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NOTES

Bequest—Miss M. Macalaster

The Society acknowledges with gratitude a very welcome and generous bequest under the terms of the Will of Miss M. Macalaster, who had been a member since 1968. Miss Macalaster was interested in the Society in many ways—she made great use of the Library at Castle Arch; visited any excavations which took place within reach of her home; and she will be much missed at the Annual General Meetings which she attended regularly.

The Society's sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Macalaster's relatives and friends.

Chairman of Excavations Committee

The Viscountess Hanworth has been appointed Chairman of the Excavations Committee, having relinquished her Honorary Editorship of the Bulletin in order to concentrate on developing the work of the Committee.

Honorary Local Secretary

Mr L. G. Bowerman (15 Orchard Way, Send Hill, Send, Nr Woking) has been appointed Honorary Local Secretary for Send. Mrs Ann Watson remains Honorary Local Secretary for Ockham, Ripley and Wisley.

Help Needed in SAS Library

The Library helper for the months of February and August is unable to carry on because of other commitments. Would anyone who is willing to help during either or both of these months please contact Mr G. H. Underwood at Castle Arch.

Control of Tools

Directors of excavations will be asked to sign for tools and equipment borrowed from the SAS, and will be personally responsible for their return to Castle Arch immediately the excavation is completed. Tools must not be transferred to another site without notifying the Administration Assistant at Castle Arch in advance.

(R. J. Webber, Hon Secretary, Excavations Committee)

Offprints from SAS Collections Vol LXX

The following may be obtained from Castle Arch. 10p should be added to all prices for postage.

Excavations at 'The Park', Carshalton, A report prepared by K. A. Pryer from the field book and notes of the late A. S. Gilbert	25p
The Roman Road, Godstone. L. Ketteringham	15p
A Group of First Century Pottery from Tilford. M. Millett ...	15p
The Alice Holt Medieval Potters. M. Lyne and R. S. Jefferies	40p
Medieval Pottery Kiln at Bushfield Shaw, Earlswood: Interim Report. D. J. Turner	20p
Limpsfield Medieval Coarseware: a descriptive analysis. M. D. Prendergast	40p
Excavations in Reigate, 1974. H. Woods	30p
A new Delftware shape. G. J. Dawson	15p
William, Earl of Lovelace, 1805-1893. S. Turner	50p
Obituaries of Buildings. Compiled by J. W. Lindus Forge ...	30p

(Joan M. Harries)

Provisional list of moated sites in N.W. Surrey

The writer published a provisional list of moated sites in N.E. Surrey (i.e. east of the River Mole and north of the North Downs escarpment) in *Bulletin 46* (October 1968) to which amendments have been given (*Bulletin 120*). The list which follows covers historic Surrey west of the River Mole and north of the North Downs.

Ash. MANOR FARM (SU 90125041). Remains of wet moat. Listed in *VCH*.

Chertsey. MOATED FARM (TQ 05076344). Fragmentary. Listed in *VCH* when three arms were identifiable.

HAM FARM (TQ 06736544). Rectangular enclosure in good condition. Preliminary survey and trial excavations undertaken. *Dialstone 28*, June 1969. Listed in *VCH*.

BOTLEY'S (TQ 026650). Rectangular enclosure in good condition. Listed in *VCH*.

HARDWICK COURT FARM (TQ 027659). Three ditches marked on 6in O.S. map 1st edition indicate probable moated site.

CHERTSEY ABBEY (TQ 041671). Complex of broad ditches: probably not classifiable as moated site.

Chobham. CHOBHAM PARK FARM (SU 987628). One pond may indicate remains of moat. Listed in *VCH*.

OLD VICARAGE (?) (SU 967618). Sub-rectangular enclosure.

Cobham. DOWNSIDE FARM (TQ 118582). Noted in *VCH*.

Effingham. GREAT LEE (TQ 10775487). Sub-rectangular enclosure in good condition, with fishponds projecting from north east angle. Partially excavated 1952. *Proc. LDLHS 1/9* (1955). Listed in *VCH*. Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Egham. GREAT FOSTERS (TQ 01306967). Remains of wet moat now forms part of an ornamental garden. Listed in *VCH*.

