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S.A.S. VISITS

- June 10th Visit to King's Mill, Shipley, and the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton. Details were given in **Bulletin 87**.
- July 15th Visit to Wantage. Details of this and other Meetings are given elsewhere in this **Bulletin**.
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Subscriptions for 1972 (second reminder)

Members are reminded that all subscriptions for 1972 were due on 1st January, irrespective of the date when members joined the Society. Please note that current subscriptions are as follows:

Ordinary Members	£2.00
Associate Members	50p
Junior Members	50p

or £1.25 if a copy of the Collections is required.

NOTES

Obituary

Thomas Stanley Mercer (1883-1972) of Thames Ditton joined the Society in 1959, and duly became a member of the Council. A many-sided and in some ways remarkable man it is as a popular local historian that he was known to us. His attractive booklets on Thames Ditton and his numerous contributions to local papers will have encouraged many to take an interest in their surroundings. It is understood that the wealth of local illustrative material he collected will find a home in the Esher Library, already a centre for local studies.

The Society was represented at the funeral service at Thames Ditton church on 2nd May. (T. E. C. Walker).

New Members from 1.3.72

Mrs. B. M. Coutts, 1 Woodcrest Road, Purley, CR2 4JD.
Mrs. I. A. Atherstone, South Paddock, Pyle Hill, Mayford, Woking.
Mr. P. H. Best, 19 Cleveland Road, New Malden, KT3 3QQ.
Mrs. M. Magrath, Shortwood, Mount Hermon Road, Woking.
University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea SA2 8PP.

from 1.4.72

Mr. D. C. Hawkins, 29 Clare Crescent, Leatherhead.
Mr. D. H. Dumbell, Tilling Springs, Abinger Common, Dorking.
Mr. G. L. Gunstone, AFRAeS., C.Eng., Haffenden, Bellwether Lane, Outwood, Redhill.
Mrs. M. J. Green, 433 Woodham Lane, Woodham, Weybridge.
Mr. P. Wood, 41 Banstead Road, Purley, CR2 3EB.
Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Barker, 25 Sandy Way, Walton on Thames.
Dr. J. A. Larkin, ACT, ARIC, 21 Northcote Crescent, West Horsley, Leatherhead.
Mr. D. J. Franks, 30 Pooley Green Road, Egham, TW20 8AF.

Mr. E. E. Shelton, 213 Wendover Road, Staines, Middx. TW18 3DF.

Mr. A. C. Maxwell, 49 Southampton Street, Farnborough, Hants.

Geophysical Survey Team

The increase in the Society's programme of excavation and field examination, mainly due to motorway development, has caused a great demand for geophysical surveys which cannot be fully met by the small full-time team of the Department of the Environment. The Society's Excavation Committee has therefore decided to resuscitate the idea of trying to bring together and train a spare-time team of members interested in this valuable scientific aid to archaeological planning. They will be trained in the use of the Society's resistivity meter and magnetometers, and in methods of survey planning and interpretation. Please contact A. J. Clark, 19 The Crossways, Onslow Village, Guildford. Telephone 64566.

Recent Accessions to the Society's Library

Previous list in Bulletin 86 (April 1972).

1. GENERAL

Chaplin R. E. The study of animal bones from archaeological sites. London & New York, 1971.

Green A. M. Mysteries of Surrey. Walton-on-Thames, 1972.

Guildford Mumiment Room. Parish registers deposited. Guildford, 1971.

Ditto. Drift from longshore. London, 1898.

Ditto. Forest tithes. London, 1893.

Ditto. From spring to fall. London, 1894.

Ditto. In the green leaf and the sere. London, 1896.

Ditto. On Surrey Hills. London, 1892.

Ditto. Wild fowl and sea fowl of Great Britain. London, 1895.

Ditto. With the woodlanders, and by the tide. London, 1893.

Ditto. Within an hour of London town. London, 1894.

Ditto. Wood, moor and stream. London, 1911.

Hewett, C. A. The development of carpentry, 1200-1700: an Essex study. Newton Abbot, 1969.

