lane carriageways, one to the north and one to the south of the town. The northern arm would skirt the edge of the Lammas Lands and cut through Church Street and Mill Lane to join Ockford Road. Its route would take it immediately alongside the 16th-17th century Church House and through the proposed conservation area. Vehicular access to High Street would be prohibited except for delivery to and from the shops. It was proposed, at the outset, to proceed only with the northern leg. The scheme had the support of Godalming Town Council.

Opposition to the scheme has been widespread. The Godalming Trust, the principal amenity society, pointed out that the proposals as a whole would have the effect of sandwiching the High Street between the equivalent of the two carriageways of the M.1 motorway, and that the northern leg, especially, would cut off the parish church and the vicarage from the rest of the town. It would also destroy the relationship of the town with the Lammas Lands and other open spaces which forms such an

attractive feature of the area at present. The proposed route would also destroy a great deal of attractive property in the Church Street and Mill Lane areas. The Trust has produced an alternative scheme consisting of a southern relief road similar to the southern part of the County's scheme, but only 24 feet wide, and using Chalk Road on the northern side as an additional through-route at a later stage. Other alternatives have also been suggested by various bodies.

The County Council have now stated that the original scheme was a draft for discussion only and have published a revised proposal for two stretches of dual-carriageway road (at an overall width of 70 ft. in its final form), with rather extensive gyratory systems. This scheme also has encountered opposition because of its size. The Godalming Trust has stated its preference for the southern distributor road but is concerned that it is out of scale with the roads in Godalming.

Since it is unlikely that any major scheme will be implemented for 7 to 10 years, Godalming Borough Council have now approved in principle a traffic management scheme designed by the Borough Surveyor. (Clare Smith).

Chaldon: Acheulian handaxe (TQ 325552).

An Acheulian handaxe of the Palaeolithic period was found about ten years ago by Mr. G. Devereux, The Heath, Chaldon. It was reported to the Bourne Society in November, 1969, and was exhibited at their Annual General Meeting in February, 1970. This is the second Palaeolithic implement to be recorded in the area covered by the Bourne Society.

(Bourne Society *Bulletin*, 60).

Leatherhead: Leaf-shaped arrowhead (TQ 160570).

A leaf-shaped arrowhead of brown translucent flint, 5.3 cms. long by 3.1 cms. wide, has been found by Mr. K. Pankhurst on land now used as allotments. The soil at the find spot is light and sandy with flints, overlying clay.

The arrowhead remains with the finder.

(D. J. Turner).

Lower Kingswood: Excavation at Rookery Farm (TQ 234537-TQ 244541).

During the summer of 1969 an area of a small dry coombe at Lower Kingswood was cleared by the Banstead Urban District Council, immediately south-east of a position where an Acheulian floor was discovered in 1959. (See Leatherhead and Dist. L.H.S. *Proceedings*, II, 4, (1960).

Fieldwork carried out in the disturbed area produced a small but diverse collection of flint implements and material of several periods. On the basis of this evidence, permission was obtained to investigate the locality and excavation proceeded in September, continuing on weekends, until March, 1970.

A number of trenches and soundings were put down in an attempt to trace a knapping-floor and also to determine the ecological sequence, but the results have so far proved rather negligible, with only a few

- 11.40 a.m. View Maharajah's well at Stoke Row.
 11.50 a.m. Checkendon Church.
 12.30 p.m. View gardens of Checkendon Court, by kind permission of Col. H. P. Phillips.
 2.00 p.m. Rotherfield Greys Church.
 2.40 p.m. Visit Greys Court, home of Lady Brunner.

Lunch: advisable to bring picnic meal. Some sandwiches available at the Four Horseshoes, Checkendon. Tea: available at 4 p.m. at Greys Court, 1/6d. per head. Members requiring sandwiches for lunch, or tea at Greys Court are asked to inform Mrs. Major. Admission to Greys Court 2/6d. (providing party numbers fifteen or more). Tickets (members 3/-; non-members 4/-). Coach fare 10/6d. from Mrs. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 7th. 11 a.m.

THE SOUTH DOWNS AND COASTAL PLAIN, THE PATTERN OF EARLY SETTLEMENT. Conference arranged by Sussex Archaeological Society Research Committee (C.B.A. Group 11 B). Conference Chairman: MR. J. H. MONEY. Speakers: MR. C. AINSWORTH, GEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND.. MR. P. ASHBEE, THE EARLIEST SETTLEMENTS. MR. G. P. BURSTOW, BRONZE AGE FARMERS ON THE SOUTH DOWNS. PROFESSOR B. W. CUNLIFFE, THE PRE-ROMAN IRON AGE. MR. P. J. FOWLER, EARLY AGRICULTURE. DR. J. ALEXANDER, THE LINKS WITH EUROPE. At Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton. Admission 7/6d. Packed Luncheon 6/6d. Apply to: Miss M. Coleman, 266 Ditchling Road, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 6JF. Tel. Brighton 553891.

Saturday, 28th

SOUTH-EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND THE SEA. Conference arranged by C.B.A. Group 11 A. At Tunbridge Wells. Advance Notice. Full details will appear in *Bulletin* 68.

STOP PRESS

MONTAGUE CLOSE: ROMAN BRIDGE APPROACH
 TO DELFTWARE KILNS
 (TQ 326803)

Director: MR. G. J. DAWSON

Work will resume on this site on 18th July full time till 23rd August and weekends thereafter till 27th September.

Enquiries to G. J. Dawson, Esq., c/o Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, London, S.E.17.

primary flakes occurring in section. However a fossil layer containing erratics and patinated frost-shattered flints (an indicative feature of Pleistocene activity) was revealed above the natural clay-with-flints at a similar depth to that at which the original knapping-floor was located; samples from this horizon are at present under analysis.