POOLEY GREEN (TQ 01767116). Irregular ditch partly surrounding Pooley Green House may have been a moat. Site obliterated by road realignment 1973. Excavated by Egham HS 1969: medieval pottery, etc found but ditch not sectioned. Listed in *VCH*.

Farnham. BADSHOT LEA (SU 865484). Three sides of rectangular enclosure with outer bank. Excavated 1965-67. *SAS Bulletin 25* (1967) and 51 (1969). Listed in *VCH*.

- Great Bookham.* EASTWICK HALL (TQ 1365530). Site of manor of the Howards. Part of moat preserved. Listed in *VCH*.
- Guildford.* GUILDFORD PARK MANOR HOUSE (SU 96914930). Rectangular enclosure, partly waterfilled. Listed in *VCH* and in Johnston's *Schedule* as "Manor Farm". Currently under investigation by University of Surrey Archaeological Society. *SAS Bulletin*, various.
- STOUGHTON (SU 98725195). Fragmentary moat at Stoughton Place listed in *VCH* as Stoughton Grange and Johnston's *Schedule* as Stoughton Manor. Now built over.
- Pirbright.* PIRBRIGHT MANOR (SU 94245563). Remains of dry moat surrounding Manor House.
- Pyrford.* PYRFORD PLACE (TQ 052585). Sub-rectangular enclosure with additional channel dividing enclosed area. Listed in *VCH*.
- Send.* OLD HALL (TQ 034552). L-shaped enclosure with dry moat. Listed in *VCH*. Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- Thorpe.* SPELTHORNE ST. MARY (TQ 023687). A bank incorporated into garden may be remains of moat.
- THORPELEE FARM (TQ 01607027). Destroyed by construction of M25. Listed in *VCH*.
- Walton-on-Thames.* WAYLANDS FARM (TQ 12856493). Oval enclosure; west side destroyed by building, remainder dry. Listed in *VCH*.
- Woking.* HOE PLACE (TQ 020574). One ditch marked on 6in O.S. map 1871. Possible moated site.
- PARK FARM (TQ 02965704). Rectangular enclosure. Site of royal residence (Old Hall). *Sy.A.C.* 7, 44-9; *Sy.A.C.* 55, 124-6. Listed in *VCH*. Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- Worplesdon.* FROSBURY FARM (SU 970522). Map and field name (Moat Meadow) evidence for moated site.

(D. J. Turner)

Brockham: Hearthstone Mining (Approx TQ 199509)

Mr Paul Sowan of the Croydon NHSS, who is preparing a thesis on the hearthstone and firestone mining industry of Surrey, has published an account and bibliography of the mines at Brockham in the Croydon Caving Club magazine *Pelobates* 25 (July 1974) 10-13.

The first documentary evidence of mining at Brockham is from 1879. The mine was abandoned in 1898 but re-opened in 1904 to be finally closed in 1925. The dip here is steep and the intersection with the water table necessitated galleries along the strike rather than down the dip and must have made recovery of the stone difficult.

The Croydon Caving Club have recently noted that an unknown person has excavated a way into the mine (*Pelobates* 24 (January 1974), 8).

(D. J. Turner)

Churt: A King Post roof in Surrey

During investigation of farmhouses and cottages in the Churt area, an unusual roof structure was found in Nos 1/2 Moorside (SU 863392)—a small open hall house. Two king posts without any braces rise from the ties to the ridge, which also supports the rafters. Other early features include

mortices for corner angle braces. The braces from main jowl posts to the tie are straight and of square section. The building has been visited by Eric Mercer of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments. A report will be published.

N.B. A crown post supports a collar purlin and is found in many of Surrey's hall houses. King posts rise to a ridge.

(Joan Harding, Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey))

Esher: Claremont (TQ 134634)

Following the receipt of a large grant from the Slater Foundation, the National Trust plans to restore to its eighteenth century character the 50 acres of landscape garden which it owns at Claremont, where the original house and its immediate surroundings are in private ownership and occupied by a School.

In the early 1700s Vanbrugh (the architect of Blenheim Palace) built a small house there for himself, and it was around this time that the garden was started by Charles Bridgeman.

In 1715, Vanbrugh sold the estate to the Duke of Newcastle, who commissioned him to build a grand new house.

