

to provide teas. Tickets will be on sale at the door at 6/- each. Members (and members of other societies, as notified by the organiser) are asked to apply for tickets in advance to:-

Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead

and NOT to Castle Arch or the organiser.

Prices of tickets:-

Members booking in advance	...	...	...	4/-
Visitors	...	...	...	6/-
Tea	...	...	...	3/-

This year there will also be an exhibition of recent archaeological discoveries and material from recent excavations. It will be held at GUILDFORD HOUSE, HIGH STREET, GUILDFORD, from 4th September to 25th September. This will be open to the public admission free. It is hoped to issue a catalogue.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Surrey County Local History Committee

The Council of Social Service for Surrey convened a meeting at Jenner House on 12th June at which various organisations interested in local history were represented. The meeting discussed the proposal to form a County Local History Committee and agreed to proceed with the project. A steering committee was elected which included Miss M. Gollancz, Mr. T. E. C. Walker and Mr. J. G. W. Lewarne. Mrs. Newman, of the Council of Social Service, is to take the chair at the first meeting of the committee.

(D. J. Turner).

Newdigate : Field Names

In Newdigate parish appear the field names "Owls Entry" and "Owls Gate" which are paralleled by the name "Owls castle" in the neighbouring parish of Rusper, Sussex. Is this connected with the former colloquial name of "Owler" for a smuggler?

Can anyone throw light upon the field name "Hooping Chip Meadow" also found near the county boundary?

(Mrs. J. Banks)

Putney : Romano-British Site (TQ 756239)

Excavations by the Wandsworth Historical Society on a site at Bexmish Road, Putney, took place at weekends between Easter and Whitsun. This has proved the most promising site of those excavated in Putney. As well as quantities of domestic pottery of the first and second centuries, traces of post or stake holes were revealed in the Roman levels.

(W. H. S. *News Sheet*).

Walton and Weybridge Historical Society

This Society has now completed its first year. The excavation of an Early Iron Age/XIIIc. site at Brooklands has been undertaken, another group of members is studying the records of Oatlands Palace and exploring its underground passages, while the history of Ashley and Portmore Parks and the various Hershams estates is being investigated. Monthly meetings with lectures are held and a News-Sheet, *Dial-Stone*, is published. Enquiries to Miss Luxford, (Hon. Secretary), 66 Baker Street, Weybridge.

(J. W. Lindus Forge).

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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EXCAVATION NOTICES

RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA
(N.G.R. TQ 08044152)

Director: THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH

Excavation will continue at this site until 15th August, 1965. Details were given in the July *Bulletin*.

Enquiries to: The Viscountess Hanworth, Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Cranleigh. (Telephone: Ewhurst 420).

BEMISH ROAD, PUTNEY: ROMANO-BRITISH SITE
(N.G.R.: TQ 756239)

Directors: M. FARLEY and J. HOLLINGS

Excavations, organised by the Wandsworth Historical Society, will be resumed on this site at weekends starting on 14th August.

Enquiries to: Mr. N. Farrant, 103A Howards Lane, S.W.15.
(Telephone: PUTney 5206).

LONDON RECORD SOCIETY

The London Record Society has been formed to publish carefully edited transcripts, abstracts and lists of primary sources for the history of London, and generally to stimulate public interest in archives relating to London. The term "London" will be interpreted in a broad sense and material for publication will be chosen from all periods. The first volume, which is now in the press, should appear in 1965. Volumes already planned cover most periods in London's history between the twelfth and eighteenth century. Further volumes, dealing with nineteenth and twentieth century subjects, are under consideration. The Society's publications will, of course, be of great importance to all those interested in the history of London, but London's outstanding place in the history of the nation will ensure that the volumes appeal to a far wider public. Until the inauguration of the society in December, 1964, there was no organisation solely devoted to publishing material from the vast accumulations of London records.

The Society's success will largely depend upon the amount of support it receives from subscribers. Membership is open to any individual or institution; the annual subscription is £3. 3s., which entitles a member to receive one copy of each volume published during the year and to attend and vote at meetings of the Society.

Enquiries to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Brian Burch, c/o Guildhall Library, London, E.C.2.

Brief contributions to the Bulletin are invited on topics and discoveries of interest to members. They should be sent to the Editors, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Turner, 14 Fairlawn Road, S.W.19. Queries should be sent to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey.

Neither the Editors nor the Council of the Surrey Archaeological Society can be responsible for any statement or opinion expressed in the Bulletin, the authors of communications being alone accountable for the same.

It may be of interest to members to learn how other societies are meeting the problems of organisation and research: problems that are in many ways similar to those which face our society. Therefore, a series of articles by prominent members of neighbouring societies will be published. We are honoured that the first of these has been written by the President of the Sussex Archaeological Society, who has for many years been a member, Vice-President, friend and benefactor of our society. Future articles will appear in due course but in order to preserve the balance of the Bulletin they will not be in consecutive issues.

