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S.A.S. VISITS

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| September 12th | Visit to Reigate.
Details were given in <i>Bulletin 68</i> . |
| October 3rd | Visit to Weybridge.
Details of this visit, and other meetings, are given elsewhere in this <i>Bulletin</i> . |

EXCAVATION NOTICES

MERSTHAM VILLAGE

Director: D. J. TURNER

It is hoped to start excavating a site in Merstham village at the end of September. The site lies on the line of the projected M 25 Motorway and is expected to produce remains of the medieval and post-medieval period.

Prospective volunteers should contact Mr. D. J. Turner, B.Sc., 21 Evesham Road, Reigate. Tel.: Reigate 48158, after 14th September.

NOTES

Hon. Local Secretaries.

The following additional changes have been made to the Society's team of Honorary Local Secretaries.

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| Farnham Urban District:- | Mrs. W. O. Manning. |
| Godalming Borough:- | Dr. J. M. Blatchly,
(Lower Kelstone,
Farncombe Hill, Godalming). |
| Hambledon Rural District:- | |
| Busbridge, Chiddingfold,
Hambledon, Hascombe,
Witley. | R. T. Beck (From October). |
| Haslemere Urban District:- | Dr. G. R. Rolston. |
| Woking Urban District:- | Mrs. B. A. Joyce. |
- (D. J. Turner).

Index of Lecturers.

It is thought that a useful service could be performed by the compilation and maintenance of a list of lecturers who are prepared to talk on specified subjects.

The Hon. Secretary of the Visits Committee (Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riverside Road, Thames Ditton), would be glad to receive particulars of anyone who would be interested in inclusion on this list, together with details of subjects, distance which lecturer would be prepared to travel, and times and days available.

(Joan Major).

Monumental Brasses.

In August a facsimile reprint of Mill Stephenson's List of Monumental Brasses in Surrey will be published by Kingsmead Reprints of Bath complete with biographical preface and an up-dating appendix. So that the work may be kept continuously revised in future, Dr. John Blatchly of Charterhouse, who wrote the additions for the reprint, would be glad to hear of any changes in the brasses of Surrey, or our knowledge of them. Records will be kept in the Library of the Society, and occasional notes published in the *Collections*.

(J. Blatchley).

Old Woking : Romano-British pottery (TQ 025565).

Sherds of various types of Romano-British pottery, including a number of sizeable rims and bases, have been found by the Mayford History Society on land belonging to the Pyrford Court Estate beside the Wey at Wokingpark Farm, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile upstream from the ruins of Woking Palace or Old Hall. The site has been visited by Mr. Holling and by Lady Hanworth. Limited trenching has been carried out and further investigation of the site will continue.

(Nancy Cox).

Neatham, Hants : Alton Bypass Excavation (SU 742410).

Investigation of the Alton Bypass road workings by members of the Farnham Museum Society Archaeological Group during December 1969, led to the discovery of an extensive Romano-British site in the Neatham area. So far excavation has been confined to the threatened section of the site, and has revealed a burial ground, traces of five buildings and an area that is presumed to have functioned as a market place.

The burial ground has yielded five cremation burials, each consisting of a roughly circular pit with a radius of about three feet. Each pit contained numbers of pots in addition to the burial urns, and one also contained a pair of shoes, picked out by the arrangement of shoe studs in the soil, as well as a brooch and bracelet, both in perfect condition. There was also one double inhumation burial, no objects were found with the skeletons. The finds from this area included some two hundred coarse ware pots mostly in perfect condition, and twelve examples of samian ware, several of which, in mint condition, have legible potters' stamps. Two of the plates had been broken in Roman times and repaired with lead rivets.

The remains of the buildings were very mutilated and insubstantial, all were of a very crude construction, and one appeared to have been

Saturday, 12th. 10 a.m.

S.A.S. Visit to Reigate

Tuesday, 15th. 8.0 p.m.

HOMES IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND SURRY. Talk by MR. NEISH to EGHAM-BY-RUNNYMEDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY in Egham Library Lecture Room.

Tuesday, 15th. 8 p.m.

THE ARCHIVES OF THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES. Talk by MISS A. DALY to KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

OCTOBER

Saturday, 3rd.

S.A.S. Visit to Weybridge

Arranged by Mr. A. G. Martin and Mr. B. Pardoe.