William Kent created the lake; the island and its temple; the grotto; the winding terraces and the paths that make up what must once have been one of the most beautiful gardens in England. It occupies an important place in garden history as one of the very first "picturesque" landscapes.

In 1768 the estate was sold to Clive of India, who demolished Vanbrugh's house, and employed "Capability" Brown to design a new one, and to modify the grounds, which he did by remodelling the park but carefully leaving the garden intact.

In 1816 the estate was bought by the Royal Family for the young Princess Charlotte and Prince Leopold, later King of the Belgians, on their marriage. The remains of the camellia house and the viewpoint terraces date from their time. The estate remained in the Royal Family until just after the First World War, when it was sold and split up.

In 1949, the 50 acres of garden were transferred to the National Trust, who now hope the restoration will be completed within about two years. The Elmbridge Borough Council, which (as the Esher Council) managed the garden in conjunction with the Trust, will be working closely with the Trust on the scheme, and will continue to look after Claremont following the restoration.

Further information may be obtained from:

Michael Beaumont,
The National Trust,
42 Queen Anne's Gate,
SW1H 9AS. (Tel. 01-930 0211).

(Information Sheet—National Trust 21,3.75)

Godalming: The Mint (SU 967438)

Excavation at The Mint, Godalming by members of the Godalming Group of SAS started in February 1975 and finished in July. Six trenches with a total area of approximately 44 sq. metres were excavated, their positions and areas being governed by modern disturbance of the site.

Trench I, on the north-east side of the site fronting on to Mill Lane, revealed the foundations of a wall and part of the cellars of some

cottages demolished possibly in the late 1930s. The foundation wall was constructed of thin red bricks and Bargate stone and appeared to be of an earlier date than the cellar, the lining bricks of which were late eighteenth century or early nineteenth century. 0.75m to the south-east of the foundation wall and running roughly parallel with it was a shallow ditch cutting 39cm into the natural yellow sand. The sandy fill of the bottom of this feature contained ash, a few seventeenth century pottery sherds and a clay pipe of 1670-1690. The ditch had been back-filled with brick and tile rubble which contained a quantity of seventeenth century pottery and a clay pipe of 1680-1700. The sandy loam fill of a shallow pit 0.5m to the east of the ditch contained only one small sherd of medieval pottery.

Trench II on the north-west side of the site exposed eighteenth and nineteenth century pits containing a variety of artifacts including pottery, glass, clay pipes, buttons and pins.

Trench III just to the west of Trench I revealed substantial foundations built of Bargate stone bonded with yellow clay. Finds sealed below these foundations included thirteenth-fifteenth century pottery and six glass beads. The base of an oven built of re-used bricks was butted against the foundations and was probably no earlier than late eighteenth century in date. A pit 1m approximately to the north-east of the oven cut about 50cm into natural and contained a few sherds of thirteenth-fourteenth century pottery.

Trench V immediately to the north of Trench III exposed Bargate stone foundations of the same construction as those in Trench III, which undoubtedly formed part of the same building. Modern disturbance meant that it was not possible to obtain a complete plan of this building.

Trench IV on the south side of the site revealed the foundations of a late eighteenth century brick wall and associated with it a brick floor. Below these was 15-30cm of brown sandy loam containing thirteenth-fourteenth century pottery. This loam covered the almost robbed out foundations of the corner of a building. The foundations were of Bargate stone possibly bonded with yellow and orange clay and rested on the natural gravelly sand. One posthole and a second possible posthole may have been associated with this structure. A pit cutting 55cm into the natural abutted it on the south-east side but the brown sandy loam fill was archaeologically sterile.

Trench VI, only 1.5m to the west of Trench IV, showed no trace of the brick floor exposed in Trench IV. Below the dark topsoil was an area of compacted brown loam containing much charcoal and mortar and averaging 15cm in thickness. It contained thirteenth-eighteenth century pottery. Below this 25-40cm of brown sandy loam containing thirteenth-fourteenth century pottery rested on the natural. The south-west corner of this trench showed the mortared Bargate stone foundations of a wall running at right angles to the brick foundations in Trench IV. The construction trench for this wall cut through both the brown sandy loam and the compacted layer above it.