THE SUSSEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S RESEARCH COMMITTEE

(now forming C.B.A. Group 11B)

At the close of the last war it was felt that there would be an increasing need for some guidance to the many local societies and other groups in schools or independently who would be interested in archaeological field-work but might be somewhat lacking in the technical knowledge and experience required to carry out such work effectively.

The Council of the Sussex Archaeological Society gave the matter much consideration, for Sussex is a large county, about 90 miles long, and contains a whole string of towns along the coast, nearly all of which possess flourishing archaeological societies. These are usually affiliated to the county Society but possess their own membership and conduct their own affairs as to meetings and field-work quite independently. This has obviously strengthened the interest and support for archaeology in Sussex very greatly, since many more have been able to learn about the subject at first hand and to participate in meetings and field-work arranged locally.

Early in 1947 the Council decided to undertake the formation and leadership of a liaison body, to be called the Sussex Archaeological Research Committee. The objects and aims of this committee were published in *Sussex Notes and Queries*, vol. XI, p.139 (1947). Local Societies were invited to appoint at least one representative (if possible with some knowledge of excavation and field-work), and any school or college possessing a field club or wishing to take part in such research was also invited. Local museums were naturally included too. The main objects were to be the co-ordination of effort in planning excavations in the county and to advise on the priorities of sites for investigation; to advise on methods and techniques and on publication of results; to keep a list of volunteers willing to help in field-work; to pool suitable equipment; to promote lectures on archaeology, especially on methods of work; to prevent, wherever possible, excavation by inexperienced persons; and to ensure that finds from excavations were preserved in suitable museums.

The composition of the committee was intended to be quite elastic and has on various occasions included a representative of some individually-led group of workers, since it was felt to be important to secure the co-operation and goodwill of such parties.

The county Society appoints the chairman and vice-chairman of the Committee and is responsible for the very small running costs, mainly for duplicating and postage. The minutes are reported to the Council and are circulated to members, thus providing a very useful summary of all field-work going on in the county.

The meetings are held in Brighton, which is a conveniently accessible centre, usually every two or three months to fit in suitably with the excavation season, and we have been very fortunate in having a meeting-place provided free, first in the Technical College and latterly at the British Council's Centre. We meet informally from 4.30 (with tea and biscuits on payment) which gives a very useful opportunity for talk among the members, with business from 5 till about 6.15.

The form of the meeting has taken shape gradually, but in general it now follows this pattern: minutes, matters arising, correspondence, recent excavations, forthcoming excavations, other business, date of next meeting. Members describing excavations are encouraged to provide a brief written summary for the secretary, to help him in the preparation of the minutes. Members are free to ask questions and indeed quite a lot of discussion on the work often ensues.

It is obvious that these proceedings are in fact almost exactly those of a Regional Group of the Council for British Archaeology. When these Groups were first formed it was thought natural that the South-east (Kent, Surrey and Sussex) should form one Group (11) and one or two meetings of it were in fact held in London. However, in practice, the arrangement did not seem so convenient. In many ways the interests of Sussex are quite separated from the Thames Basin by the interior of the High Weald, although Surrey and Kent have much more interest in common. It was also realised that meetings held in London would inevitably lead to considerable Group expenses, and so it was agreed to leave the working of Group 11 dormant. The obvious solution has seemed to me, for some time past, the division of the Group into 11A Surrey and Kent, and 11B Sussex, especially having regard to the existence and successful working for many years of the Research Committee which now forms a ready-made Group 11B. The division was agreed by the Council of C.B.A. in July, 1964 and has now been made. It therefore seemed convenient to give this account of the experience already found in the Sussex portion.

I. D. MARGARY.

AUGUST MEETINGS

There will be no S.A.S. meeting in August as two were arranged for July.

POTTERY MAKING AND FIRING WESTON WOOD, ALBURY

Experiments will be carried out into L.B.A. techniques of pottery making and firing near the L.B.A. settlement site now being excavated in Weston Wood, Albury. The experiments will be carried out on certain weekdays and Sundays in August. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact:

Mrs. F. J. Carmichael, 29 Ullswater Crescent, S.W.15.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 7

SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER

SYMPOSIUM AT GUILDFORD

Organiser: K. W. E. Gravett, M.Sc.

The Symposium on recent archaeological work will be held on Saturday, 25th September. A detailed programme will appear in the *Bulletin* next month.

There will be one important change this year. The Symposium has been transferred to the CIVIC HALL, LONDON ROAD, GUILDFORD. This will have two major advantages; the provision of a microphone and the accommodation of a much larger audience. Also it will be possible