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S.A.S. VISITS

June 30th Visit to Romsey Abbey and Mottisfont Abbey, Hants.
July 18th Visit to Allington Castle and Aylesford Priory, Kent.
Full details were given in *Bulletin* 97.
July 28th Visit to Coldharbour and Leith Hill.
Details of this and other meetings are given elsewhere in this *Bulletin*

S.A.S. Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting

Members are reminded that notice was given in *Bulletin* 97 of the Society's Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting, to be held, by kind permission of His Worship the Mayor of Guildford, in the Courtroom of the Guildhall, Guildford, on Saturday, 16th June, 1973, at 3 p.m.

D. J. Turner, Honorary Secretary.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

ANSTIEBURY HILLFORT, COLDHARBOUR

(TQ 153440)

Director: Mr. F. H. Thompson

This excavation will take place from 9th July to 4th August. Full details were given in *Bulletin* 97.

BANSTEAD, ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD

Director: Mr. S. Nelson

This excavation started on Friday, 25th May, and is continuing at weekends until the end of July. The Nonsuch Antiquarian Society are seeking traces of a Medieval Hunting Lodge. Enquiries to the Director at 80 Speer Road, Thames Ditton. Tel. 398 0045.

BROADFIELDS, CRAWLEY (TQ 258353)

Director: Mr. J. Gibson-Hill

This, the final year's excavations by the Crawley & Mid-Sussex Archaeological Group on the Iron Age and Romano-British Iron-working settlement at Broadfields, commenced on 1st May, 1973 and will continue until the excavations are completed on approximately 10th October. Work will be organised on a full-time basis (subject to availability of volunteers) by a resident team. There will be an intensive period of excavation to coincide with the opening of the new pottery processing unit, when there will also be staff available to train inexperienced volunteers. The dates for this are 28th July-18th August. Enquiries to: Miss J. Hubble, c/o 48 Paddockhurst Road, Gossops Green, Crawley. Tel. Crawley 36018.

NOTES

New Members from 1.4.73

- Mrs. A. J. Hewitt, Rushett Edge, Bramley, Guildford.
Mrs. J. E. Little, A.R.I.B.A., A.A.Dip., 10 Chaseley Court, Oatlands Drive, Weybridge KT13 9JH
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Mrs. I. W. Baskerville, 65 Hazon Way, Epsom
Mrs. H. Clarke, B.A., Ph.D., F.S.A., 46 Egmont Road, Sutton
Mr. K. R. Pearman, A.I.B., 66 Cambridge Road, Anerley, London SE20
Mrs. B. R. Higgins, High Bank, Mill Hill Lane, Brockham, Betchworth RH3 7LS
Mr. D. E. Hall, B.Sc., M.I.Biol., The Oast House, 23 Upper Hale Road, Farnham
Mrs. A. Garland, South Hall, Castle Hill, Guildford
Mr. P. S. Leigh, 1 Forest Crescent, Ashted
Mr. S. Nelson, 80 Speer Road, Thames Ditton

Help needed for S.A.S. Hut

Volunteers are needed to do simple carpentry work on the S.A.S. hut before the start of the excavation of Anstiebury Hillfort, on 9th July. Anyone willing to do this should get in touch with David Bird, S.A.S. Archaeology Officer, Castle Arch, Guildford. Tel. Guildford 32454.

The Archaeology of Churches

A conference was held at Norwich in April to launch the C.B.A.'s new initiative in the field of church archaeology.* A series of papers was given showing the role of the archaeologist elsewhere in Western Europe with their churches. As usual the legislation in Scandinavia provided an almost complete protection for the churches' fabric and the buried levels beneath it. In England only a small number of archaeological investigations are carried out compared with the number of churches being damaged. It should be remembered that as well as destruction being caused by new vestries and other structural extensions damage can also be done by such items as new lighting, water, drainage, in particular the digging of a drain round the outside walls of the church and the tidying of graveyards. The number of redundant churches is growing—it has been estimated that they could number 6,000 by the end of the century and in almost every instance some aspect of our historical background is threatened.

Several general points emerged from the conference:

1. Almost invariably remains of earlier church structures are to be found under the present one. Even Victorian rebuilding may contain substantial portions of earlier work.
2. The church may well stand over a site of a totally unrelated function, for instance the Victorian church in a medieval town centre, or over a Roman settlement or even a prehistoric site.
3. There ought to be no separation of the architectural historian's and the archaeologist's approach to the structure and its development.
4. The gravestones provide information for stylistic and demographic studies and are important source material for many specialist studies.
5. The human remains are invaluable to pathological, anthropological and demographic studies. This is especially true if family or well documented groups are available.

6. The topographical study of the church especially in relation to the churchyard and its various extensions provide an interesting light on the economic fluctuation of the medieval village.