- 10.30 a.m. Assemble in the foyer of Weybridge Museum, in Church Street. Car park behind the museum. A brief history of the town will be given by Mr. Martin.
- 11.00 a.m. Visit the Parish Church of St. James, where Mr. J. W. Lindus Forge will talk on its history and architecture.
- 11.45 a.m. Mrs. Margaret le Fevre will conduct the party on a tour of the R.C. Church of St. Charles Borromeo.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch, which may be obtained at The Ship Inn, Monument Green, The Studio, Balfour Road, or Peter's in Church Street. It would be advisable to book in advance. Packed lunches can be eaten in the Recreation Park behind the museum.
- 2.30 p.m. Visit Weybridge Museum where the Curator, Mrs. Avril Landsell will talk about the museum and exhibits.
- 3.30 p.m. Walk through the town, seeing Monument Green, Clinton House, Oatlands Palace Gateway, etc. explained by members of the Local History Society.
- 5.00 p.m. Visit ended.

Tickets (members 3/-, non-members 4/-, students half price; children under 16 accompanied by an adult, free), from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton.

Tuesday, 20th. 8 p.m.

SURREY RECORD OFFICE AND ITS RECORDS OF KINGSTON'S HISTORY. Talk by MISS M. GOLLANZ to KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Friday, 23rd. 7.45 p.m.

A.G.M. of the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY, at the Committee Room, South Street, Farnham.

A NEW LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY by members of the BOURNE SOCIETY covering the archaeology, transport, buildings, documentation and pictures of the area. 10 Lectures on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. commencing on 24th September at de Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham.

A NEW LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY (with particular reference to Coulsdon) by members of the BOURNE SOCIETY. 10 Lectures on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. commencing on 29th September at Taunton Manor School, Coulsdon Common, Coulsdon.

SPLENDOURS OF THE PAST. Eye-witness accounts of Egypt, Greece, Rome, Ancient Peru and Mexico, Angkor Wat, India and Samarkand, Medieval Europe by JAMES BATLEY, B.A., 8 talks on Wednesdays at 7.45 p.m. commencing on 30th September at Chaldon Primary School. Terms and further details from the Evening Institutes at the respective schools.

MORLEY COLLEGE, 61 Westminster Bridge Rd., S.E.1 (Tel. 01-928 6863) announce the following courses for 1970/71.

PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY by DR. J. A. ALEXANDER. (University Sessional Class) 22 classes on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Covering recent research on the beginnings of civilisation, simple and more sophisticated prehistoric societies, modern techniques of field study.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT CRETE AND MYCENAEAN GREECE by ERIC UPHIL, M.A., (University Extension Course). 24 classes on Fridays, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Details review of Minoan civilisation and background to the Mycenaean world of the Iliad and Odyssey, emphasis on oriental contacts with Egypt and W. Asia. Includes visits to museums.

ARCHAEOLOGY IN ENGLAND by ALAN COOK, M.S.A.A.T. One-year course on Tuesdays, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Designed to give a general background; emphasis on methods, recording and research, including a class project involving original research to be published at end of course. Includes visits to museums, excavations, etc.

Fees 43/- a year plus 10/- Registration which gives use of library, refectory and other facilities. The College has pioneered the provision of crèche and playgroup facilities so that mothers could bring young children and have them under trained supervision while attending classes. Terms are: 28th September to 12th December, 4th January to 3rd April and 19th April to 3rd July. Potential students are asked if possible to enrol for their course on one evening of the week beginning 21st September. It is regretted that enrolments cannot be made by post.

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 3rd. 8 p.m.

A.G.M. of KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Monday, 7th. 8 p.m.

HISTORY OF OLD WOKING AND WESTFIELD. Talk by MR. H. NEEDS to MAYFORD HISTORY SOCIETY at the Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford Woking.

used as a bronze smelting workshop. The remainder are probably domestic in nature. Finds include coins, quern stones, knife blades, bone pins and bracelets and a small bronze figurine.

The supposed market place consists of a number of layers of laid sand and flints alternating with occupation debris. The reason for supposing this to be a trade area is based on the otherwise inexplicable presence of large numbers of coins of small denominations in the occupation layers.

The site is on the known route of the Roman Chichester to Silchester road and may also be on the east-west road known to come out of Winchester in this direction. Field work has established that the area excavated is only a fraction of the whole site and it is at present, therefore, an open question as to whether we have found the site of the lost Roman town of Vindomis.

(D. Graham).

Local Shows.

The Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society will be exhibiting at the Royal Thorpe and Egham Show on Runnymede on 29th August, and at Trumps Green Fete on 5th September.

(Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. *Newsletter*).

