ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held on Saturday, 1st November, 1975, at 3 p.m. at the Guildhall, Guildford, by kind permission of the Guildford Corporation. Dame Kathleen Kenyon has kindly indicated that she hopes to take the Chair.

D. J. Turner
Secretary

Agenda

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To read and, if approved, to sign as correct the minutes of the meetings of 21st September, 1974.
3. To receive and consider and, if approved, to adopt the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts and the Auditors’ Report for the period 1st January 1974 to 31st March 1975 (all of which will be distributed to members before the meeting).
4. To elect the President for 1975-76.
   Mr R. W. McDowall, OBE, FSA has been nominated for election.
5. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents.
6. To elect Vice-Presidents for 1975-76.
7. To elect Officers for 1975-76.
8. To elect six Ordinary Members of Council to retire in 1979 under Article 21a.
   Nominations have already been received in respect of the following six candidates:
   Mr J. C. Batley (nominated by Council)
   Miss N. Frost
   Mr J. Janaway
   Mrs K. R. Kay
   Mr C. R. Orton
   Mr B. F. J. Pardoe (nominated by Council)
   (Nominations for election under 4-8 should be sent to the Secretary not less than seven days before the meeting. All nominations require a proposer and seconder who must be members of the incorporated Society and nominations must also be accompanied by a signed statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. Institutional members are not eligible for election).
9. To appoint the Honorary Auditor for 1975-76.
10. Any other business.

Tea will be available at 25p per head.
EXCAVATION NOTICE
PETTERS' SPORTS FIELD, EGHAM (TQ 017718)

(Director: David Barker)

Work is continuing on this site and volunteers will be welcome. Contact David Barker at Egham 3873.

NOTES AND QUERIES

New Members from 1.7.75
Mr J. F. Cotton, 34 Carshalton Place, Carshalton.
Mr P. J. Towey, 28 Watermill Close, Ham, Richmond, TW10 74H.
Mr T. F. Maull, 54 Combe Road, Farncombe, Godalming, GU7 3SL.
Mr and Mrs G. H. Rusbridger, Downlands, Warren Road, Guildford.
Mr C. R. Webb, MA, 3 Hawthorn Close, Woking.
Miss M. Harlow, Woodlands, 59 St Mary's Road, Long Ditton, KT6 5HB.
Mrs C. Charlish, The Mount, Queens Drive, Oxshott.
Mr D. C. Phipps, Sarum, Church Lane, Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3RU.

New Members from 1.8.75
Miss A. J. Baldassari, 68 Thames Court, Greenview Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.
Mr S. B-D. Carpenter, 175 Epsom Road, Merrow, Guildford, GU1 2QY.
Mr D. H. L. Magnus, Woodland Cottage, Linkside East, Hindhead.
Mr J. A. Whitebourn, 36 Binscombe Crescent, Farncombe, Godalming, GU7 3RB.
Mr C. R. Wilcock, 29 Park Road, Godalming.
Mrs P. McGonigal, 81 Wellington Close, Mepworth Way, Walton on Thames.

Recent accessions to the Society's Library (Previous list in Bulletin 116, April 1975)

(a) GENERAL


British Archaeological Reports:
Laid, L. R. Settlement types in post-Roman Scotland. 1975.
Oswald, A. Clay pipes for the archaeologist. 1975.
Cornwall, I. W. Bones for the archaeologist. Ed. 2. 1975.
Daniel, G. 150 years of archaeology. 1975.
Ellis, S. Tape recording of local dialect. 1971.
Emmison, F. E. and Gray, I. County records. 1961.
Fowler, P. J. Recent work in rural archaeology. 1975.
Gerry, D. Towpath walks by the Basingstoke Canal. 1974 (Mrs G. Crocker).
Harvey, J. H. Sources for the history of houses. 1974.
Laing, L. R. The archaeology of later Celtic Britain and Ireland, c. 400-1200 AD. 1975.

London Studies. Vol 1- 1974-
Major, J. K. Fieldwork in industrial archaeology. 1975.
Nylander, C. The deep well. 1971 (Mrs A. Knee).
Richardson, J. Local historians' encyclopedia. 1974.
Wacher, J. The towns of Roman Britain. 1975.
Wight, J. A. Medieval floor tiles. 1975.
Wilson, R. J. A. Guide to Roman remains in Britain. 1975.