In a field adjacent to the site, double-ploughing has recently brought to the surface a number of pointed and ovate hand-axes with a white patina. These latest finds are similar to the assemblage of hand-axes recovered from the original floor. The majority of hand-axes found recently, and other groups from the surrounding countryside, are characteristic of the Late Middle Acheulian industries which occur in abundance throughout the Thames Valley, datable to the Hoxnian and Gipping Interglacials.

(F. F. Pemberton).

Merstham: Fox Shaw, London Road. (TQ 287549).

The Antiquities Department of the Surrey County Council has now supplied and fixed one of their new-style plaques to this 17th century house which was the Fox Inn when the famous trial run on the Croydon, Merstham and Godstone Iron Railway took place on 24th July, 1805. The plaque gives a brief description of the event.

(Mary Saaler).

Recent Publications.

ANON (1970) Countryside Map. (Includes articles and illustrations on flora and fauna.) The Bourne Society. 1/- from local booksellers.

ANON (1970) Croydon: The Story of a Hundred Years. 60 pp. 86 illus. (Short chapters on various aspects of local history). The Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society, 10/- at good bookshops, or 12/- direct from C.N.H.S.S., 96a, Brighton Road, S. Croydon.

ANON (1970) District Line Girders to be Preserved. G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter* 6, 5.

ANON (1970) Notable 20th Century Buildings Listed. G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter* 6, 5.

ANON (1970) Ravensbury Mill, Morden Road. (Under active consideration for preservation by London Borough of Merton). Merton H.S. *Bulletin* 21, 3.

ANON (1970) Recent Losses. (Campden Hill Standpipe and 'Regent' Gasholler, Fulham). G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter* 6, 4.

ANON (1970) Stanhope Printing Press. G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter* 6, 4.

ANON (1970) Gas Industry Archives. G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter*, 6, 3.

ANON (1970) Symposium on Archaeology in Croydon, 1970; Some Recent Advances. 55 pp. 4 plates, 21 fig. 3/6 from G.N.H.S.S., 96a Brighton Road, S. Croydon.

ANON (1970) The Frenchman's Tomb. (To be preserved). Egham-by-Runnymede. H.S. *Newsletter* 30, 1-2.

BROADBENT, UNA (1970) A Short History of Coulsdon. 32 pp. photographs and maps. The Bourne Society, and sponsored by Wates Ltd. 3/6 incl. postage from 52 Buxton Lane, Caterham.

BROWN, D. (1970) Littleworth as a Place Name. Esher Dist. L.H.S. *Local History News* 8, 33-4.

- BUDD, M. (1970) Longstaff Road and Crescent, S.W.18. Wandsworth H.S. *News Sheet* 88, 2-3.
- BAILEY, K. A. AND BUDD, M. From Nine Elms to Barn Elms — IV. Wandsworth H.S. *News Sheet* 88, 4-6.
- BOOTH, A. (1970) West Street Farnham, Medieval and Post Medieval Section. (A note kept of trenches cut for various purposes). Farnham Mus. Soc. *Newsletter* 11, 5, 1-4.
- BENGER, F. B. (1969) The Ornamental Bridge on Thorncroft Island, Leatherhead. Leatherhead & Dist. L.H.S. *Proceedings* III, 3, 76.
- BENGER, F. B. (1969) Jane Austin, Emma, Highbury and Leatherhead. Leatherhead & Dist. L.H.S. *Proceedings* III, 3, 77-8.
- ASHDOWN, J., BUSSEL, M., & CARTER, P. (1969) The Industrial Monuments of Greater London. (A gazeteer arranged by Boroughs with key guide and N.G. references. (Illustrated). Thames Basin Archaeological Observers Group 8/6 post free.
- DAWSON, G. J. (1970) Saxon London Bridge. (Review article of 'The Pre-Norman Bridge of London' by Miss M. Honeybourne in 'Studies in London History'. ed. A. E. J. Hollaender & W. Kellaway. Hodder & Stoughton, 1969, 6 Guineas). Southwark & Lambeth A.S. *Newsletter* 23, 5-8.
- DREWETT, P. (1970) Recent Work on Croham Hurst. *The London Archaeologist* 1, 6, 132-5.
- MERCER, T. S. (1970) More Thames Ditton Tales & Scandals. Enlarged edition. 80 pp. 50 illus., 1 map. Stiff covers. 7/6 plus 6d. postage from the author, 15 Speer Road, Thames Ditton.
- PRENTISS, W. H. (1970) The Snuff-Mill Story: Local History of Morden, Mitcham and Merton. 160 pp. 100 illus. £2. From Deseret Enterprises, Fair Green Parade, London Road, Mitcham.
- SPEED JOHN (c. 1610). The John Speed Map of Surrey. Reproduced in colour for sale to the public, by Surrey County Council. 10/6 including postage and packing from The Clerk of the Council, Historic Buildings & Antiquities Office, Room 112, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames.

MEETINGS

AUGUST

Wednesday, 12th.

S.A.S. Visit to Checkendon and Rotherfield Greys, Oxon.

Arranged by Capt. Wilson.

- 8.30 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford Park Road, rear of B.R. Station. Car Park in Guildford Park Road.
- 9.00 a.m. Coach leaves Dorking P.O.
- 9.30 a.m. Coach leaves Esher B.R. Station.
- 11.00 a.m. Meet at Harpsden Church. Take A.4155 from Henley, Turn right approximately 1 mile south of Henley. View barns with walls made from 18th century wooden wall-paper printing blocks.