7. It was emphasised throughout that as well as the structural problems caused by working in and around a standing building there are both legal and emotional factors involved in dealing with consecrated ground that should be at the forefront of the archaeologist's mind during any investigation of a church and its graveyard.

The CBA has decided to tackle this problem by nominating consultants or representatives for each Diocesan Advisory Committee. Such consultants would give an archaeological assessment when appropriate and exercise a watching brief over proposed redundancies or structural alterations.

(D. Fowler).

*The Archaeology of Churches, a report from the churches committee of the CBA, 15p.

Department of the Environment: DAMHB Library

This Library is situated at Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1X 2AA. There are several items in the Mayson Beeton collection, which is mainly London material, which may be of interest to members of the Society, and they are all available for reference. Two examples are given:

Manning and Bray's "History of Surrey" is an annotated edition with prints from Hassell, Hill-Peake's church drawings and Cracklow's "Churches of Surrey". Included in volume 1, part 1, are several notes from Mr. Bray to Mrs. Manning and the publisher, referring to other items in the collection e.g. Aubrey's Antiquities of Surrey.

"Excursions through Surrey", 1821, with engravings by Greig and Gastenau and some county maps.

(Dorothy Parsons).

Bagshot: Roman Road 4a

Road improvements at Dukes Hill, Bagshot (SU 90806472), have revealed a section of the London to Silchester Roman road.

The road at this point is on a bearing of 70 degrees, which aligns with a length of agger on the northern slope of Dukes Hill, and lies between the two realignments (SU 91156490 and 90756472), which together form the change of direction at this point.

The agger is 7.32 metres (24 feet) wide, and side marker ditches at 25.6 metres (84 feet).

Evidence of considerable wear can be seen in the section, although the road, at this point, is free of the probably eighteenth century hunting ride which overlies it the rest of the way to Crowthorne. The fill of a one metre rut in the agger shows silting followed by a period when the road once again came into use.

(R. H. Greaves).

Crawley, Sussex: Moot Hall at 103 High Street (TQ 268368)

The granting of the Commission for the New Towns' application to demolish the "barn" at 103 High Street, Crawley, resulted in a survey to record the building, which was thought to contain the core of a medieval house. However this examination revealed that the timber-frame structure was in fact a Moot Hall. Good examples of this type of building are

quite rare south of the Thames and this alone was sufficient grounds for preservation. Since it was not possible to leave the building in situ, it was dismantled and transported to the Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, Sussex, where it awaits reconstruction.

Experts who were involved in the project thought that the building could have been moved to 103 High Street from its original site, because the timber frame had been shortened to two and a half bays and various other structural alterations had been carried out.

During the excavation of the foundations the Crawley and Mid Sussex Archaeological Group were able to confirm that the building had originally consisted of three equal sized bays, approximately 3.96m (13 feet) by 4.27m (14 feet). The timber-frame superstructure appears to have rested upon a small wall comprised of sand-stone blocks and large slag lumps. In its original state it had been a two storey jettied building, the first floor was thought to have served as a meeting or council chamber. The ground floor was metalled with slag from which they were able to obtain pottery dating to the early fourteenth century. Below the floor they located two groups of post-holes which probably represent earlier structures on this site. Limited by time to trial sections, they were unable to examine these features thoroughly but did explain their importance to the developers, who have agreed to alter their plans, thereby preserving these features in situ. While working to the east of the building, an arched tunnel was located which appears to have been used as a water-system. It was constructed from local sand-stone, the internal measurements of which were 76.20cm (2ft. 6in.) wide and 66.04cm (2ft. 2in.) high.

During its long life the building had served many uses, not all of which were as glamorous as its primary purpose.

(J. Gibson-Hill).

Ewell: Cherry Orchard Farm, Cuddington

Nonsuch Antiquarian Society are seeking an opportunity to excavate along the boundary between the farm and Nonsuch Park, near the site of Cuddington Church. The foundations of the church were uncovered during the Nonsuch Palace excavation in 1958 and a plan appears in John Dent's "Quest for Nonsuch".

The church and the entire village of Cuddington were demolished by order of Henry VIII to make way for Nonsuch Palace. The "Vewe and Survey of the Manor of Codyngtone" c. 1537 (transcribed by John Dent) describes the manor house as "a fayre place well buyldede and withoute decaye . . . buyldede Square abowte a lytell Courte of every parte . . ."

The site has been visited by arrangement with Mr. Selwood, Parks Superintendent and the tenant, Mr. R. J. Lavender, who is willing to allow an excavation on his land, subject to the approval of the Parks Committee. A formal application will be made for permission to excavate as soon as the harvest has been cleared in September. The Site Director will be Mr. Norman Nail.

(Nonsuch A.S. Newsletter).

