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It is with very deep regret that we record the sudden death of our President on Monday, 7th December following a car accident. For many years Keeper of the Map Room at the British Museum, he was a foremost world authority on old maps and the author of many books, including: 'Decorative Printed Maps of the 15th-18th Centuries,' 'Explorers' Maps' and 'The Vinland Map.'

He became President of our Society, succeeding Miss Kathleen Kenyon in 1968, and brought to this office a lively personal interest in all the affairs of the Society which has made his tenure quite outstanding. He had the quality of inspiring people by showing that he was really interested in everything they did. We extend our sincere sympathies to Mrs. Skelton and her family.

Subscriptions for 1971

Members are reminded that all subscriptions for 1971 are due on 1st January, irrespective of the date when members joined the Society. Please note that current subscriptions are as follows:

Ordinary Members	...	...	...	£2. 0s. 0d.
Associate Members	...	...	...	10s. 0d.
Junior Members	...	...	...	10s. 0d.

or £1. 5s. 0d. if a copy of the
Collections is required.

NOTES

Monumental Brasses in Surrey, by Mill Stephenson

A facsimile reprint of this work which originally appeared in the Collections, XXV - XXXIII has been published with preface and up-dating appendix by Kingsmead Reprints of Bath. The book costs £4 through booksellers but members of the Society may obtain copies for £3. 5s. 0d. post free on application to Dr. J. M. Blatchly, Brookdene, Hurtmore Road, Godalming, enclosing a cheque made out to him.

(John Blatchly).

Local History Symposium

The fifth Local History Symposium was held at Dorking Halls on November 14th, 1970. Mrs. Ginsburg of the Victoria and Albert Museum spoke on Costume and Mr. T. Lowe, F.S.A., on the first buildings at the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum. Amongst exhibits of particular Surrey

interest were items from the Jekyll Collection (Guildford Museum); photographs of Westminster Hall roof constructed and assembled in 1395 at 'The Frame' (Farnham Museum Society); an item on Old Court Cottage, Limpsfield (Surrey Domestic Buildings Research Group); items from the Martin Collection to celebrate the centenary of the postcard (Walton & Weybridge Local History Society); the Mayford History Society's first display of archaeological and other activities in the Woking area; the Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society's impressive centenary display of records, illustrations and members' publications; and the Bourne Society's exhibit of Bishop and Lewis drawings of vernacular buildings to celebrate the tenth (indexed) edition of *Local History Records*.

As always, the most pleasing feature of the Symposium—for one organiser, at any rate—was the effort of so many Surrey organisations to provide new and relevant displays.

(James Batley.)

Netherne Lane: Thirteenth Century Manor House: TQ 295558.

This season has been a rewarding one. Since the foundations of a manor house were discovered last year, it has been possible to explore and enlarge the site to the extent that its building phases and length of life can be fairly estimated. The first building it has been possible to trace was a small compact stone-built block, thirty feet long by nineteen feet wide, well made with straight chamfered edges to all ornamental work. This is believed to date from about the middle of the thirteenth century and lasted not more than forty to fifty years before it was almost completely demolished. A ground floor hall with solar above an undercroft was then constructed over the site, measuring sixty-five feet by thirty feet in all. This building had low flint walls, or flint foundation walls with timber framed mud-and-wattle long walls to the hall, while the Solar block was built of flint and re-used stone from the earlier house. Attached to the outside of the solar block were two small outbuildings, one of which may have been the flint support for an outside staircase and the other may have been a garderobe. There was also a detached kitchen, twenty-two feet by twenty feet with two hearths.

Pottery provisionally dated from about 1250 to the end of the fourteenth century was found in considerable quantity around the house, but no pit was discovered. Bronze and iron objects have been recovered together with two silver pennies of late Edward I. An almost complete roof ventilator with its fitting came from the area of the garderobe and part of an aquamanile, believed to have been a stag, are among the more interesting small finds.

Examination of boundary banks has recently begun, revealing a possible gatehouse with a chalk floor. Extending from this is a very strongly built flint wall, 2 ft. 9 ins. wide, with dressed stone quoins. An iron rowel spur was found in the gatehouse area. The banks here appear to enclose a courtyard roughly one hundred feet by eighty feet, with a very hard flint and clay surface.

No documentation has yet been discovered to identify this Manor which is believed to have been held of Merstham, one of the peculiars of Canterbury.

Excavation continues.

(Lesley Ketteringham).