Hill, D. and Jesson, M. The Iron Age and its hill forts: essays presented to Sir Mortimer Wheeler. Southampton, 1971.

Jordan, Denham "A Son of the Marshes". Annals of a fishing village. London, 1891.

Sturt, G. "George Bourne" The Bettesworth book. London, 1901.

Ditto. Change in the village. London, 1920.

Ditto. A farmer's life. London, 1927.

Ditto. Lady Bettesworth. London, 1918.

Ditto. Memoirs of a Surrey labourer. London, 1909.

Ditto. The wheelwright's shop. London, 1934.

Surrey County Library. A short guide to local history resources. Esher, 1969.

Surrey Quarter Sessions. Surrey Quarter Sessions records: order book and sessions rolls, 1666-1668. Kingston, 1951.

2. LOCAL

Compton—Bond, R. L. Compton parish church. Compton, 1972.

Esher—Mercer, T. S. Tales and scandals of old Thames Ditton. Thames Ditton, 1968.

Godalming—Wigfield, W. M. A short history of the Friends' Meeting: Godalming. Godalming, 1967.

London: Lambeth—Short, M. Windmills in Lambeth: an historical survey. Lambeth, 1971.

London: Merton—Merton Historical Society. The Canons, Mitcham. Mitcham, 1967.

London: Richmond—Gill, R. C. A short introductory list of books on Barnes and Mortlake. Barnes, 1971.

Ditto—Mattingley, F. The Frederick Wigan Trust. Barnes, 1969.
London: Sutton—Mitchell, C. A. The hospital of St. Mary and Hamilton Almshouses, Beddington. (Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society, Occasional Paper No. 1.) Carshalton, 1971. Obtainable from Mr. K. A. Pryer, 9 Park Close, Carshalton. Price 5p, plus 3½p postage.

(R. A. Christophers).

Northumberland History

The Northumberland County Archivist would appreciate being informed of records relating to Northumberland families which may be known to members of the Society or others in Surrey. Information should be sent to the writer or to the Northumberland Record Office, Melton Park, North Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 5QX. I have been informed of records of Surrey interest in Northumberland.

(Marguerite Gollancz).

Size Comparison Scales for Photography (S.I. Metric & Imperial)

The writer is proposing a pilot scheme to standardise size comparison scales for archaeological photography in the interests of immediate recognition of scales and flexibility of either colour or black-and-white photography. He has prepared coloured-up photo-stat prints of his designs and a memorandum for 200mm and 400mm scales, and these have been sent to a number of national archaeological and kindred societies. Anybody interested in furthering this project is invited to communicate with him at "Eastbrook", 83 Parkhill Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1JB. Telephone: Crayford 21243.

(R. A. Brooks).

(The Editor has received a copy of these prints and notes, and is forwarding them to the Society's Library).

An Ancient Trackway in the Weald

Survey work preceding the construction of the M23 motorway has uncovered an ancient trackway in the weald. The first indications were noticed in Hathersham Lane, a bridle road following the Nutfield-Burstow parish boundary. Parts of the lane were sunken and the southern half lay between a substantial bank and ditch on either side. Excavations (TQ 31004473) by the Holmesdale Archaeological Group directed by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey showed that the trackway was partially surfaced with bloomery slag and was at least 4m wide. Two late thirteenth-early fourteenth century horseshoes were found.

Further investigations have shown bloomery slag at other sites along this parish boundary. To the north the boundary follows Prince of Wales' Road where any earlier trackway would be obliterated. However more slag was found where the boundary leaves the road (TQ 31484772), and in field ditches at TQ 31764941 and 31764969.

A flux gate gradiometer survey by Mr. A. J. Clark to the south of Hathersham Lane showed very little sign of the road, but more slag was observed along the boundary at TQ 31054397 and 30954304, and a scatter of it in a ploughed field at TQ 30954281. A new ditch at the end of Hathersham Lane sectioned a side track (about 1m wide) which was shown only just to enter the field at TQ 30904422.