Ravensbury Mill, Merton

The council for the London Borough of Merton was giving active consideration to the question of this building being listed as one of historic or architectural interest. It is regretted that although representations were made through the G.L.C. to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Chief Investigator has advised that the mill is not of sufficient standard to merit inclusion in the list.

(Merton H. S. *Quarterly Bulletin*).

Staines: Fieldwork at 17 High Street

Redevelopment work at the rear of 17 High Street has revealed so far a Roman ditch containing pottery, tiles and bones. A compacted clay floor associated with samian pottery had been partially destroyed by a medieval building. Medieval and post-medieval pottery have also been recovered from the site.

(Egham-by-Runnymede H. S. *Newsletter*).

Recent Publications

ANON (1970) *Guildford; An outline History with Reference to Exhibits in Guildford Museum*. 16 pp. and cover with illustrations. Price 1/6d. (postage 6d. extra), from Guildford Museum.

ANON (1970) *West Surrey Waterways*. (A short account with notes on the documentary sources. 8 pp. Price 6d. (postage 6d. extra), from Guildford Museum.

EDWARDS. R. (1970) *A Ceramic Problem, Winchester Palace*. (Preliminary note on the Medieval pottery). *Southwark & Lambeth A.S. Newsletter* 23, 3-5.

ELPHICK G. P. (1969) *Great Bookham Bells and Bellframe*. Leatherhead & District L.H.S. *Proceedings* III, 3, 86-7.

HARDING, JOAN. Slough Farm, Headley. Leatherhead & District L.H.S. *Proceedings* III, 3, 83-6.

HARGRAVE, R. (1970) Crown Lands in Tudor Wandsworth. Wandsworth H. S. *News Sheet* 88, 3-4.

HARVEY, J. H. (1969) The Map of Great Bookham in 1797-1798. Leatherhead & District L.H.S. *Proceedings* III, 3, 79-83.

JESSUP R. (1970) South East England. 274 pp. 75 photographs 57 line drawings, 2 maps, 1 chart, £2.2. *Ancient Peoples and Places* series, Thames & Hudson, 30 Bloomsbury St., London, W.C.1.

LATHAM, J. B. (1970) The History of Croydon Gas & Electricity Works and their Locomotives. 7/6 plus stamp, from Lens of Sutton, 50 Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANDSELL, H. W. (1970) The Home Fires Burning. (Illustrated history of Weybridge Volunteer Brigade 1874-1933). Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. *Paper* No. 6. 7/6, or 8/- post free, from Weybridge Museum, Church St., Weybridge.

LEWARNE, J. G. W. (1969) Census Returns of Fetcham, 1841, 1851 and 1861. Leatherhead & Dist. L.H.S. *Proceedings* III, 87-91.

LINDUS FORGE, J. W., (1966) Oatlands Palace. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. *Paper* No. 1. Fourth (revised) Edition, 1970. Illustrated. Available from R. Hargrave, 16 Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames, 7/6d. plus 6d. postage.

LINDUS FORGE, J. W. and STONEBANKS, J. A. Late Canal Project. (London to Southampton). Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. *Dial Stone* 33, 1, and 34, 3.

MANNING, ELFRIDA, (1970) Neatham: The lost Vindomis? Farnham Museum Society *Newsletter* II, 5, 12-13.

PORTER, R. O. (1970) Notes on the Wentworth Estate. (Written in 1967 and published posthumously) Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. *Newsletter* 30, 3-4.

SIDNEY SMITH, WINIFRED (1970) Windsor Almshouses. Farnham Museum Society *Newsletter* II, 5, 5-9.

SMITH, G. H. (the late) (1969) History of the Church and Advowson of St. Mary & St. Nicholas, Leatherhead, Chapter IX (Cont'd). Leatherhead & District L.H.S. *Proceedings* III, 3, 92-8.

TURNER, D. J. (1969) Stane Street. (a correspondence on its possible course through Merton). *The London Archaeologist* I, 5, 119.

WHITEMAN, J. R. and S. E. (1970) Victorian Woking (A short account of the development of the town and parish in the Victorian era). 80 pp. 7 plates, 8 Figures. Published by Surrey Archaeological Society. Obtainable at bookshops in Woking or direct from Castle Arch, Guildford. 8/- to members. 10/- to non-members, plus 6d. postage.

COURSES

Bourne Society Autumn Courses :

INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY by MARY SAALER, M.A., 22 Lectures, on Mondays commencing 28th September at 7.30 p.m. at Riddlesdown Annexe, Godstone Road, Purley.