(J. A. Janaway)

Limpsfield: Conservation Area Guide

The second of the series of guides to the Conservation Areas in Tandridge District referred to in Bulletin 118, has just been published. This one is "Limpsfield Explored" by Kay Percy and covers the historical background to the buildings in Limpsfield village. It is illustrated with line drawings and a large scale map.

It is on sale (75p post free) from Conservation Guide, West Side, New Place Farm, Station Road, Lingfield, Surrey RH7. Please make cheques payable to Joint P.C. Conservation Area Committee.

(P. J. Gray)

Reigate: "Town Trail"

Copies of this "Town Trail" (illustrated and with a map) which has been produced by D. J. Turner, R. Woodhouse, D. Williams, and members of the Reigate Society and of the Holmesdale Natural History Club, can be obtained from shops in Reigate, price 5p. It is hoped it will be possible to produce "trails" for Redhill, Merstham, etc.

(Vera Steward and Richard Woodhouse)

Reigate Town Centre—Northovers (TQ 25355015): Rare bones

Among the animal bones recovered from Reigate Town Centre (Bulletin 117) by R. Ellaby and D. Williams are two lower jaws which are of more than usual interest. They belonged to an adult and a juvenile small mustelid, either ferret or polecat, and are of particular importance because, if ferret, they represent an animal remarkable for its absence from the archaeological record. There is considerable documentary evidence for the use of the domestic ferret for rabbiting and ratting from early times, but bones have eluded discovery or recognition. Pottery evidence would suggest a date centred on 1300 AD for these bones.

Though it is impossible to separate the wild polecat from the domestic ferret on zoological grounds with the material to hand, the presence of a young animal—about seven weeks old and still dependent on the mother—and an adult, together, suggests breeding in captivity. Archaeozoologists will welcome the Reigate bones as a useful addition to the very meagre evidence at present existing.

(Geraldine Done)

Recent Publications

Anon (1975). Listed Buildings in the London Borough of Merton (continued). See also Bulletin 120. Merton HS Bulletin 43, 4.

Anon (1975). Faversham Footnote. (Notes on Thomas Willement—Artist in Stained Glass to Queen Victoria and author of books on the subject; on heraldry, etc.)

(Information sought regarding Susanna Willement) Clapham AS Occasional Sheet 330.

Anon (1975). Springfield Place—Group of small cottages. (Clay pipes stamped E. Grout, Clapham, found in well). Clapham AS Occasional Sheet 330, 2.

Anon (1975). Surrey Local History Organisations. (A list of societies and institutions interested in the history of Surrey). 5th edition. Copies can be obtained from LHO, Public Library, Stafford Road, Caterham CR3 6JG. See Bulletin 121.

Booth, A. (1975). Harold Falkner 1875-1963. (Notes on Farnham Castle, buildings, and door furniture, including illustrations of some of the drawings in a special exhibition in Farnham Museum during European Architectural Heritage Year). Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 35.

Booth, A. (1975). Waverley Abbey—The Medieval Decorated Tiles (includes reproductions of some of the designs). Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 36.

