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EXCAVATION NOTICE

EGHAM BRIDGE (TQ 01907185)

and **DAISY MEADOW, MANOR FARM (centred at TQ 015714)**

Director: David Longley

Egham Bridge: This site appears to be prehistoric (perhaps Early Iron Age), and has produced considerable quantities of pottery and bone. Interesting small finds to date include a fragment of a bronze spear head; a pair of bronze tweezers, and a bone worked as a toggle. There are definite features on the site, including gulleys and postholes.

Manor Farm: Work will probably start on this site, which is adjacent to Vicarage Road allotments and Petter's Sports Field, at the beginning of March on every day except Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is expected to include material from Neolithic to Medieval, and, if the promise of the site holds good, it will probably need three months' work.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE VERY WELCOME INDEED, and are asked to contact David Bird (Guildford 32454) for further details. Work may have finished at Egham Bridge, but Manor Farm will have just started by the time members receive this **Bulletin**.

VISITS

Monday 5th April

EVENING VISIT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

A strictly limited party will be admitted to the North Library to view some of the 6,000 drawings of Surrey, including those of John and Edward Hassell, in the grangerised volumes of Manning and Bray. Members should meet Mr Christophers inside the Main Museum Entrance a little before 5 p.m. (closing time). No tickets necessary, but it is essential to telephone Mrs Major (01-398 5446).

Saturday 24th April

VISIT TO THE DARENTH VALLEY, KENT

Arranged by Miss M. Gollancz

- 9.00 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford, rear of BR Station in Guildford Park Road.
- 9.30 a.m. Dorking Post Office.
- 9.45 a.m. Reigate, opposite Red Cross Public House.
- 11.00 a.m. Lullingstone Roman Villa.

12.15 p.m. St Botolph's Church, Lullingstone

Lunch at Eynsford. Picnic or there are two inns, one of which serves snacks and sandwiches only.

2.00 p.m. Eynsford Church.

2.30 p.m. Eynsford Castle.

Afterwards Farningham and possibly Shoreham will be visited.

It has not been possible to make arrangements for tea.

Tickets (members 20p, visitors 25p, students half price and accompanied children free). Coach £1.30 from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

Admission fees to Villa and Castle extra (reduction for pensioners).

NOTES

New Members from 1.1.76

The Librarian, University of Washington Library, Serials Division, Seattle, Washington 98105, USA.

Paul B. Shattock, 24 Conifers, Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge.

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Miss D. C. Tutt, 16 Warren Park, Warmingham CR3 9LD.

Miss J. L. Williams, Further Hobbs, Tandridge Lane, Lingfield.

D. A. Robbins, Twin Oaks, Heathview, East Horsley, Leatherhead.

Subscription reminder

The mailing list for the *Bulletin* is being revised before the next issue is posted, and those members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions are asked to do so as quickly as possible.

Library

In view of the increased cost of posting reminders, members are asked to return borrowed books to the Library by the due date.

(G. H. Underwood)

Industrial Archaeology Committee

The Committee is compiling a survey covering the history of all industries, crafts, trades, power supplies, transport systems, specialised buildings, etc. in the historic County up to the technological phase immediately preceding the current practice, and eventually intend to publish the results.

Information is being sought from Gas, Water and Electricity undertakings, and from large firms, and SAS members are now asked to complete the CBA Industrial Archaeology report card enclosed with this *Bulletin*, giving details of any one item which they consider ought to be on the list. It need not be one of the more obvious features such as windmills or Coal Tax posts, which are likely to have been recorded already, but it could include water pumps; ice houses; old established firms; obsolescent machinery or street furniture. If in doubt, please record it all the same. If each

member records one item, then Surrey will be the best documented County in the country, instead of being one of the worst.

The cards should be returned to the Secretary of the Committee (Francis Haveron) at Castle Arch. Further cards can be supplied if required.

(Francis Haveron)

