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EXCAVATION NOTICES

CHURCH MEADOWS, MERSTHAM

(TQ 288536)

Director: Mrs. M. N. Trier

This excavation will continue every Saturday and Sunday afternoon until the Spring. Enquiries to the director at The Drift, Manor Road, Reigate. Tel.: Reigate 46475.

BROOKLANDS, WEYBRIDGE

(TQ 068632)

Director: The Viscountess Hanworth

Excavation will continue at week-ends, and daily from 5th-19th December, 10 a.m. to dusk. Enquiries to the director at Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Surrey. Tel.: Ewhurst 420.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Change of Format for the Bulletin

This issue is the first to be printed by offset litho, a change which is necessary to meet rising costs. Because of the generous help of one of our members, working in co-operation with the printers, The Raynes Park Press, it is typeset and not typewritten; so that the quality of production remains high.

A further change is envisaged, to allow the **Bulletin** to help pay its way, by including in future issues up to two additional pages to be used for advertising. In this connection help is needed: does any member feel inclined to offer their services to sell advertising space to such potential clients as publishers, suppliers of equipment, or any other interested source? This work should not be arduous after the initial spaces have been sold; anyone wishing to help in this way should contact the editor, who would be very grateful. (Editor).

Recent accessions to the Society's Library

PART 1. GENERAL

- Anon** (1970) *The Countryside under Pressure*. R.I.B.A.
Anon (1970) *Remote Sensing with special reference to Agriculture*. The Committee on Remote Sensing.
Bruce-Mitford, R. L. S. (1968) *The Sutton Hoo Ship Burial*. The British Museum.
Collingwood, R. G. and Richmond, Sir I. A. (1969) *The Archaeology of Roman Britain*.
Cunliffe, B. (1969) *Roman Bath*. The Society of Antiquaries.
Dodgson, J. Mc.N. (1970) *Place Names of Cheshire*. Part 1.
Greater London Council (1969) *Marble Hill House*. (Short Guide).
Gravett, K. W. C. (1970) *Smaller Houses under the Tudors*.
Hadfield, C. (1970) *The Canals of South and Southeast England*.
London County Council (1955-6) *Survey of London, XXV, XXVI, St. George's Fields, St. Mary Lambeth, Part 2*.
Owen, D. M. (1970) *The Records of the Established Church in England*.
Ryder, M. L. (1969) *Animal Bones in Archaeology*.
Shorter, A. (1966) *Water Paper Mills in England*.

PART 2. LOCAL

- Bagshot. Drew, G. C. E.** (1969) *A short guide to Bagshot Park*.
Dorking. Cole, K. J. (1969) *Two hundred years of Dorking cricket*.
Farnham. Batey, M. (1965) *Life Let us cherish*.
Farnham. Newnam, W. (1966) *The mild prosperity of Farnham*.
Great Bookham. National Trust (1964) *Polesden Lacy*.
Guildford. Guildford Corporation Museum and Muniment Room (1967-70) *Guildford, an outline History*.
Summary Guide to Guildford Muniment Room.
London-Croydon. Hargreaves, M. (1969) *Sanderstead and its Parish Church*.
London-Kingston. Bentall's Directors' Report, 1966-67.
London-Merton. New Malden Methodist Church. 1967. *Centenary Booklet*.
London-Sutton. Jones, A. E. (1970) *From Medieval Manor to London Suburb*.
Puttenham. Dugmore, R. (1969) *Study of the Church of St. John Baptist, Puttenham*.
Puttenham. Dugmore, R. (1970) *Puttenham and Wanborough History Society papers, 1967-69*.
Woking. Locke, A. (1970) *A short history of Woking*.

PART 3. CURRENT SURREY PERIODICALS

The following periodicals are received in the Library, and articles from them, noticed under Recent Publications, can automatically be

assumed to be available.

Bourne Society Bulletin and Local History Records.

Croydon N.H.S.S. **Bulletin**, **Regional Survey** bibliographies, General excursion notes, **Archaeology Section Newsletter**.

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

Farnham Museum Society **Newsletter**

Joint Archaeological Committee (Bognor Regis Natural Science Society, Haslemere Educational Museum, Portsmouth Museum Society, Haslemere Natural History Society, Chichester Museum Society, Chichester Civic Society and Curtis Museum, Alton.) **Bulletin**.

