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S.A.S. VISITS

April 3rd. Visit to Langney Priory, Eastbourne, and Michelham Priory.

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

EXCAVATION NOTICES

BROOKLANDS, WEYBRIDGE (TQ 068632)

Director: The Viscountess Hanworth

This excavation, possibly for the last time, will start on 13th March and continue until 12th April, from 10 a.m. daily. The dates are subject to alteration by the Contractor. It is hoped to complete examination of the trenches already opened. Financial help may be given to up to 20 volunteers over 18 years of age who can guarantee 14 days digging. Preference will be given to those with previous experience. Enquiries to the Director, Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Tel. Ewhurst 420.

EWELL, ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD (TQ 222631)

Director: Mr. F. F. Pemberton

Emergency excavations to trace the course of Stane Street are in operation on behalf of both the Bourne Hall Museum and the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society. It is proposed to check the alignment and evidence for roadside structures. Work will be carried out on Saturdays and Sundays, starting at 10 a.m. until the end of May. Enquiries to the Director, 20, Rosebushes, Epsom Downs, Tel. Burgh Heath 50744.

NOTES

Hon. Local Secretaries

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

London Borough of Croydon:

Coulsdon, Purley, Sanderstead

Urban District of Dorking

Mr. R. C. W. Cox

Mr. L. E. Green

(D. J. Turner).

Postal Strike

The Bulletin Editor thanks all those members who undertook to deliver **Bulletin 74** by hand. Thanks to their efforts 650 copies were distributed.

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Cost of Off-prints

| Article | members | non-members |
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| Oatlands Palace Excavations 1968, by Alan Cook | 10p | 15p |
| Seventeenth-Century Delftware Potters in St. Olave's Parish, Southwark, by Isabel Davies | 20p | 25p |
| Early Seventeenth-Century Schemes to make the Wey navigable, by Michael Nash | 7½p | 12½p |
| Chalk Quarrying in Surrey c.1800—1914, by R. A. Collins | 27½p | 35p |
| The Battersea Manor House, by F. T. Smallwood | 7½p | 12½p |
| Christopher Fawcett against the Inmates, by Helen Raine | 7½p | 12½p |
| Mr. Drouet's Establishment at Tooting, by B. R. Curle | 12½p | 17½p |
| Notes | 15p | 20p |

(Postage is extra). (E. E. Harrison).

Crisis in Archaeology

The archaeology of Britain faces an unparalleled crisis caused by the rapidly accelerating destruction of sites. An overflowing public meeting was held at Senate House, London University, on 23rd January to present the facts of the situation and to discuss ways in which it can be met.

It was claimed that the known density of archaeological sites in a given area should be multiplied by a factor of at least five and up to thirty times (depending on the intensity of previous research and on the geology of the area) to give a realistic estimate of what actually exists. At the same time it was estimated that the majority of such sites will have been destroyed by 200 AD by the extractive industries, by construction works, by forestry, by agriculture or by erosion. Dr. J. K. St. Joseph gave the meeting a horrifying account, illustrated by aerial photographs, of the destruction that has already taken place in rural areas and Mr. Martin Biddle gave an equally thought provoking summary of the urban situation.

Professor Cunliffe outlined a proposed scheme for the reorganisation of archaeological research, excavation and salvage on a regional basis. Each region would have a central archaeological unit with a permanent professional staff which would plan and direct the archaeological resources of the region, operate a conservation service and assist publication. The centres would also operate the field survey and recording function at present carried out by the Royal Commission. Excavation would largely be carried out, as now, by Universities and Societies and there would be more scope for free-lance professional excavating groups. The excavations would be aided by the regional centres which would also have powers to licence excavations. Professor Cunliffe's scheme was recognised as being a possible long-term aim that would need the provision of considerable financial aid from state or local taxation—figures of the order of £2m. per annum plus the cost of excavation were mentioned. Other speakers also voiced the need for long-term legislative changes to

afford more protection to archaeological sites and to give archaeological research a firmer legal status. Mr. Biddle put forward the proposition that developers should be expected to carry the cost of archaeological research in advance of development—on the logical grounds that the developer would be destroying archaeological evidence that was part of the heritage of the community as a whole. The situation in Norway was held up as an example which Britain should follow. There, it seems, not only are buried cultural levels protected by law, but also developers are required to pay the cost of investigating these levels before a development takes place.