Recent Publications

- Brooks, P. D. (1975) William Croucher's Memoirs Part 3. Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 61-65.
- Bailey, K. (1975) An Early Putney Street Directory (1617). Wandsworth Historian 13. 8-12.
- Bailey, K. (1975) A Small Battersea Estate in the 1770s. (Plan and description of "Mr Harman's Estate at Battersey-Rise" by T. Davey 1773). The Wandsworth Historian 13. 12-13.
- Bowerman, L. G. (1975) The Boughton Hall area and the Boughtons (including notes on the moated site of Old Hall, Send). Send HS Newsletters 4, 6-9 and 5, 6-8.
- Davis, Dorothy (1975) Christ Church School, Virginia Water (cont.) Carta X. Egham-by-Runnymede HS, 91.
- Egan, B. S. H. and Hutchinson, R. (1975) The Saunders Brass of Charlwood. Monumental Brass Soc Trans XI, 402-6.
- Farrant, N. (1975) The Roman Road System in and around Putney. The Wandsworth Historian 13, 1-7.
- Jackson, A. A. (1974) Chessington Suburban Swansong. Railway Mag CXX 4-8.
- Jackson, A. A. (1975) Rails to Tattenham Corner Railway Mag CXXI. 277-8.
- Lansdell, A. (1975) The Trees and Plants of Oa'lands Palace. Hist Today XXV, 204-7.
- Lewin, Sylvia (1975) A Short History of Pyrford and Wisley (25p + postage from author, Camilla House, Forest Road, E. Horsley).
- Millett, M. (1975) The R-B Pottery Industry of the Farnham Area. Farnham & District MS Newsletter IV 66-67.
- Ockenden, A. (1974). The Baldwyn's Folly Dig. (An account, with plans, of the exploration of an unsuccessful(?) late nineteenth century hearthstone mine at Godstone). Pelobates (Croydon Caving Club magazine) 26, 3-5. See also Bulletin 119.
- Oliver, J. (1975) The Old Course of the River Wey in Send Mead (including notes on possible situation of mill at Trigg's Lock). Send HS Newsletter 5, 5-6.
- Percy, Kay. Limpsfield Explored. (Guide to Conservation Area in Tandridge District. Illustrated and includes large scale map). 75p post free from Conservation Guide, West Side, New Place Farm, Station Road, Lingfield, Surrey RH7. Cheques payable to Joint P.C. Conservation Area Committee. See also Bulletin 122.
- Pike, E. Royston (1975). Esher—The Story of a Council 1895-1974. Available at booksellers and Council offices. Published by Elmbridge Borough Council. Walton & Weybridge LHS Dial Stone 62, 2.
- Pollock, D. R. (1975) Putney Palace. The Wandsworth Historian 13, 14.
- Rodwell, W. (1975) Milestones, Civic Territories and the Antonine Itinerary. Britannia VI, 76-101.
- Savage, R. (1975) Notes on trial excavations and observation on the line of the Inner Ring Road, Croydon. Croydon NHSS Newsletter 32, 1-3.

- Sheldon, H. (1975).** A Decline in the London Settlement AD 150-250?. *The London Archaeologist* II, 11, 278-284.
- Slade, J. (1975)** Excavations at Putney Church (St Mary's). Clapham AS Occasional Sheet 333.
- Smith, E. (1975)** Clapham. Brief text is in form of extended captions to the many illustrations. £2.50 plus 45p postage/packing from Director of Amenity Services, London Borough of Lambeth, 14 Knights Hill, SE27.
- Sowan, P. W. (1974).** Notes on Beddington tunnels. (A comprehensively referenced account of the evidence concerning tunnels in the Thanet Sand at Plough Lane). *Pelobates* (Croydon Caving Club magazine) 24, 9-12.
- Sowan, P. W. (1974).** Firestone Mining at Gatton. (A review, with bibliography, of evidence for stone mining in Gatton Parish c 1700-c 1870). *Pelobates* (Croydon Caving Club magazine) 25, 8-9 and 12. See also *Bulletin* 120.

The English Companions—Gerefa Englisra Gesiba

This new Association has been formed to promote a wider interest in all aspects of the Old English or Anglo-Saxon culture and tradition. Further details can be obtained from 6 Turners Avenue, Tenterden, Kent.

Battersea: Althorpe Grove (TQ 26997699)

Excavations began in September 1975 on a large site in Battersea due to be redeveloped. Althorpe Grove lies just to the south of the parish church of St Mary's and within the Battersea Manor estate of the mid eighteenth century, suggesting that this is an area of early medieval settlement.

Trial trenches, later extended into an open area excavation, produced evidence of post-medieval, medieval and Saxon occupation. The post-medieval level consisted of a number of long, narrow bedding trenches which, upon excavation, revealed the individual plant holes. These must be the kitchen garden of the manor house as shown by the Crace Map of Battersea, drawn c. 1760.

A 1.5m deep by 1.5m wide ditch running north-south across the site and (?) aligned on the church represents the major medieval feature at Althorpe Grove. Pottery from the fill suggests a thirteenth century date for the ditch and the homogenous nature of this fill indicates a rapid infilling. The ditch is most likely seen as an early land boundary marker.

The Saxon evidence is in two forms—pottery and features. Sherds, including grass-tempered, Ipswich (decorated), and coarse ware, and ranging in date from the sixth to tenth century, have been recovered from sealed contexts. A number of narrow 'beam-slots' cut into the brickearth, containing only Saxon pottery in their fill, appear to be foundation trenches for a frame structure of ninth-tenth century date.

The excavation will continue into the first week of March.