Leatherhead and District L.H.S. **Proceedings**.

Merton H.S. **Quarterly Bulletin**.

Nonsuch & Ewell A.S. **Newsletter**.

Surrey Archaeological Collections, S.A.S. **Bulletin**, Surrey Record Society Publications.

Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. **Dialstone, Monographs and Papers**.

PART 4. OTHER RECENT ACCESSIONS

These have already been the subject of notices under Recent Publications.

Broadbent, Una, A Short History of Coulsdon.

Cracknell, B. Portrait of Surrey.

Croydon N.H.S.S. Symposium on Archaeology in Croydon, 1970.

Gent, J. B. Croydon, the Story of a Hundred Years.

Guildford Corporation. West Surrey Waterways.

Harvey, H. Map of Great Bookham in 1797-98.

Jessup, R. South East England.

Manning, Elfrida, Saxon Farnham.

Montague, E. N. The History of Mitcham Common.

Whiteman, J. R. and S. E. Victorian Woking.

(R. A. Christophers)

Romano-British Burial at Wonersh. (TQ 038447).

In May, 1970, a Romano-British burial urn was found about a foot below the surface, in digging a hole for a fence post alongside the drive to Holmecroft Nursery, Green Lane, Shamley Green, Wonersh. The urn is dark in colour and contained cremated bones. It has a very wide body rising from a narrow base, but the whole rim is missing, probably as the result of ancient cultivation, since the broken edges are much weathered.

Mr. G. P. Brown, the owner of the nursery, has given the urn to Guildford Museum. Nothing else was found near the site except a single Medieval sherd.

(F. W. Holling.)

OLD MOLESEY. Talk by **Mr. R. Baker** to the Esher District Local History Society in King George's Hall, Esher.

Monday 7th, 8 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Mayford History Society at the Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

Wednesday 9th, 8 p.m.

WIMBLEDON COMMON AND ITS RIFLE RANGES. Talk by **Mr. P. K. Gerhold** to the Wandsworth Historical Society at West Hill Library, S.W.18.

Friday 11th, 6.30 p.m.

LONDON BRIDGE FROM ROMAN TIMES TO THE PRESENT DAY. Talk by **Miss M. B. Honeybourne** to the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, at Bishopsgate Institute, E.C.2.

Friday 11th, 6.30 p.m.

ANTIQUITIES OF THE ORKNEYS. Talk by **Mrs. Mary Millar** to the Geology & Archaeology Section, London Natural History Society, at The White Hart, Theobalds Road, W.C.1.

Tuesday 15th, 7.30 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGY IN SARDINIA. Talk by **Mrs. Lilian Thornhill** to the Croydon N.H.S.S. at the Friends' Meeting House, Park Lane, Croydon.

Tuesday, 15th, 8 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FILMS: Stone Age Tools, Hadrian's Wall, Journey into the Past, to be shown to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society. Admission by ticket only, at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

JANUARY

Friday 1st, 7.45 p.m.

EXCAVATION RECORDS. Talk by **Mr. R. A. H. Farrar**, to Farnham Museum Society at The Committee Room, South Street, Farnham.

Tuesday 5th, 7 p.m.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF WRECKS. Talk by **Mr. P. Marsden** to Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society at North Peckham Civic Centre, Canal Bridge, Old Kent Road.

Thursday 14th, 8 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE GODSTONE R.D.C. Talk by **Mr. R. A. J. Porter** to Oxted & District Historical Society, at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane.

Friday 15th, 7.45 p.m.

THE FARNHAM MALTINGS. Talk by **Christine Clark** to the Farnham Museum Society at The Lecture Hall, Farnham School of Art, (The Hart.)

Friday 22nd, 7.45 p.m.

OLD PRINTS AND MAPS. Talk by **Mr. L. Oxley** to the Farnham Museum Society at The Committee Room, South Street, Farnham.

Thursday 28th, 8 p.m.

GENERAL AND LOCAL HISTORY BRAINS TRUST, Panel: **Mr. R. H. Leveson-Gower, Mr. K. Gravett, Lt.-Col. F. R. Wright**. To the Oxted & District Historical Society, as 14th January.