Richmond: Excavations on part of the site of Richmond Palace (TQ 174748)

In January 1972 a cottage and other buildings on the corner between Old Palace Lane and Old Palace Yard were demolished. In the subsequent clearing of the site a massive wall was partially exposed, and

during February 1972 a small salvage excavation was mounted by the Department of the Environment. Three-quarters of the total area of the property were already occupied by new footings and by building materials, and so excavation was confined to an area of irregular shape measuring overall 20 by 8 metres. The wall which had previously been seen was examined. Built of thin (5cms) red brick and 80cms thick it presented a fair face towards the river, some 100 metres towards the south west. On its western side there was no trace of a foundation trench, and the stratification ran in horizontal sedimentary layers to meet it. It was thus a revetment wall and presumably lined the inner side of a moat at least 10 metres broad; the bottom of the wall lies below water level, and it proved impossible to clear it to its full depth: 80cms below the water level two projecting plinth courses of brick and a levelling across the moat of brick rubble were taken to indicate the lowest level of building. A thin-walled brick structure with slight foundations had been built against the back of the revetment wall; this contained quantities of bottles, pipes and pottery of the middle to late seventeenth century: its function is uncertain.

Dating evidence for the revetment wall was inconsiderable. The moat contained in its upper filling two cess pits with eighteenth century material; the bricks of the wall itself were soft-fired and of a size and colour appropriate for a structure of the sixteenth century, and it may be taken to be part of the enceinte of the Tudor palace.

(Philip Dixon).

COURSES

Field Studies Council

Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6DA. (Dorking 3849)

ARCHAEOLOGY AND OLD BUILDINGS COURSES 1973

Iron Age around the Western Weald 25th July—1st August (Wednesday to Wednesday) Tutor—Rosamond Hanworth.

The course aims at the discovery and interpretation of the Iron Age in the Western Weald. Visits will be made to sites and lectures and discussion will form part of the course.

Fee £21.50 (£20 for individual members of the Field Studies Council) all inclusive but please allow a small sum for travel. First meeting at 20.00 hours (Wednesday evening) preceded by dinner at 18.30. Visitors leave after breakfast the following Wednesday.

Surrey Buildings 10th—14th August (Friday to Tuesday). Tutor: Joan M. Harding.

A number of local old farmhouses and cottages will be visited and important data recorded as aids to dating will be undertaken. Inventories, life in medieval homes, the development of chimneys will be included amongst the topics considered. Lectures and discussion will be part of the course.

Inclusive fee £14.40, please allow a small sum for travel. First meeting at 20.00 hours on Friday evening preceded by dinner at 18.30 hours. Visitors leave Tuesday morning, 14th August.

For details of the Centre and a place on a course please write to the Warden.

University of London Department of Extra-Mural Studies

A two week archaeology course on **URBAN EXCAVATION**, 14-29th July, 1973 at Southwark.

Fee: £10.00 per two weeks, non-residential.

This course is principally concerned to offer an opportunity on a non-residential basis for Diploma and Certificate students living in the London area to gain approved experience in excavation techniques.

Course outline:

Excavation and recording of finds, Site and trench drawing, Methods of survey, Initial processing of finds.

Field Director: Harvey Sheldon, B.Sc.; Tutoring Team: Miss Judith Plouviez, B.A. (London Institute of Archaeology, Experienced site worker); Miss Irene Schwab, B.A. (University of Birmingham, full-time employee of Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee (SAEC)); Robert Symbalist (Engineer and Surveyor).

Applications should be made on the attached form and sent with the fee to, W. D. Maylor, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, 7 Ridgmount Street, WC1E 7AD.

URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY, 14-29th JULY, 1973

Name.....

Address

Daytime Telephone Number.....

I am currently attending the course on.....
as a diploma/certificate/non-examination student (delete as appropriate)

Occupation

Please return this form with the fee to:

W. D. Maylor, Senior Assistant to the Director, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AD.

University of Southampton Department of Extra-Mural Studies

19-21st October, 1973—The Early Modern Towns of Wessex. The last of the "Winchester Weekends" on urban archaeology. Director of Studies—Martin Biddle.

17-18th November, 1973—Rescue Conservation Workshop. An instructional course for beginners and semi-experienced amateur archaeologists. Advice on "First Aid for Finds" and deciding what can be done by the amateur and what should be left to the specialist. Tutors—D. Leigh, B.Sc., Experimental Officer, Dept. of Archaeology, Southampton University and Mrs. S. Keene, Conservator, Winchester Research Unit. Numbers limited: prior enrolment essential.

January, 1974—Bones Seminar. A small weekend seminar for those with some experience of handling human and animal bones on archaeological sites. Enquiries, stating details of experience and/or current work will be welcomed.

8-10th February, 1974—Rural Settlement in Southern Britain. The first of an annual series, modelled on the Winchester Weekends. Year I—Prehistoric (Neolithic-Iron Age). Speakers and other details to be announced.

