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**AGM**

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 22nd June, at 3 p.m. in the Guildhall, Guildford. A letter from the Hon Secretary concerning the change of status of the Society accompanies this *Bulletin*.

**SAS VISITS**

May 15th	Squerryes Court and Titsey Place Full details are given elsewhere in this <i>Bulletin</i>
June	This has not yet been settled and details will be given in <i>Bulletin 107</i> mid-May (issue for June)

**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

**DOMINICAN FRIARY, GUILDFORD (SU 994495)**

Directors: Humphrey Woods and Terence Courtney

This excavation will take place throughout April. Full details were given in *Bulletin 105*.

The series of lectures on The Monastic Archaeology of Surrey, arranged by the University of Surrey Centre for Adult Education details of which were circulated with *Bulletin 105*, has been timed to coincide with this excavation and the organisers are grateful to Mr Felix Holling for help in planning them.

**ASHTHEAD, THE OLD QUARRY, THE WARREN**

Director: Frank Pemberton

This excavation will continue during April. Full details were given in *Bulletin 104*.

**Broadfields, Crawley (TQ 258353)**

Rescue excavations on the Iron Age and Romano-British settlement are being carried out from 1st March to 19th October, 1974, under the auspices of the Institute of Archaeology's Field Unit, and will be in operation seven days a week. Facilities for volunteers to join the excavation for extended periods will be provided between 16th June-12th October, when there will be camping facilities and other accommodation available on and near to the site.

Further details from C. Pratt, c/o 48 Paddockhurst Road, Gossops Green, Crawley.

## NOTES

### Wealden Iron Research Group

Mr David S. Butler, 63 Mackie Avenue, Hassocks, Sussex, has succeeded Mr Pettit as Secretary to the Group.

### Croydon: Stone axe-hammer (TQ 3216(36))

A perforated axe-hammer, said to be of granite, has been given to the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society and published by Mrs L. Thornhill (*Proc. CNHSS XIV* (1973), 261). The artefact had been found at a depth of approximately 1.35 metres on a building site at St Anne's Way, South Croydon.

The axe-hammer measures 25.3 centimetres long by 8.5 centimetres wide and is 5 centimetres deep at the butt and 8 centimetres at the blade. Its perforation is 5 centimetres in diameter. The blade is slightly flared and the butt has a roughly rectangular shape. Axe-hammers are usually found in necked beaker contexts.

(D. J. Turner)

### Guildford: Excavations in the Castle Ditch (SU 998493)

A section was cut across the castle ditch in Castle Street in the autumn and winter of 1972/3 with the object of discovering its original form and depth and any evidence for its date. The first section had to be abandoned on reaching a depth of 4.25 metres because it became unsafe owing to soil movement. A second ditch was therefore cut slightly higher up Castle Street and this reached the bottom at 6.25 metres below the present surface. Both sections showed a V-shaped profile with similar angles of slope on either side of the ditch. The original width of the ditch at the surface would have been approximately 12 metres, but its outer edge had been destroyed by later buildings in both the areas examined. The only feature found in it was a path which had been constructed along the side of the mound about 2 metres above the ditch bottom. This was built up of chalk, with a rough surface of Bargate stone and mortar.

Below the modern disturbance which included numerous drain pipes, the ditch filling down to 1.8 metres contained a scatter of seventeenth century pottery and consisted mainly of sticky chalky soil with occasional lenses of chalk. The nature of the filling suggested that the ditch had been filled up in a comparatively short time after having been left open to accumulate a layer of about 30 centimetres of soil above the rest of the filling. This layer, representing the sixteenth century dereliction of the castle, was preceded by one containing a number of large shaped blocks of chalk in fresh condition which looked as if they had been intended for reconstruction or repair of castle buildings, but had been discarded unused. Fifteenth century sherds were mixed with this level, but not in any quantity, and fewer still were found in the lower part of the ditch where the filling was comparatively clean chalk rubble. No sherds could positively be dated earlier than the thirteenth century. Bones mixed with the filling were analysed by Mrs. Dore, and found to be chiefly from food animals (ox, sheep and pig), with ox predominating. There were also bones from at least two horses, seven dogs, and a few birds.