Brooklands, Weybridge. TQ 068631.

This is an Iron Age iron-working site extending over several acres, including the field west of that examined, and the area of the old ox-bow now south of the River Wey. Aerial photography borne out by geophysical survey, showed a series of sub-rectangular ditched enclosures with pits, analogous to an Iron Age farming settlement.

Previous activity in the area included: (a) a thirteenth century ditched enclosure and a structure containing a hearth of up-ended tiles. (b) Intensive cultivation of the upper slope of the hill. (c) Nineteenth century construction of railway lines and straightening of the river. (d) The laying of four sewers and a connecting manhole in 1909, when a 'cinerary' urn was found. (e) a small-scale excavation in 1964 which revealed the structure mentioned at (a) and further Iron Age elements.

Some 3,000 sq. metres have been mechanically stripped of topsoil but detailed investigation has only covered about half this. The vicinity of the thirteenth century structure has not yet been re-examined but in the south-west a Medieval ditch was found and a working area consisting of a clay floor, hearths, charcoal spreads, burnt-pebble floors and fallen daub. No Iron Age hut nor domestic debris were found here, but the type fossils of a primitive bloomery were present, (slag, tap-slag, cinder, iron-ore, whetstones) and one small bowl hearth in situ whose walls contained Iron A potsherds.

Owing to the Medieval disturbance an Iron Age date could not be claimed with certainty for this complex, but the area uphill and north-east of the thirteenth century structure had no Medieval contamination and revealed Iron Age intersecting gullies, another working area and pits containing debris from hearths and their wattle-and-daub windbreaks. It seems that after a few firings a bowl hearth would become clogged and was then demolished.

In one area, downhill from the two working floors, a small patch of undisturbed Iron A horizon was found; this and finds on the old land surface have produced carinated pottery forms with finger-tip impressions. Elsewhere plain burnished Iron B wares predominate. The Medieval pottery is mainly red shell-gritted ware, but there is a little white Surrey ware and some red and green glazed vessels.

The Walton & Weybridge U.D.C. expect to let the sewerage works contract on 16th January. Work is due to start in March. It is an open question whether the contractors will allow excavation to continue. Digging will take place therefore on the first two week-ends in January, and any future season will be announced as soon as possible.

(Rosamond Hanworth).

Wednesday 11th, 8 p.m.

ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT by the Archaeological Group to the Wandsworth Historical Society at West Hill Library, S.W.18.

Tuesday 16th, 8 p.m.

SURREY BELLS, THEIR CUSTOMS AND USAGE. Talk by Mr. T. S. Jennings, to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at The Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Wednesday 17th, 6.30 p.m.

CONSERVATION AND THE PHOTOGRAPHER. Talk by Mr. S. Jeeves to the Geology & Archaeology Section, London Natural History Society, at Holborn Public Library, Theobalds Road, W.C.1.

Wednesday 17th, 8.15 p.m.

SIR JOHN VANBRUGH. Talk by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner to Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall.

Thursday 18th, 7.30 p.m.

EAST LONDON. Talk by Mr. C. Truman to the Clapham Antiquarian Society at St. Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, S.W.12.

Thursday 18th, 8 p.m.

LOCAL PICTURES WITH COMMENTS. Talk by Mrs. B. Withers and Mrs. K. Percy to Oxted & District Historical Society, as 4th February.

Friday 19th, 7.45 p.m.

LOCKS THROUGH THE AGES. Talk by Mr. A. A. Briant to the Farnham Museum Society as 5th February.

Saturday 20th, 2.30 p.m.

SCULPTURE FROM THE ROYAL PALACES OF ASSYRIA. Demonstration by a Guide Lecturer to the Geology & Archaeology Section, London Natural History Society, at the British Museum, Bloomsbury, (New Galleries).

Friday 26th, 8 p.m.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. Talk by Mr. J. Hampton to the Wandsworth Historical Society at Wandsworth Town Hall.

S.A.S. MEETINGS, 1971

April 3rd	Lecture Symposium at The University of Surrey, Guildford.
April 17th	Visit to Langney Priory, Eastbourne, and Michelham Priory.
April 24th	Annual General Meeting at Guildford.
May 15th	Walk from Buckland via Gatton to Merstham along the route commonly called the Pilgrims' Way.
June 2nd	Visit to St. Albans.
July 17th	Visit to Old Woking.
August 21st	Visit to Putney.
September 18th	Visit to Richmond.
October	Visit to Lingfield.