Further details and application forms for the above events will be available in due course from: Mrs. J. Pocock, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Southampton SO9 5NH. Tel. 559122 Ext. 466.

Singleton: Open Air Museum

The Open Air Museum of the Weald and Downland at Singleton (West Dean) near Chichester, is open to the public every day except Mondays and Fridays until the end of September. During October the Museum is open on Sundays and Wednesdays only. Several interesting timber-framed buildings dating from the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries have been saved from destruction and are being re-erected on the new site. Visitors will be able to watch work in progress and inspect those buildings that are complete.

Admission: Adults 25p, Children under 14 years 10p. Party rates on prior application. Free parking and picnic sites. Entrance on the Goodwood road, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Singleton, 6 miles north of Chichester.

Further information from the Director, Open Air Museum of the Weald and Downland, Duffryn, Liphook, Hants.

Forthcoming Publications

Current Research in Romano-British Coarse Pottery

The Papers given at the CBA Conference at New College, Oxford, in March, 1972, will be published within the next three months.

The unforeseen size of the book—nearly 200 pages, with plates and line drawings—and cost of publication, has meant that the exclusion of some contributions and cutting down of others has had to be seriously considered. Rather than thus diminishing the value of the book, however, the CBA has decided to go ahead and publish a limited edition of the full proceedings of the Conference, although the result will be a higher price than is usual for CBA Publications.

A special concession is, however, to be offered to those who attended the Conference in March, 1972, or who are subscribers to CBA Publications, in the form of a pre-publication price of £3 per copy. The offer closes on 30th June, 1973 and thereafter, the book will cost £4. Cheques and Postal Orders to CBA, 8 St. Andrews Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LB.

Contents include:

- Supplies to the Army—Dr. Graham Webster
- Gallo-Belgic Imports—Miss Valerie Rigby
- Mortaria—Mrs. K. F. Hartley
- Northern Military Sites—Mr. J. P. Gillam
- Mineral Analysis—Dr. D. S. Peacock
- Black-burnished ware—Mr. R. A. H. Farrar
- Oxfordshire Wares—Mr. C. J. Young
- New Forest Wares—Mrs. V. Swan
- Nene Valley Wares—Dr. J. P. Wild & Mr. G. B. Dannell
- Kilns: Hartshill & Mancetter—Mrs. K. F. Hartley
- Experimental Kilns—Mr. G. F. Bryant

Celtic Studies

A booklet of essays in preparation, based on the four-year class by Dr. Anne Ross. Available Autumn 1973. Enquiries to D. E. Johnston, Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Southampton.

Rescue Archaeology in Hampshire

A new journal, of which No. 1 will be available in 1973. Enquiries to The Editor, South Hampshire Archaeological Rescue Group, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Southampton.

MEETINGS

JULY

Monday 2nd, 8 p.m.

THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY HOUSEHOLD. Talk by Lady Armstrong to Mayford H.S. at Mayford Village Hall.

Tuesday 10th, 8 p.m.

PATES MANOR, BEDFONT. Talk by F. Clive-Ross to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at the Library, Strode's School, High Street, Egham. Visitors welcome, 12½p.

Thursday 12th, 7.30 p.m.

THE MESOLITHIC SITES ON BLACKHEATH. Talk by E. Foster, and **THE MAYFORD EXPERIMENT.** Talk by L. E. Quelle to Guildford Members of the S.A.S. at The Brewhouse, Guildford.

Tuesday 17th, 8 p.m.

THE POTTERY INDUSTRY OF WEST SURREY AND HAMPSHIRE. Talk by F. Holling to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Kingston Museum, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Wednesday 18th, 9.15 a.m.

S.A.S. VISIT TO ROMSEY ABBEY AND MOTTISFONT ABBEY, HANTS. Full details were given in Bulletin 97.

Saturday, 28th

S.A.S. VISIT TO COLDHARBOUR AND LEITH HILL

Arranged by Mrs. J. Banks

11.00 Meet at South Holmwood Church (TQ 173447). 414 bus leaves W. Croydon 8.48, Redhill 9.33, Reigate 9.45, Dorking White Horse 10.11, arriving Holly and Laurel 10.25. Church is on far side of Main Road A24 few minutes south.

Walk via Folly Lane and pathway to Anstiebury Camp (TQ 153440) (See Bulletin 94).

12.00 See and hear about excavations 1972-3 by kind permission Mr. F. H. Thompson, director.

13.00 Lunch. Plough Inn, Coldharbour serves snacks.

Afternoon—Visit Coldharbour village and Leith Hill Tower.

17.00 Tea provided by Coldharbour W.I. in Village Hall.

Walking distance about 8 miles

Tickets: Members 20p, Visitors 25p, Students half price, accompanied children under 16 free. Tea 30p, limited to 25, please order when applying.

Next Issue

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in July. There will be none in August. Copy is required by 5th June.