(Felix Holling)

### **Reigate: Congregational Church (TQ 252502)**

The Congregational Church, High Street, Reigate, and church hall were to be demolished to make way for a supermarket and car park. The land behind the church consisted of the Verger's cottage and garden and three grass tennis courts. The garden area was excavated by members of the Bourne Society under the direction of Miss L. Ketteringham; the tennis court area by the Holmesdale Archaeological Group.

The Congregational Church itself was built at the beginning of the nineteenth Century. Records for 1725 show that the Chapel or Meeting House was then a barn in the High Street, known as Blatt's Barn (after the owner). The tennis court area was shown on Bryant's map of 1785 as an orchard with a ditch (common to adjoining properties) running parallel to the Priory boundary wall.

#### *The Tennis-Court Area*

There were no apparent features in the ground which had been levelled-off for the courts, apart from the ditch, the infill of which included medieval and post-medieval sherds. Seventeenth Century wares were found on the packed chalk layer which formed the bottom. A cutting was taken down to the natural greensand level revealing traces of a possible earlier ditch or watercourse.

In the same trench a nineteenth century brick built soakaway or well was found. It had a corbelled shoulder and was covered by a sandstone paving slab. The bottom cut into the natural greensand and the first course of bricks was laid on wooden planking. It was 155 centimetres deep and had an inner diameter of 77 centimetres. It had not been filled in and debris in the bottom included wine bottle necks, tins, clay tobacco pipes, glazed sherds, china and stoneware, wood, shell, bone, hazel and beechnuts.

A known Victorian ornamental pond was found immediately north of the well.

Another well was found at the north end of the courts area, much nearer to the church and cottage. It was made of chalk blocks dressed inside, to a circle 116 centimetres deep by 100 centimetres (inner diameter) and tool marks were clearly visible. The top had been repaired, with several courses of brick. The well had been filled in completely with soil which contained medieval and post-medieval sherds, bones, broken tile and oyster shell.

At a depth of 1 metre a Mesolithic level was found in two trenches, lying directly above the natural sand; there were black patches in association with flint flakes. Similar flints as well as cores were found throughout the site and an analysis of these is as follows: 6 Cores, 4 Scrapers, 1 Backed knife, 45 Blade flakes, 15 Blades retouched, notched or serrated, approximately 75 Primary flakes.

These excavations took place between March and October 1973 at weekends only. Due to various factors, it was not possible to follow the ditch nor trace the extent of the possible Mesolithic layer.

(Mary Slade)

#### *The Verger's garden*

Dark sandy loam covered white sand to a depth of almost 1 metre, except for an irregular outcrop of sandstone in one area at a depth of 71 centimetres. Medieval, post-medieval and modern pottery was prolific,

together with Victorian rubbish, clay pipe stems and bowls and broken roof tiles. For the first 60 centimetres post-medieval and later pottery predominated, but there were some thirteenth and fourteenth century sherds. Below this level there was very little pottery nor any other objects later than fourteenth century. No foundations of any kind were found. There seemed to be a definite layer of medieval pottery at 68 centimetres, but this must have been fortuitous as later sherds and objects, admittedly few, were found beneath it. The soil was very soft and disturbed over the whole area, but there was slight chalk and mortar traces around the medieval pottery layer.

In the white sand a series of dark, sharply defined shapes were revealed giving the appearance of a robbed stone wall. A strip of dark earth, possibly a drainage gully, harder than the surrounding sand, continued the line of shapes and ended in a pit 40 centimetres deep in which were found thirteenth and fourteenth century sherds. Another similar pit was found also containing some medieval sherds.