(b) SURREY GENERAL


Parker, E. Surrey anthology. 1952.
Roundabout. The Surrey tourist. 1868. (M. J. Leverett).
Williams, H. South London. 1949.

(c) SURREY LOCAL

Elmbridge

Guildford

London—Croydon
London—Kingston

London—Lambeth

London—Merton

London—Southwark

Mole Valley

Reigate and Banstead

Members may like to note that the Library now has parts 1-4, 8, 9, 15-17, 19, 21-24 and 28 of the Victoria County History of Surrey available for loan.

Library Research Material
Since only attendant staff is on duty at Castle Arch on Saturday afternoons it is not possible for research material, maps and certain provincial periodicals to be fetched for members at that time. Members requiring to use this material on Saturday afternoons are asked to give notice of their requirements to the library helper or a member of the Museum staff in advance, or to give at least three days notice to the Hon Librarian (29 Orchard Drive, Horsell, Woking, GU21 4BW. Woking 72801), so that items may be put out for them or the librarian or a helper will be at Castle Arch to help them.

(R. A. Christophers)

EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR AWARDS BY THE CIVIC TRUST

1. Dorking: Castle Mill (Disused nineteenth century watermill)—Restoration and conversion into a house

The mill had been derelict for eighteen years before its purchase in 1969. The mill stones and ancillary machinery had already been removed but it was possible to conserve the main drive machinery and wheel, which were in good condition. The original shaft now rises through the new dining and sitting room.

In converting the mill into a house, the architect/owner accepted the disciplines imposed by the system of construction and the original materials. In the weather-boarded parts the traditional windows have been renewed and some similar new ones added; but at first floor level, straddling the brick base and timber superstructure, the plate glass windows and doors (at least one of which replaces a previous doorway) indicate the new use of the building.
2. Kingston: The Parish Church of All Saints—Restoration of the tower
Regular inspection of the church fabric had revealed the gradually worsen-
ing condition of the tower, and a comprehensive structural survey carried
out in 1971 confirmed that it had by then reached a highly dangerous state.
The entire upper part had to be dismantled, the lower part bolted on to
an inner concrete frame and rcfaced, all eight buttresses rebuilt, and the
bell-ringing and clock supports and mechanisms replaced. The opportunity
was also taken to clean, renew, re-gild and repaint (as appropriate) the
clock dials, pineapple finials, weathervane, flag mast and the bells them-
selves.
The large sum of money needed was raised by a series of public appeals—
and it is noteworthy that, but for the efficiency and speed of the contractors
and the considerable amount of voluntary work contributed by the bell
ringers themselves, it could have cost a great deal more.
Now rebuilt as it was in 1708, the tower remains as an important part of
the Market Place in the Kingston Old Town Conservation Area and a
landmark visible for miles around.

3. Lambeth: Vassall Road Conservation Area—Two rehabilitatio-
schemes of nineteenth century terraces, some new building and land-
scaping by the GLC and the London Borough of Lambeth have been the
subject of two awards
Three fine terraces (21-37 Foxley Road and 105-113 and 123-155 Vassall
Road) built around 1820 had reached a stage of neglect where further
deterioration would have made it necessary to demolish them. However,
the opportunity was taken by the GLC to rehabilitate the terraces to
provide up-to-date housing accommodation and at the same time to carry
out environmental improvements. This scheme is part of a large pro-
grame of rehabilitation in the Conservation Area.
The nine houses in Foxley Road are of four storeys (including base-
ments) with five-storey centre and end houses; the ten in Vassall Road
are four- and five-storey. Together the 19 houses have produced a total
of 84 flats. By careful internal planning no new windows were required
on the main elevations, but in the basement flats larger windows were
provided and areas opened up to improve light and outlook.
The restoration has included the reinstatement of broken ironwork and
mouldings, and the landscaping is imaginative.
Terrace houses in Cowley Road (11-27) form the western boundary and
others in Vassall Road (64-80) the northern boundary of a part of the
Conservation Area that is also a General Development Area. Nos 11-27
Cowley Road, built in 1824, are two-storey stucco-fronted houses forming
a terrace which (with the exception of 23, 25 and 27 at one end) has a
continuous low-relief wall arcing enclosing the doors and windows—an
arrangement which may be unique. The structure and fabric have been
thoroughly renovated by the London Borough of Lambeth and the
frontage most skilfully restored. Dilapidated rear additions have been
replaced by single-storey extensions built in second-hand yellow stocks to
blend with the existing work.
The handsome early Victorian detached houses in Vassall Road form
part of the development which includes new building as well as restora-
tion. Four of the houses have been turned into grouped flats for old
people, with a common room and warden's accommodation, and the
remaining five converted into self-contained flats. New linking blocks between the houses provide garages with single-person flats above. Behind the houses there is now an open garden.