Recent Publications

- Anon (1970) *The River Thames—Historical Survey of the Rights over the River and their Conservancy*. Published by the Thames Angling Preservation Society. Enquiries to the Chairman, Walton and Weybridge L.H.S.
- Anon (1970) *Londinium*. A practical guide to the visible remains of Roman London. London Branch of the Classical Association. 4s (post free) from The Headmaster, Twickenham Grammar School, Waldegrave Park, Twickenham, Middlesex.
- Anon (1970) *Church of St. Lawrence, Morden*. (Clearance of gravestones). Merton H.S. *Quarterly Bulletin*, 23, 2.
- Anon (1970) *Parish Boundary Marker*. Merton H.S. *Quarterly Bulletin*, 23, 2.
- Anon (1970) *The Atkins Monument*. (In St. Paul's, Rectory Grove). Clapham Antiquarian Society *Occasional Sheet*, 266, 1—2.
- Anon (1970) *St. Peter's, Manor Street*. Clapham A.S. *Occasional Sheet*, 267, 2.
- Anon (1970) *St. Stephen, Weir Road*. Clapham A.S. *Occasional Sheet*, 268, 1.
- Anon (1970) *Kenny Meadows*. (Reputed drawings of Old Clapham by the nineteenth century artist). Clapham A.S. *Occasional Sheet*, 269, 2.
- Anon (1970) *The Great Wood of Clapham*. (Reference to it in an inquest of 1588). Clapham A.S. *Occasional Sheet*, 270, 1.
- Anon (1970) *Three Churches*. Clapham A.S. *Occasional Sheet*, 270, 2.
- Bailey, K. A. (1970) *From Nine Elms to Barn Elms*, VII. *Wandsworth H.S. News Sheet*, 91, 3.
- Baker, R.G.M. (1970) *Fire Insurance Wall Plaques*. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. *Paper No. 7*. 3s. (15p), postage 6d. from R. Hargrave, 16 Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames.
- Baker, R. W. (1970) *The Grove, Esher*. Esher Dist. L.H.S. *News Sheet*, 10, 44-5.
- Baker, T. (1970) *Medieval London*. Cassell & Co. 55s.
- Blackman, M. E. (1970) *Alterations at Oatlands in 1830*. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. *Monograph No. 10*.
- Blackman, M. E. (1970) *A Local Stage Coach*. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. *Dialstone*, 35, 2.
- Bowen H. C. (1963) *Ancient Fields*. British Association for the Advancement of Science. Reprint of the 1963 edition, 20s. post free. Published by S.R. Publishers, Ltd., Head Office, East Ardsley, Wakefield, Yorks.

B.B.C. 2 'Chronicle' Competition

The B.B.C. 2 archaeology programme 'Chronicle' is again holding a competition in which individuals and societies are invited to enter projects. A short list of entries is then filmed, and these are shown in the broadcast programme. The Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society entered the competition and it is understood that the film of their entry is to be shown on 27th February.

(G.L.I.A.S. Newsletter 10).

MEETINGS

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 Mrs. Christine Clark to the Farnham Museum Society at The Lecture Hall, Farnham School of Art, (The Hart).

Saturday 16th, 3 p.m.

A.G.M. of the CLAPHAM ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY at St. Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, S.W.12.

Tuesday 19th, 8 p.m.

THE ROMANCE OF MEDIEVAL BRASS. Talk by Mrs. G. E. Grey to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Friday 22nd, 7.45 p.m.

OLD PRINTS AND MAPS. Talk by Mr. L. Oxley to the Farnham Museum Society as 1st January.

Saturday 23rd, 3 p.m.

WITH COLD CASCADE—Some Fire Brigade History. Talk by Mr. H. W. Lansdell to Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall.

Saturday 23rd, 2.30—6 p.m.

CRISIS IN FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY—A public meeting at the Beveridge Hall, Senate House, Malet Street, London, W.C.1. Chairman: Dr. J. Alexander. Speakers: Messrs Biddle, Cunliffe, Fowler, Thomas and Barker.

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.

FEBRUARY

Thursday 4th, 8 p.m.

THE GEOLOGY OF THE DISTRICT. Talk by Mr. B. Price to Oxted & District Historical Society, at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane.

Friday 5th, 7.45 p.m.

MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGY. Talk by Mrs. B. Applin to the Farnham Museum Society at The Committee Room, South Street, Farnham.