A study group of well known professional archaeologists had been preparing for this meeting for over a year and, apart from making long-term suggestions, they were prepared also to make proposals for action in face of the immediate threat. They had reluctantly come to the conclusion that none of the present archaeological organisations was constituted in such a way that it could carry out the needed action or raise the necessary funds and that, in the present political and financial climate, further state aid could not be expected. It was proposed, therefore, and the meeting agreed, to set up a new organisation, to be known as "Rescue"—a name about which many present had reservations. This organisation would attempt to make archaeology a public issue and to undertake positive action in the face of the current threats to archaeological sites. It would be based on individual membership and would raise funds by means of subscriptions, donations and a professionally organised appeal. Initial donation/subscriptions (minimum £1) should be sent to "Rescue", c/o National Westminster Bank Ltd., 3 The Cross, Worcester. The funds of the organisation are to be used for the furtherance of archaeology, in Britain only, by means of rescue excavation, survey and recording, conservation, publication, etc. The possibilities (and pitfalls) of acquiring sites for conservation are to be examined. A committee was set up, under the chairmanship of Martin Biddle, and will attempt to implement the decision of the meeting. This committee must report back to a similar public meeting in not more than twelve months time. In the meantime subscriptions and donations are asked for.

(D. J. Turner).

County Publications for Sale

In the current **List of County Publications for Sale**, published by the Standing Conference for Local History, not a single Surrey item is included.

Societies and individuals who would like to remedy the omission should write to: Miss Bettie Miller, Secretary, Standing Conference for Local History, 26 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1., giving these particulars: Title, Author, Price (including postage), Date of Publication, Address from which copies are available.

(James Batley).

Kingswood, Margery Wood, (TQ 246525)

In the **C.B.A. Report No. 20 for the Year ended 30th June, 1970** there is a note (p. 51) reporting the result of work carried out at Margery Wood, Kingswood, on the line of the M.25 motorway. This report is the result of

an unfortunate misunderstanding as no work has yet been undertaken at this site. Mr. F. Pemberton is hoping to investigate an apparent hollow-way, which is to be crossed by the motorway, in the near future. The hollow-way was probably part of the medieval and post-medieval route from Reigate to Kingston, but may, of course, be earlier in origin.

(D. J. Turner).

Southwark, Montague Close. (TQ 327803)

Excavations, continuing those of 1969 (Bulletin 59) were undertaken for the Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee and the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society for five weeks full-time from the middle of July to late August, and then at weekends to the beginning of October.

The area immediately around last year's trench was excavated down to the base of the post-medieval features, though in places these penetrated to natural. This revealed the substantial remains of two rectangular delftware kilns. One of these had three periods, which could be approximately assigned to the early mid-seventeenth century, the late seventeenth century and the early eighteenth century respectively. The first period had been completely destroyed when the second period was built, and that in its turn was mutilated by the third period and by a later cess pit. The second period had a paved stokehole, a narrow horizontal flue and at least one vertical flue, with the roof of the firebox supported on a number of arches. The third period was probably similar, although no trace of the firebox roof survived, and four phases of alterations can be discerned. In one of these, the horizontal flue was blocked at the stokehole and by a brick wall, and the mechanics of firing the kiln after that are not clear. The other kiln is similar, consisting of a firebox roofed with three independent arches with vertical flues between. A small part of the floor of the potchamber survived. Other features associated with these kilns have not yet been explained.

The Roman road, apparently leading to London Bridge, was shown to be narrower than thought last year, and slight traces of a roadside building and sub-Roman activity was found. However, it was clearly shown that in the post-Roman period the whole area was abandoned and a thick layer of black soil completely buried the road and the Roman layers.

(G. J. Dawson).

Processing

The Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society are in need of some volunteers to help with the processing of the Staines material, which is all Roman. Processing takes place in various premises on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7—9 p.m. Wednesday mornings, 9.30—12, and Sundays, 10—5. Please contact the writer at Chertsey 4779.

(Maureen Rendell.)

COURSES

Friday 14th—Sunday 16th May, 1971.

Crisis in Archaeology. A residential week-end course organised by Moor Park College in collaboration with London University Extra-Mural

Department. Speakers: Dr. John Alexander: The next thirty years in British archaeology, and State archaeology; the lessons from other countries. Mr. D. R. Wilson: The present rate of destruction of sites. Mr. John Hurst: Salvage Archaeology in Britain. Mr. Brian Philp: the amateur archaeologist to-day and to-morrow. Mr. H. C. Bowen: Problems of field archaeology in the chalk and limestone areas of Southern Britain. Fee £6.50 resident, £2.50 non-resident, meals extra. Full particulars from The Education Secretary, Moor Park College, Farnham. Tel. 6401.

Wednesday 21st—Wednesday 28th July.

S.A.S. ARCHAEOLOGY COURSE AT DORKING. A residential field course for beginners. Tutor, D. J. Turner. Principles and practices will be explained and an excavation undertaken. There will be evening lectures, and visits to nearby field monuments.

A day-to-day programme will be announced on the first Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., preceded by dinner at 6.30. Sunday morning will be free. Visitors leave after breakfast on 28th July.