4. Peckham: Beeston's Almshouses, Consort Road—Improvement of the original building and addition of new accommodation in two single-storey wings

This modest scheme included the restoration of the fine chimneys to their original dignity. The rear facade of the main building has been restored and the new single storey wings reflect the design and scale of the original mid-nineteenth century terrace. By enclosing the front garden they contribute to its atmosphere.

5. Richmond: 4 The Terrace, Richmond Hill—Restoration and modernisation of house originally built about 1753

The crumbling facade, rendered some time in the nineteenth century, was demolished and rebuilt in brick to its original design. Later additions have been removed if unsuitable but, as in the case of the bay window and its balustrade, allowed to remain if thought in character. The renovated interior displays the same high quality as that apparent from outside. (D. J. Turner)

Surrey Local History Organisations 5th Edition, August 1975

Copies of this List of Societies and Institutions interested in the history of Surrey can be obtained from:

Surrey County Library,
Caterham Valley Branch,
Stafford Road,
Caterham,
Surrey CR3 6JG.

The compilers (at the above address) would welcome information concerning new organisations, and would also like to be advised of any major changes which may occur in the details already published.

Coulson: The Church of St John the Evangelist

The opportunity was offered to the Bourne Society to examine two spaces left by the removal of rotten floorboards beneath the choir stalls in the old chancel of the thirteenth century church with the object of finding the presumed Saxon foundations of the building, which was mentioned in the Domesday Book, AD 1098.

Five floors, including the 1898 wooden floor, were identified, believed to be dated 1898, 1807, fifteenth century, 1250 and pre-1250 (but not thought to be Saxon). Two burials inserted between 1250 and the fifteenth century floor, one in a wooden coffin, and a few thirteenth/fourteenth century sherds in the fill above them were found, but no other significant dating material. There were also some pieces of medieval floor tiles, glazed yellow and black or dark green without designs.

The sandstone and flint walls were built over chalk foundations 26cm deep laid in a clay-filled trench and a very solid flint, rubble and clay platform, edged with stone, stood at right-angles to the north side wall extending 1.5m towards the centre of the chancel. This is thought to be
the foundations of a low Norman chancel arch as the present wide thirteenth century arch stands on the same alignment. The presumed opposite platform on the south side had been destroyed by a Victorian heating conduit.

Finds included glass, coffin and small nails, post-medieval pottery, some yellow-painted wall plaster, a few animal and disturbed human bones.

A fuller report will appear in the Collections. (Lesley Ketteringham)

Esher: Medieval house at West End

While renovations were being carried out on one of the smaller weather-boarded houses in West End, it was found to be a timber framed medieval open-hall dwelling with a good earth floor, outshot, and indications of a smoke hood. A chimney was later inserted when the open hall was floored over, probably during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

(Esher District LHS News-sheet No 29, June, 1975)

Guildford: Milestones and Mileposts

The Planning Officer of Guildford Borough Council is seeking to compile a record of milestones and historic mileposts within the Borough of Guildford, and is requesting details of any such signs or posts from parish councils, amenity groups, etc. His aim is to ensure their preservation from such threats as road widening. Anyone who has details of such stones or posts within the area covered by the Borough Council (that is the old Guildford Borough and Guildford Rural District) should inform the Planning Officer, Mr B. D. Bagot, Guildford Borough Council, Municipal Offices, High Street, Guildford GU1 3BO. (D. G. Bird)

Guildford: Local SAS Group

When the Guildford Group of the the SAS was formed nearly three years ago the main aims were to participate actively in archaeological work being undertaken in the county and particularly in Guildford and, also, to initiate a project in which all members could easily participate, either working in their own time or jointly with other members.