Finds included a George II farthing, an unknown coin (possibly a long-cross silver penny), a prick-spur and an eighteenth century salt box. The pottery ranged from twelfth to fourteenth century; then there seems to be a gap until late sixteenth century or later, after which there is a wide range up to the present day.

(Lesley Ketteringham)

#### **Southwark's Redevelopment: Joint action by interested bodies**

The Hay's Wharf scheme covers 38 acres over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of river front. It is proposed that precisely seven buildings will remain including the new Battle-bridge House; a school, diocesan offices, and Hibernia Chambers. Just possibly some warehouses may be converted into an hotel. The North Southwark plans involve massive demolition towards Waterloo. Bermondsey has already a long stretch of riverside premises with "property acquired" notices affixed. Concurrently many firms are moving away or closing down.

Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society are to carry out a survey of the borough of Southwark, starting at the northern end, to record, mostly by photography, the buildings, structures, machinery and processes, which are likely to be lost in the redevelopment. They hope to get help and co-operation from all interested groups and bodies, and to this end Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society have arranged an illustrated lecture by Michael Bussel at 7 p.m., Wednesday 24th April at Archbishop Temple School Annexe, Westminster Bridge Road. As time is short, initial surveys in advance of this meeting started in March. Future ones are given below and GLIAS very much hope that members of this Society may be able to join them.

#### **Saturday 20th April *Bermondsey and Rotherhithe***

All day session. Includes Leather Market and associated premises, Shad Thames, Bermondsey Well East and West, and even St Mary's Church. With luck the 'Angel', with superb river view, will be opening as we conclude the day. For lunch venue contact David Thomas.

Meet: London Bridge Tube booking office 11.00.

#### **Tuesday 30th April *Bankside***

Evening, including Hopton, Union and Southwark Streets. Thence to the Italian 'Trattoria La Spezia' restaurant, London Bridge.

Meet: 18.00 Blackfriars, at Coalbrookdale fountain in NE corner of the bridge, outside tube station.

**Thursday 9th May *Blackfriars Bridge to Waterloo***

Evening, including Stamford Street, Upper Ground and the terraces of Rondell Street. Meet at 30th April. Cheap meal, then beer in the preserved PS 'Old Caledonia', near Waterloo Bridge.

For further details of these and future visits, please contact David Thomas, 4 Heyford Avenue, London, SW8 (735 2132, evenings).

**Westcott: The Malthouse, Milton Street (TQ 149487)**

The Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) is finding many examples of bricks with carved initials and dates built into houses built or bricked over in the eighteenth century. Of particular interest is The Malthouse, Milton Street, Westcott. Of several builds, the dated bricks include WK 1717 and TD 1738 with 9 overcarved.

The original core of the house is a 2½-bay timber framed construction of the late sixteenth century, which later was clad with mathematical tiles—hanging tiles shaped to simulate the face of brickwork. At the side of a front window there is one marked MF 1724. This is an unusually early date for mathematical tiles.

Dated bricks are often found in the brickwork immediately surrounding the front door, and the DBRG (Surrey) would be pleased to hear of houses with such dated bricks or with dated tiles. (Joan M. Harding)

**Wonersh: Hallams Court, Blackheath (TQ 04074559)**

In January 1973 the Guildford Group of SAS commenced a systematic field survey of Blackheath. Since the nineteenth century, a considerable amount of flint has been found on the surface of the heath but little record was made of exact find spots. A number of implements and flakes were discovered during the Group's survey, some as isolated finds and others in definite concentrations. One such occurred on land adjacent to the Heath near Hallams Court on Lower Greensand at 313ft OD. It was considered that an excavation here might add greatly to the sparse knowledge of the Mesolithic of Blackheath.