Excavation at The Grove, Ewell. (TQ 219624)

Preliminary work on this site was carried out by permission of the Epsom and Ewell Education Committee, from August to October, 1970. A ditch, located by Professor S. S. Frere in 1939 (reported in *Surrey Archaeological Collections* XLVIII, 45-60), was sectioned and a junction between it and a smaller gully was revealed. Pottery recovered included a wide range of Romano-British wares, decorated samian, and shell-gritted wares. Daub and plaster fragments in the ditch section may be evidence for a possible dwelling in the vicinity. In an adjacent section, at the southern end of the site, a Mesolithic knapping surface was found, lying on the Thanet Sand. Further work is envisaged.

(F. F. Pemberton).

Merton Priory

As a result of information passed to them, about dredging operations being carried out on the River Wandle, members of the Merton Historical Society obtained permission from Messrs. Liberty & Co. to examine the river bank opposite their works. A provisional search disclosed certain types of masonry which might be connected with the Priory. Samples are being recovered for examination, and enquiry at the time also revealed the fact that the river is to be restricted at the upper sluices in order to conserve water supplies (and facilitate cleaning), in which case it is hoped to be able to examine the river bed.

(Merton H.S. Quarterly Bulletin).

Excavation at Farnborough Hill (SU 875566).

During the excavation (18th July—9th August) notified in *Bulletin* 67, two kiln foundations were fully examined, and a third which is incomplete was partly excavated. The kilns had a flue at each end. One had an oval oven six feet six inches long, and the other two were probably about the same size, but the details of construction differed in each case. The kilns were close to a large dump of yellow clay. There were also dumps of pottery of the late sixteenth to early seventeenth century, some of it overlying a continuation of the medieval ditch found in 1969. Medieval sherds were scattered in the lower levels and included fragments of lobed cups. Contemporary soil drains associated with the clay dump and an adjacent working floor were constructed of brick rubble in one case, and potsherds in the others. Many of the features extended beyond the area examined, and it is hoped to continue excavation in 1971. The writer has a few copies of a fairly detailed account with site plan of the excavation, available on request at Guildford Museum.

(F. W. Holling.)

Medieval Pottery and Jetton from Compton Churchyard, (SU 954470)

Finds from a small excavation in Compton Churchyard in 1930 (described in *Surrey Archaeological Collections* XXXIX, 149-50) have now been deposited on permanent loan in Guildford Museum by the Rector and Churchwardens of Compton.

They consist chiefly of a Nürnberg jetton and part of a fourteenth

century Surrey ware cooking pot ornamented with vertical thumbed strips.

The finds were formerly displayed in the church, but having been relegated to a cupboard, were in danger of being thrown away but for the timely action of the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council. This deposit prompts the suggestion that if members of the Society know of other public places where objects of interest have been retained for a long period, they could help to preserve such material by enquiring into its safe custody and encouraging its deposit in a local museum.

(F. W. Holling.)

Navvies' Notebook

A bi-monthly bulletin issued by the Waterway Recovery Group. This is a nation-wide organisation for voluntary work on the Inland Waterways. Small working parties meet frequently to carry out the clearance, reinstatement or maintenance of canals and waterways. Much of their work takes place in the Midlands, but on 13th December the London working party are meeting at 10 a.m. at Cartbridge, Send, on the A. 247 to work on a stretch of the River Wey.

Members of the Society who feel they would care to help in what is clearly a form of Industrial Conservation would be welcome. They should get in touch with T. Dodwell, Windover, Horsell Birch, Horsell, Woking, Surrey. Tel. Woking 65932. (Rosamond Hanworth)

CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE ON URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY

The C.B.A. has arranged a conference at Nottingham from Friday, 1st January (evening) to Sunday 3rd., entitled **Urban History: Archaeological Research in Progress**. The residential conference fee, including full board, will be £6.

There is a very full programme of lectures and discussions intended to provide those interested with an opportunity of discussing current research and future requirements.

Full details from C.B.A., 8 St. Andrews Place, London. N.W.1.

MEETINGS

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 1st, 7 p.m.

LAMBETH RIVERSIDE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. Talk by Mr. J. Cox to Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road.

Thursday 3rd, 8 p.m.

DOMESDAY BOOK AND ITS APPLICATION TO OUR DISTRICT. Talk by Mr. R. E. Latham to Oxted & District Historical Society, at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane.

Thursday 3rd, 8 p.m.