The date of the trackway is difficult to ascertain. A hedge survey, taken before the motorway work started, suggested an eighth century date. The Saxon evidence for Burstow, Thundersfield and Hathersham and the coincidence with the parish boundary implies the trackway was there in the Saxon period if not earlier, although present evidence points to the slag being medieval repairs to the track rather than Roman construction material.

Tuesday 20th, 8 p.m.

THE JEWS OF KINGSTON. Talk by Mrs. E. H. Bilefield to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at The Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield Road, Kingston upon Thames.

Friday 30th, 8 p.m.

THE ROMAN INN AT GODMANCHESTER. Talk by Mr. M. Green to Wandsworth H.S. at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

JULY

Monday 3rd, 8 p.m.

EARLY INHABITANTS OF SURREY. Talk by Miss J. Harding to Mayford History Society at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford.

Saturday 15th

SAS VISIT TO WANTAGE

Arranged by Mr. D. Booker

- 8.45 a.m. Coach departs Reigate, Priory Car Park, Bell Street.
- 9.00 a.m. Dorking Halls.
- 9.30 a.m. Esher, B.R. Station.
- 11.30 a.m. Wantage. Visit Sparsholt Church, Blowing Stone, Whitehorse Hill, Uffington Castle (Hill Fort) and Uffington Church.
It is advisable to wear strong shoes and a coat as it may be windy.
- 1.15 p.m. Woolstone. White Horse Inn for picnic lunch in garden. Snacks are obtainable if ordered in advance.
- 2.30 p.m. Leave for Wayland Smith's Cave, Compton Beauchamp Church, and Great Coxwell Tithe Barn.
- 5.00 p.m. Tea at Wantage, Bear Hotel (30p).
- 6.00 p.m. Leave Wantage.

Tickets (members 15p, Visitors 20p, students half price, children under 16 accompanied by an adult free). Coach £1.35 from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 OQL.

Please say by July 8th if snacks at lunch or tea required. Payment not required in advance.

Those members who expressed interest in the suggested 2-day visit will be sorry to learn that the response was too small to warrant such arrangements being made.

Tuesday 18th, 8 p.m.

THE HIPWELLS OF TOLWORTH. Talk by Mrs. A. Smith to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at The Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield Road, Kingston.

Friday 28th, 8 p.m.

POTTERY. Talk by Mr. R. Smith to Wandsworth H.S. at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

Next Issue

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in July. Copy for this issue is required by 5th June.

The trackway might have linked the mid-wealden trackway system via Old Hollow, Worth to the four and a half miles investigated. To the north the Roman bath house at Pendell Court is significant if the trackway dates from that period. Stanstead Road, Caterham is another name indicative of an ancient trackway and lying on the line of this discovery.

(G. P. Moss).

Milestones: CBA Code of Practice

The Council of British Archaeology's Research Committee on Industrial Archaeology is very concerned about the problem of Milestone conservation which is particularly acute at the moment. The Committee has drawn up a Code of Practice, the main points of which are as follows:

1. Stones or posts marking mileages on highways, being important indications of historic development, should be retained on their original sites wherever possible.
2. Age or materials used do not afford a criterion for selection; all types of posts are of equal importance.
3. If a post has been moved because of highway widening, it should be re-set at the same distance point but farther back from the centre of the road.
4. If a diversion or by-pass is built affecting the main highway at a milepost point, the post should be retained on the original alignment.
5. In cases of extensive redevelopment at the site of and affecting the position of a milepost, the milepost should be retained and included in the new design.
6. If however there is a compelling reason to remove a milepost (risk of vandalism, complete redevelopment obliterating the highway) it should be offered to a local museum or other location for safe custody, but not destroyed.
7. All ancient mileposts should be surveyed and written and photographic records made; scheduling under the Ancient Monuments Act should be sought.
8. Future substitution of kilometres or other linear measures for miles will not be a valid reason to remove mileposts.

It is hoped that the application of this Code of Practice will help in the conservation of those milestones still standing.

(Margaret Trier).