With the kind permission of the owner, Mr L. M. Ballamy, an excavation has continued on Sundays throughout the winter. Finds so far have been mesolithic flints and medieval pottery. The pottery occurs in a layer sealed by modern tree-roots and topsoil, and the flints are in an undisturbed layer stratified beneath it. The whole of the northern end of the trench excavated has been disturbed by a flat-bottomed ditch which cuts about 9 inches into the natural. The fill of the ditch is stained sand with a darker irregular layer (4 inches approximate) at the bottom (rapid silt). Backfilling may have taken place in one operation when the present boundary ditch and bank was constructed 10 feet to the north. Nothing has so far been found in the fill other than a few flints. The ditch runs almost parallel to the present one and probably represents an earlier boundary ditch.

The finds of flint have yet to be analysed but include about 45 cores and core-scrapers, 20 microliths, several saws and scrapers, as well as numerous retouched and utilized flakes. (John Janaway)

### **Woking: Slocock's Nursery**

Field walking has been severely hampered by the dense undergrowth and tall grass and nettles on those areas due for clearance and development in late 1973/early 1974, and by the fact that no walking has been possible on the greater part of the nursery where the land is still being intensively worked by Messrs Slocock's.

Now that development has been started in some areas, the work of clearance and trenching is being watched, but, so far, nothing of interest has been seen.

The development contractors and Messrs Slocock's have been very helpful.  
(Nancy Cox)

### **Recent Publications**

Saaler, M. (1973). Archaeological Fieldwork (along the route of M25 and the Godstone By-Pass). *Bourne Soc Bulletin* 71, 2.

Savage, R. W. (1973). Further Work at St. Johns Road, Old Town, Croydon, in 1972. *Croydon NH & SS Newsletter* 18, 2-3.

Savage, R. W. (1973). Archaeology in Croydon in 1973 (formation of a research policy). *Croydon NH & SS Newsletter* 19, 2.

Savage, R. W. (1973). Roman Remains at Spring Park, Shirley (conjectural settlement—previously reported in *Arch Cant* XLV, 188).

Stonebanks, J. (1973). The Thames at Walton (24 pp., 12 figs., no price given). Walton & Weybridge LHS. Paper No. 11.

Thomas, T. (1973). Demolition (Vick International Ltd., Brewery Road, N17 and NAAFI Warehouse, Kennings Way, SE11). *GLIAS Newsletter* 24, 2.

Thomas, T. (1973). Clapham Transport Museum (disposal of exhibits). *GLIAS Newsletter* 25, 3.

Thornhill, Lillian (1972). Medieval Site at Addington. *The London Archaeologist* II, 1, 8-11.

Thornhill, Lillian (1972). London's Archaeological Societies—Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. *The London Archaeologist* II, 1, 21-24.

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Thomas, A. P. (1973). (Ed.) *Rescue News*, 3. 10p from 25a The Tything, Worcester.

Tebbutt, C. F. (1973). Wealden Fortified Camps and the Iron Industry. (Piper's Copse, Saxonbury and Garden Hill, Sussex, Hascombe and Dry Hill, Surrey). *WIRG Bulletin* 5, 11-12.

Thornhill, Lillian (1973). More Reflections on the Subterranean Structure in Surrey Street. *Croydon NH & SS Newsletter* 18, 4.

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Walker, T. E. C. (1973). Esher District PCC Inventories. *Esher District LHS. Local History News*, 20, 131-2.

Wykes, S. (1973). A Short History of Local Railways. *Egham-by-Runnymede HS Newsletter*, 64, 3-4.

Worssam, B. (1973). Ore for the Wealden Iron Industry. *WIRG Bulletin* 5, 1-3.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

### Surrey Local History Society

AGM on Saturday, 8th June, at 2.15 p.m. at Bourne Hall, Ewell, followed by a talk on Ewell and a walk around the town with a visit to the Borough Museum, Saturday, 19th October, Symposium at Dorking Halls, subject: Road Transport—turnpike system, early road bridges and transport on the roads.

CBA 11a CONFERENCE—Saturday, 30th November

## MEETINGS

### APRIL

Saturday 6th, 10.30 a.m.