There will be a few places for non-residential students. Please bring a 4 or 6 inch pointing trowel. Fee £17.50 inclusive of resident tuition, etc., and an additional expenditure of about £1.25 for transport should be allowed. (If you intend bringing a car and are willing to transport members of the course in the field, would you please let the Warden know, and how many you could accommodate. By this means it might be possible to dispense with hired transport).

Certain bursaries, reducing the course fee, are available to persons not receiving full-time education. For details of these, and for application to the course write to The Warden, Juniper Hill Field Centre, Dorking, Surrey. **Archaeology in Wessex—Progress Report for 1970.** The dates for this course were omitted from Bulletin 74. They are 1st March—5th April.

EXHIBITIONS

Saturday, 24th April. 3 p.m.

Aerial Photography. An Exhibition by Mr. John Hampton during the Annual General Meeting of The Surrey Archaeological Society, at The Guildhall, Guildford.

During the last 2—3 months the archaeology displays at the Weybridge Museum have been redesigned to include new material and recent accessions, including material from Brooklands.

MEETINGS

MARCH

Monday 1st, 8 p.m.

FAIRS—OLD AND NEW. Talk by Mr. J. Hobbs to Mayford History Society, at Mayford Village Hall.

Tuesday 2nd, 5.45 p.m.

EXCAVATIONS AT SWANSCOMBE, 1970. Public lecture by Dr. J. d'A. Waechter at the University of London Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London. Admission free without ticket.

Tuesday 2nd, 7 p.m.

RECENT WORK IN SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH. Review of 1970 Excavations of Southwark & Lambeth A.S. at North Peckham Civic Centre, Canal Bridge, Old Kent Road.

Tuesday 2nd, 8 p.m.

G.L.I.A.S. WORKSHOP at Hendon Central Library.

Friday 5th, 7.45 p.m.

THE POST-EXCAVATION PROCESSING OF POTTERY AND SMALL FINDS. Talk by Mrs. S. V. Keen to Farnham Museum Society at Willmer House Museum, 38 West Street, Farnham.

Wednesday 11th, 8 p.m.

A.G.M. of the Wandsworth Historical Society at West Hill Library, S.W. 18.

Friday 12th, 8.15 p.m.

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSES. Talk by Mrs. Kay Percy to the Merton Historical Society at the Lecture Hall, Morden Library, Morden Road, Morden.

Tuesday 16th, 8 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE G.L.I.A.S. Talk by Mr. P. Carter to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Thursday 18th, 7.30 p.m.

CLAPHAM AND THE THORNTONS. Talk by Mr. E. E. F. Smith to the Clapham Antiquarian Society at St. Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, S.W. 12.

Friday 19th, 7.45 p.m.

THE FARNHAM RECORDS IN WINCHESTER. Talk by Mrs. M. E. Cash to the Farnham Museum Society at The Institute of Further Education, Potters Gate, West Street, Farnham.

Wednesday 24th, 8.15 p.m.

POSTAL HISTORY. Talk by Mr. W. Hamlyn to Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall.

Friday 26th, 8 p.m.

NETHERNE MEDIEVAL MANOR HOUSE. Talk by Miss Lesley Ketteringham to Wandsworth Historical Society at Wandsworth Town Hall.

APRIL

Friday 2nd, 7.45 p.m.

ENGLISH MEDIEVAL POTTERY, its manufacture, distribution and types. Talk by Mr. K. J. Barton to Farnham Museum Society at West Surrey College of Art and Design, Falkner Road, The Hart, Farnham.

Saturday 3rd, 2.15 p.m.

S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY, GUILDFORD. See separate leaflet enclosed with this Bulletin.

SYMPOSIUM BOOKSTALL

Organisations or members wishing to sell publications at the Symposium bookstall should send particulars of title, price and number of copies being brought to J. C. Batley, 7a Burntwood Lane, Caterham. Telephone 43527 before March 27th. No late entries will be accepted.

Saturday 18th

S.A.S. VISIT TO LANGNEY PRIORY, EASTBOURNE AND MICHELHAM PRIORY

Tuesday 20th, 8 p.m

THE HISTORY OF SURBITON. Talk by Mr. P. H. Grevatt to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Friday 23rd, 7.45 p.m.

WOMEN'S COSTUME OF THE VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN PERIODS. Demonstration by Mrs. V. Smith to Farnham Museum Society at Willmer House Museum, 38 West Street, Farnham. Admission by ticket, free to members, 2/- (10p) to non-members, application before 9th April.

Saturday, 24th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, S.A.S.

Full details in April Bulletin.

Friday 30th, 8 p.m.

DIGGING UP BONES. Talk by Mrs. Robin Kenward to Wandsworth H.S. at The Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Wandsworth.

Thomas Thorp

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