It was decided to prepare a map of the area covered by the 1954-1974 Borough based on the Tithe Maps, showing the extent of the town and surrounding villages in the years 1838-49 when the pattern of settlement was largely unaffected by the railways. The Borough was divided into five areas so that members could work near their homes and many months were spent in the patient examination and tracing of the Tithe Maps of the seven parishes—Holy Trinity, St Mary’s, St Nicholas, Merrow, Shalford, Stoke and Worplesdon—out of which the civil borough was formed, locating the features and buildings shown and relating this information to the present 6in Ordnance Survey maps. The information was then transferred to a master copy and drawn up by Alan Blatchford, to whom we are extremely grateful. The map is now being printed and copies will be available for sale.

Following this, it was decided to undertake a photographic survey of all the buildings shown on the Tithe Maps and found still to be existing and part of the contemporary scene. Work on this is well in hand; the main elevations and any special features are being photographed and recorded on 8in x 5in cards which will eventually be housed with the Society’s collec-
tions at Castle Arch. The record relating to the centre of Guildford is already complete and a separate note on this appears below.

(Audrey Monk, SAS Guildford Group)

**Guildford: A Photographic Survey of the houses remaining since before the time of the Tithe Map of the parishes of St Mary's and Holy Trinity (1849)**

It is not surprising that in this area most of the houses seem to date from before 1849, since it is the nucleus of the Medieval town structure of a High Street and, on either side of that, a Lower and Upper Back Side (see the Ichnography of Guldeford of 1739). However, the problems of false facades, gutted interiors and deceptive replicas soon became apparent; especially when trying to tie this survey to the date of the Tithe Map.

Armed with the Antiquities of Surrey (1967) and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government list of houses of historic interest (1953), a start can be made.

But it is very difficult to record a row of Town Houses since, as a rule, it is only possible to photograph the front elevation. This leads one to look at the backs, from a height, to discover pitched roofs much older than would be expected from the plain facade in the street.

Since many of the High Street houses are given over to shops on the ground floor, the shopkeepers often have no idea of what lies in their roof-space. This is a promising field for study.

Then, from the two Medieval crypts, or undercrofts, that are known in the High Street, under the Angel Hotel and the Trustee Savings Bank across the street, it is obvious that other cellars may have the original hard chalk in their foundations. (see 'Medieval Undercrofts and Town Houses' by P. A. Faulkner (1966) in the Archaeological Journal No 123). The fact that there is a blocked up interconnecting opening in the east wall of the Savings Bank crypt (i.e. into the next cellar up the High Street) opens up another 'door' to further investigation.

The houses on the south side of North Street are not in any official list but would repay study. It is clear from the Tithe Map that messuages in the High Street continue with gardens and courtyards and stables down to North Street, or indeed up to South Street on the other side, with many 'gates' or 'passages' running between. It is reasonable to suppose that some of the small shops in North Street may have older structures than is apparent from outside. In tracing the 'passage' parallel to Market Street on the west side one comes upon a building, with tall rounded windows, looking very like the sketch by John Baxall, of the Theatre next to the Cockpit (1840) (p 215 of 'Guildford in the Olden Time' by George C. Williamson). This building matches the position on the Tithe Map.

The changing fashions of over a century present problems too. False facades have been placed to hide old pitched roofs, windows have been altered from sash to casement and, on the ground floors, the fascia has usually been completely modernised. It is all the more exciting to come across interesting survivals — steps with the original rails — doorways with decorative panels and pediments and even a wooden pillar flanking a doorway. This can be seen at No 137-139 High Street, the birthplace of John Russell, RA (1745). A painting of the house by him can be seen on p. 63 of 'In and Around Guildford' by E. A. Judges.

It is recognisably the same house although the parapet has been removed and the windows slightly altered but the pillars are still there. However, one
must be aware of 'seeming the same' because many alterations have been done as an exact replica of original features, taking an expert eye to detect.