#### SAS SYMPOSIUM FOR 1974. Subject: IRON

at Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon

Chairman: Mr. Peter L. Drewett, BSc

10.30 a.m. Chairman's introduction

10.40 a.m. "The Beginning of History"—*Film*

11.30 a.m. Anstiebury Hill Fort—*Mr F. H. Thompson*

12.15 p.m. Sussex Iron Working, mainly in the Roman Period—*Mr. Henry Cleere (Director of CBA)*

1.00 p.m. Lunch Break

2.15 p.m. The Ironbridge Gorge Museum—*Mr. Alan Machin*

3.15 p.m. The Surrey Iron Railway—*Mr Jim Shenton*

4.10 p.m. Tea

4.45 p.m. Discussion and Chairman's closing remarks

Admission by ticket (to include coffee and tea)—50p. Students 40p.

Applications to be sent to: Mrs. L. Thornhill, 31 Devonshire Way, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8BU (with a stamped addressed envelope please)

Members are advised to bring a packed lunch though coffee will be served. Groups wishing to show exhibits should contact Mrs Thornhill as soon as possible.

Saturday 6th, 2-5 p.m.

Sunday 7th, 10-12 noon and 2-4 p.m.

OPEN DAYS AT FULHAM POTTERY, 210 New Kings Road, SW6 (Close to Putney Bridge Station). Finds from the excavations will be on view. (By kind permission of the Fulham Pottery Ltd).

Friday 26th, 8 p.m.

PALEOLITHIC ART. Talk by D. Collins to Wandsworth HS at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

### MAY

Wednesday 1st, 5.00 p.m.

AGM THE BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, followed by Reginald Taylor Prize Essay, Lord Leicester's Church, Denbigh; a Puritan Experiment, by L. A. S. Butler. At the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly. (Enquiries as above).

Wednesday 1st, 8 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN CORNWALL. Talk by N. Nail to Nonsuch AS at Glyn Hall, Cheam Road, Ewell.

**Monday 6th, 8 p.m.**

**ASPECTS OF OUR LOCAL HISTORY.** Talk by members of the Mayford HS at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

**Wednesday 8th, 8.15 p.m.**

**AGM WALTON & WEYBRIDGE LHS** at Elmgrove, Walton-on-Thames.

**Wednesday 15th, 5 p.m.**

**AGM ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE** followed by The Dating of St Laurence's Chapel, Bradford-on-Avon, address by H. M. Taylor at the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly.

**Wednesday 15th**

**SAS VISIT TO SQUERRYES COURT AND TITSEY PLACE**

Arranged by Mr. R. H. Leveson Gower

**11.00 a.m.** Squerries Court, Westerham, Kent, on A25. This is a special morning opening for the SAS and admission will be 22p for a party of over 20.

Lunch should be easily obtainable in Westerham.

**2.30 p.m.** Visit Titsey Place, Titsey by kind permission of Mr. R. H. G. Leveson Gower.

The party will be limited to 50 and only SAS members and their spouses can be admitted to Titsey Place.

Tickets (members and visitors 20p, students half price and accompanied children free) from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

**Tuesday 21st, 8 p.m.**

**KINGSTON 1910/1971, PAIRED SLIDES.** Talk by R. J. Lloyd to Kingston upon Thames AS at The Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston.

**Friday 31st, 8 p.m.**

**FIELDWORK IN HERTFORDSHIRE.** Talk by T. Rook to Wandsworth HS at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

**JUNE**

**Wednesday 5th, 8 p.m.**

**AN IRISH MISCELLANY.** Talk by F. Pemberton to Nonsuch AS at Glyn Hall, Cheam Road, Ewell.

**Tuesday 18th, 8 p.m.**

**KINGSTON'S FAMOUS MUSICIANS.** Talk by H. Tims to Kingston upon Thames AS at The Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston.

**Saturday 22nd**

**AGM SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.**

Full details will be circulated in *Bulletin* 107 for May, 1974.

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The next issue of the *Bulletin* will be in mid-May, for June. Copy is required by 15th April.  
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