Croydon: Rediscovery of lost Monumental Brasses

The writer, a member of the Monumental Brass Society, has recently been helping Dr. Blatchly with the checking of brasses in Surrey for the revision of Mill Stephenson's List of Monumental Brasses in the British Isles.

In December, whilst checking St. John Baptist Parish Church in Croydon, with the help of the verger, she came across a parcel of fragments that had been placed in the crypt in 1928. After cleaning and sorting them the writer found there were fragments from six different brasses, and with the help of the Library and Mill Stephenson's Surrey List, was able to identify them as follows:

1. Portion of brass to Thomas Heron 1544 broken in 5 pieces measuring 15 inches.
2. Fragment of brass to Elizabeth Heron 1544, from centre of dress.
3. Remains of lost inscription to John Woode—inholder 1593.
4. Part of Latin inscription referred to by Aubrey (II, 28) as being "on the same stone" (as the above inscription) "on a different plate".
5. Fragments of lost brass (14) to Robert Jackson and wife Elizabeth 1629.
6. Part of inscription and figure to Elizabeth daughter of John and Clemence Kyngé and wife of Samuel Fynche 1589.

Most of these brasses were presumed either stolen by workmen in the restoration of the church in 1859 or lost in the fire that burnt the church

to the ground in 1867, and in fact most of the fragments are very badly charred by fire.

One rather interesting feature is that the Heron brass is palimpsest with an earlier 'flemish' brass on the reverse.

Rubbings were made of all the fragments and have been compared by Dr. Blatchly with those at Guildford Museum, except for the Woode inscription, thus confirming the correctness of the attributions.

A complete set of rubbings are already in the collection at Castle Arch, and another set will be deposited with the Society of Antiquaries in London. (Mrs. L. Hausermann).

Hascombe: Village History Exhibition

For so small a village (less than 300 inhabitants) a history exhibition was an ambitious project but in the event the three days April 21-23 proved barely adequate to contain the unexpectedly wide interest aroused.

There are one or two observations that might be of interest to other villages contemplating a similar exhibition.

First, it is clear that 'history' has a variety of meanings; for this reason the Hascombe exhibition was broadly based so that it included not merely old maps, sale plans, deeds, pictures, photographs, newspaper cuttings and so on, but also 'bygones' in variety—implements, domestic equipment, and the kind of objects described by Miss Jekyll in her book 'Old West Surrey'. Thus the exhibition had a wide appeal.

Second, the exhibition was sectionalised and exhibits were arranged according to a pre-determined plan, fairly rigidly observed. There was, for example, a glittering exhibit provided by the Church; a modest collection of old maps were grouped together, and the whole of one side of the Village Hall was an exhibit called 'People and Houses'. The village school (now closed) section contained not only a big collection of photographs of pupils and activities but the original master's desk and the log books. Other sections dealt with village activities, work as well as leisure, and with the pubs. The village shop laid on a splendid collection of bygones and as a background to it all, there was a section built around the topography and geology of the area, including the Iron Age Camp on Hascombe Hill, the village's oldest and most valuable possession.

(W. D. Ashton).

MEETINGS

JUNE

Saturday 3rd, 8.15 p.m.

A.G.M. Puttenham & Wanborough H.S. Followed by GENERAL JAMES OGLETHORPE, LORD OF THE MANOR OF PUTTENHAM 1744 to 1761. Talk by the Rev. S. C. Dedman at the Marwick Hall, Puttenham.

Wednesday 7th, 8 p.m.

POSTAL HISTORY OF EPSOM AND EWELL. Talk by Mr. G. F. Crabbe to Nonsuch & Ewell A.S. at Glyn Hall, Cheam Road, Ewell.

Thursday 8th, 7.45 p.m.

THE GREEK CITIES OF THE SOUTH WEST TURKISH COAST. Talk by Mr. Scott to Croydon N.H. & H.S. at George Street Congregational Church, Addiscombe Grove.

Saturday 10th

SAS VISIT TO KING'S MILL SHIPLEY (near HORSHAM)
AND THE WEALD AND DOWNLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM AT
SINGLETON, SUSSEX

(Full details were given in *Bulletin* 87).