At first it is difficult to decide how much of a house must remain from before the 1840s for it to merit inclusion in this survey. The A & N Stores (formerly Harveys) is a completely modern building behind the old facades of several houses. Yet it keeps the character of the High Street: and so is included. This is noted on the record cards when the survey is carried beyond the first photographic phase. In the older sixteenth and seventeenth century houses it is tempting to go in and look around while waiting for a more expert eye.

Further research is needed in relating the house numbers on the Tithe Map, through an intermediate change to the present numbers.

Constant watchfulness is necessary. An entry recently constructed off Castle Street, at the Quarry Street end, revealed the timbers of an old cottage. These can be seen and traced up to the modernised floor above.

When the gencrery was removed from the grotto in the Castle grounds interesting stones were to be seen with carved letters and designs on them, obviously from some earlier building.

There are over 200 photographs recording at least 150 houses from the combined parishes of St Mary's and Holy Trinity. They will soon be available at Castle Arch as a basis for future study and more detailed recording.

(J. A. Cowie, SAS Guildford Group)

Oxted: Two possible barrows (TQ 37805301 and TQ 40675358)

Two possible ploughed out round barrows in the Oxted/Limpsfield area were observed from aerial photographs held at the Surrey County Council, South-East Division Planning Office at Reigate. In both cases an outer ditch and an inner pit were noted. Subsequent field walk proved inconclusive.

(M. G. O'Connell)

Recent Publications


Coverdale, Marion (1975). Archaeological Group Notes (trial trenches on two sites and field work on two others, with negative results).


Farrant, J. H. (1975). John Norden's "Description of Sussex" 1595. (Surviving only in manuscript, as does a description of Surrey, and other counties). Sussex AS Newsletter, 16, 70-1.


Gent, J. (1975). Croydon Then and Now. 80p. Publisher's name not received.


Gray, P., Percy Kay et al (1975). Lingfield Explored. (First of Six Tandridge area conservation guides). Caterham & Lingfield Libraries, 60p, or by post from West Side, New Place Farm, Station Road, Lingfield, 75p.


SYMPOSIUM

SYMPOSIUM on recent archaeological work in the SOUTH-WEST
LONDON REGION organised by the Surrey Archaeological Society
in conjunction with local archaeological societies
SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1975
2 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.
Morden Library, Morden Road, Merton, SW19
Entrance 30p (inclusive of tea)

Draft programme:

RECENT WORK IN KINGSTON—Marion Smith, Kingston Museum
SOUTHWARK—H. Sheldon (or SAEC representative)
MITCHAM GROVE—N. Plastow, John Evelyn Society
WANDSWORTH AND MERTON SURVEYS—S. McCracken, SWL team

Exhibits have been invited from local societies, and a bookstall will be
operated.
Enquiries to: Scott McCracken, 74 Gorringe Park Avenue, Mitcham,
Surrey CR4 2DJ (Tel 01-640 9758).

MEETINGS

OCTOBER

Friday 17th, 7.45 p.m.
FROM FARNHAM, SURREY TO FARNHAM, DORSET: THE LIFE
AND WORK OF JOHN WEST. Talk by the Rev Ian Stratton to Farnham
& District MS in the Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office, South
Street, Farnham.

Friday 24th, 7.45 p.m.
INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY: “DEATH OF STEAM IN THE
SOUTH” and other films. Talk by Francis Haveron to Farnham & District
MS in the Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office, South Street,
Farnham.

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd, 8 p.m.
OLD REMEDIES. Talk by A. Curd to Mayford History Society in Mayford
Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

Friday 7th, 7.45 p.m.
THE ABINGER MANOR SITES. Talk by Mrs J. Clarke to Farnham &
District MS in the Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office, South
Street, Farnham.
Friday 14th, 7.45 p.m.
THE GURKHA MUSEUM. Talk by Col. A. A. Mains to Farnham & District MS in the Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office, South Street, Farnham.

Thursday 20th, 8 p.m.
ROVING IN RUSSIA. Talk by W. Kerr to Esher District LHS in King George's Hall, Esher.

Friday 21st, 7.45 p.m.
COBETT AND THE CUSTOMS OF FARNHAM. Talk by Elfrida Manning to the Farnham & District MS in the Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office, South Street, Farnham.
Other meetings in October and November were published in Bulletins 119 and 120.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in November. Copy is required by 5th October. There will be no Bulletin in December.

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