(Scott McCracken)

Dorking: Museum

The Dorking Museum, which is under the aegis of the Dorking & Leith Hill Preservation Society, was opened on the 6th January, 1976, by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, accompanied by the High Sheriff. Opening hours are 12-5 on Wednesdays, and 10-5 on Saturdays. Admission 10p.

(John E. N. Walker, Curator)

Godstone, Oxted, Chaldon: Conservation Area Guides

Each of these three guides contains a detailed description of the older buildings with a short note on the historical background to the village. They are illustrated by line drawings and a large scale map. The Godstone and Oxted guides cover the village, whilst that for Chaldon covers the whole parish. The editors are Kay Percy and Peter Gray. Copies of these, and of the Lingfield and Limpsfield guides (Bulletins 118 and 122) may be obtained for 75p (post free) from Conservation Guides, West Side, New Place Farm, Station Road, Lingfield RH7. Please make cheques payable to Joint PC Conservation Area Committee.

(P. J. Gray)

Guildford: Recording threatened buildings

An attempt is being made to record buildings of historical significance in central Guildford before alteration or demolition. The following are notes on some of the buildings examined:

The "King's Head": Quarry Street elevation. All the timbers which were removed were photographed and measured.

Millmead Pumping Station: Late nineteenth century. It was only possible to photograph the buildings after much destruction had already taken place.

Castle Grounds: Summer-house or "gazebo". It had been constructed with chalk and Bargate stones, some of which bear decoration which would seem to be contemporary with the period when the Castle was flourishing. There can be no doubt that the archway was a pastiche of fragments assembled after the Castle had fallen into disrepair. All the worked stones have been preserved.

124 High Street. The timber framing had been exposed by the alterations, and an assurance was given that no early timbering had been destroyed.

73 North Street: Timber-framed gateway. Members of the Guildford Group of the SAS have been surveying this gateway, which is to be demolished. It is probably the North Street entrance of what is called the "Coffee House Gate" in the Ichnography of 1739. It has an M-shaped roof, and one gable shows a good sequence of carpenter's marks. There is much crude and re-used timbering, but also fine internal detail such as chamfering, which implies that the two rooms above the gateway were intended to be part of a dwelling.

These records will be included in the Tithe Map index prepared by the Guildford Group, and it is hoped it will be possible to keep pace with the destruction, if only in a limited area.

(Matthew Alexander)

Merstham: Upper Greensand Quarries

For some years it has seemed probable that the underground Upper Greensand (firestone and hearthstone) quarries between the A23 and Quarry Hangers interconnected to form one continuous chain of underground workings. One major gap in the explored and partially recorded workings lay, however, between the quarries around Quarry Dean Farm and those in Ockley Wood.

Mr Alan Ockenden, writing in *Pelobates* (Croydon Caving Club magazine) 27 (May 1975), reports that in 1969 a survey was carried out here by the motorway consultants. A resistivity survey was undertaken in the two fields to the west of Ockley Wood and a distinct zone of low resistivity was found. Some 50 small diameter (5cm) probes were sunk in an attempt to intercept cavities and about 80 per cent of the probes encountered cavities at depths of between 18 and 22m.

In general the clear cavity depth was only found to be about 0.6m but in several cases up to 1.2m of debris was identified before solid rock was again encountered.

These results seem to show that an extensive series of quarry passages existed here but that they were mostly backfilled with "deads". Unfortunately these workings now lie beneath the M23 and, if the grouting operation carried out by the contractors has been effective, they will never again be accessible.

The entrance to the workings is considered by Alan Ockenden to have probably been via a depression at TQ 301539 which is now filled in. There were possibly also direct connections to entrances in Ockley Wood (TQ 304538) and Quarry Deane (TQ 299539). The date of the quarry is unknown.

Typical borehole section:

- 0 -- 0.2m Topsoil
- 1.5m Firm to stiff brown silty clay with fragments of chalk
- 5.3m Moderately well cemented grey-brown argillaceous chalk (chalk marl of the Lower Chalk)
- 10.2m Weakly cemented grey-green glauconitic calcareous silty fine grained sandstone (Upper Greensand).
- 14.3m Moderately well cemented grey-green slightly micaceous glauconitic calcareous fine grained sandstone (Hearthstone)
- 14.9m Cavity
- 16.1m Debris
- 24.4m Slightly fissured well cemented pale grey-green fine grained calcareous sandstone (Firestone)

(D. J. Turner after A. Ockenden in Pelobates 27)

Sanderstead: All Saints Church

The Sanderstead Parochial Church Council have started a campaign in order to restore and preserve, as a matter of extreme urgency, two wall paintings, believed to be early fourteenth century, of St Edmund, King and Martyr, and of Edmund Rich, who was Archbishop of Canterbury when the church was built in 1230.