- Brooks, P. D.** (1975). William Croucher's Memoirs Part 2. (See also under Croucher and Bulletins 120/121). Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 42-46.
- Brooks, P. D.** (1975). The Pen and the Plough. (The Virgate—Study in the Tything of Churt from documentary evidence and field study). Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 47-48.
- Booth, Dr. S.** (1975). William Cobbett—an Introduction to his Life and Writings. Farnham & District MS Publication. Obtainable from Farnham Museum, 50p.
- Baker, R. G. M.** (Revised 2nd Edition, 1975). East and West Molesey. Available at booksellers 60p. Walton & Weybridge LHS Dial Stone 62, 2.
- Baker, R. G. M.** (1975). Walton—House of Lady Furness (Fire Insurance policy giving measurements of house). Walton & Weybridge LHS Dial Stone 62, 3.
- Baker, R. G. M.** (1975). Cobham—The Crown Inn. (Fire Insurance policy giving details of property). Esher District LHS Newsheet 30, 220.
- Baker, R. G. M.** (1975). Esher—House of Richard Barwell. (Fire Insurance policy giving details of property). Esher District LHS Newsheet 30, 221.
- Baker, R. G. M.** (1975). Additions to Elmbridge Local Acts of Parliament. Continued from Bulletin 120. Esher District LHS Newsheet 30, 221.
- Croucher, William** (1975). Memoirs Part 2. Written in 1967. Collected by P. D. Brooks. (See also under Brooks and Bulletins 120/121). Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 42-46.
- Day, B. P.** (1975). Crondall Priory. (Notes on stones in field at Farm Lane SU 795482). Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 33-34.
- Day, B. P.** (1975). The Bricksbury Hill area—The case for conservation. (Summary by Freda Midgley of notes on the geology, archaeology and flora and fauna). Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 39-41.
- Green, L.** (1975). Dorking "Town Trail". Published by Dorking & Leith Hill District Preservation Society. Copies may be obtained from L. Green, Arundel House, North Holmwood (Dorking 3038) price 10p. See Bulletin 120.
- Hatton, M.** (1974). The Croydon Caving Club and local underground exploration. (All "local" underground exploration has been undertaken in man-made tunnels). Pelobates (Croydon Caving Club magazine) 25, 5-7.
- Lindus Forge, J. W.** (1975). Retirement of Two Veterans. (Notes on two steam engines at waterworks, Hurst Road.) Walton & Weybridge LHS Dial Stone 62, 3.
- Ninnis, R. J.** (1975). The Hewer Memorial at Clapham. The Antiquaries' Journal Vol LIV Part 2. (Noted in Clapham AS Occasional Sheet 330, 2.)
- Ockenden, A.** (1974). Brockham Hearthstone Mine. Pelobates (Croydon Caving Club magazine) 24, 8. See also under Sowan, P. W.
- Ockenden, A.** (1974). The Football Field Mine. (Account of way in which this mine has been made accessible for speleologists). Pelobates (Croydon Caving Club magazine) 25, 14.

SYMPOSIUM

SYMPOSIUM, SOUTH-WEST LONDON REGION

Saturday, 29th November, 1975

Full details in Bulletin 121.

The Viscountess Hanworth will be Chairman.

MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Saturday 8th, 2.30 p.m.

AGM of Merton HS, Morden Library, Morden Road, Morden. Followed by D of E film "Caring for History".

Saturday 8th, 3 p.m.

THE RIVER WANDLE. Talk by R. C. Twilley to Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington AS in Darby and Joan Hall, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton.

Wednesday 12th, 8 p.m.

PITT THE YOUNGER. Talk by Geoffrey Evans to Wandsworth HS at West Hill Library.

Thursday 20th, 8 p.m.

Amendment to meeting previously shown in Bulletin 121

THE WEY AND ARUN CANAL. Talk by P. R. Beresford to Esher District LHS in King George's Hall, Esher.

This replaces talk on "Roving in Russia" which has had to be deferred owing to illness.

Saturday 22nd, 3 p.m.

LOCAL CHURCHES. Talk by J. W. Lindus Forge to Walton & Weybridge LHS at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall.

Tuesday 25th, 8 p.m.

EXCAVATION OF THE DOMINICAN FRIARY IN GUILDFORD, 1974. Talk by Humphrey Woods to Guildford Group SAS at the Brew House, Guildford. Visitors welcome.

DECEMBER

Friday 5th, 7.45 p.m.

THE OPEN AIR MUSEUM, SINGLETON. Talk by C. S. G. Zeuner to Farnham & District MS in the Council Chamber of Farnham Locality Office, South Street, Farnham.

Friday 5th, 8 p.m.

BROOKLANDS AND THE IRON AGE IN SURREY. Talk by the Viscountess Hanworth to Merton HS in Lecture Room, Morden Library, Morden Road, Morden.

Saturday 6th, 3 p.m.

OLD CHURCHES. Talk by Lawrence Jones to Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington AS in Darby & Joan Hall, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton.

Wednesday 10th

(Advance notice—details of time and venue can be obtained later from the Secretary, 102 Disraeli Road, SW15 2DX).

SIR RICHARD PHILLIPS' FAMOUS WALK—ROEHAMPTON TO KEW SECTION. Talk by Raymond Gill to Wandsworth HS.

Thursday 11th, 7.30 p.m.

CLASSICAL GREECE. Talk by A. G. Rigden to Clapham AS in St Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, SW12.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in January. Copy is required by 5th December.

There will be no Bulletin in December