Further information can be obtained from Mr D. C. W. Peyton, 12 Kendall Avenue, Sanderstead. (R. C. Gill)

Wonersh: Great Tangley Manor (TQ 019465)

Great Tangley Manor is on a gently sloping site and the late nineteenth century decorative moat which surrounds the house has, therefore, to be retained by an embankment on the NW side. The water flows through this embankment by means of a conduit pipe. This became blocked in November 1975, and was freed by a workman who excavated a rectangular pit through the embankment. The pit revealed a stone wall which was examined at the request of the owners, Mr and Mrs R. Spooner. It was concluded that this wall, which runs parallel to the moat and makes an angle of about 20deg with the vertical, was the outer revetment of a narrower embankment, probably associated with an earlier moat.

A sherd of a globular jug (?), with a base 100mm in diameter, was discovered immediately behind the stones of the revetment. The sherd, which is of a fine orange/brown fabric with a grey core, and which is splashed with a translucent brown/green glaze, has been dated by Mr J. G. Hurst as fifteenth century, but its place of manufacture is not known. It has been deposited at Castle Arch with an illustrated copy of this report.

(A. G. Crocker)

Captain Edmund Hook(e) RN (died c. 1745)

To assist in his researches prior to eventual publication, the Writer would be glad to hear from any member who may have information about Captain Hook(e) who, in a letter of January, 1730, requested "leave to go for a short time to my family in Surrey for the recovery of my health." At the bottom of the letter is written "leave for a fortnight, Honble Mr Burchett."

(David C. Fowler, 37 Osler Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 9BH)

CONFERENCE

SOUTH EAST RESCUE ARCHAEOLOGY COMMITTEE

First Regional Conference

on Saturday, 24th April, 1976

at United Reform Church, Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent

"RESCUE ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND, 1975"

Programme

11.00	Opening Remarks	Chairman, Norman Cook
11.10	Recent Aerial Photography in the South-east	John Hampton
11.40	The Roman Villa at Chalk, Kent	Syd Harker
12.10	Evcavations in Staines	Kevin Crouch
12.40	Lunch Interval	
2.00	Further Work at Mucking, Essex	Mrs. M. U. Jones
2.50	Rescue Work in Chichester, Sussex	Alec Down
3.20	Rescue Archaeology in Sussex, 1975	Peter Drewett
3.50	Interval for tea	
4.30	Rescue Archaeology in Kent, 1975	Brian Philp
5.00	Closing Remarks	Chairman
5.15	Close of meeting	

Admission—50p. Tea will be available at a moderate price.

For ticket-programme (with further details), apply to D. G. Bird at Castle Arch, enclosing s.a.e.

COURSE

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

**DOCUMENTARY SOURCES FOR LOCAL HISTORIANS
AND ARCHAEOLOGISTS**

Course Organiser: Dr A. G. Crocker

This course will survey the various sorts of records available—principally in Surrey, but also in national repositories—and combine explanation of the kind of information to be found in different groups (taxation, manorial, estate, parish, etc) with discussion of the type of question to which the searcher can hope to find an answer in archival sources.

Thursdays, Lecture Theatre "F", University of Surrey

29th April—Dr D. B. Robinson (County Archivist, Surrey Record Office, County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames)

6th May—Mrs E. Stazicker (Deputy County Archivist, Surrey Record Office, County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames)
13th, 20th, 27th May—Mrs S. Corke (Assistant Archivist, Surrey Record Office, Guildford Muniment Room)

Saturday Morning

15th May—Visit to Surrey Record Office, Kingston-upon-Thames.

Fee for course: £1.50. Senior Citizens or members of Surrey Archaeological Society: £1.00. (These fees do not include transport to and from Kingston-upon-Thames on 15th May).

Apply to Mrs Linda Thompson, Dept of Adult Education, University of Surrey, Guildford.

MEETINGS

MARCH

Friday 12th, 8 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY IN THE NEW WORLD. Talk by Miss A. Honeyman to Merton HS in the Lecture Room, Morden Library, Morden Road, Morden.

Friday 12th, 7.45 p.m.

"TO THE TOWNE OF FARNHAM £1,000 IN PERPETUITY", "Dog" Smyth, 1548-1627". Talk by Leni Grosset to Farnham & District MS in Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office, South Street, Farnham.

Thursday 18th, 8 p.m.

ESHER REVISITED. Talk by E. Royston Pike to Esher District LHS in King George's Hall.

Thursday 18th, 7.30 p.m.

SOME CLAPHAM MONUMENTS. Talk by R. Ninnis to Clapham AS in St Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, SW12.

Friday 19th, 7.45 p.m.

THE AMENITIES OF FARNHAM IN 1840, and TURNPIKES AND TOLL HOUSES. Talks by Mary Orchard and Colin Pearce to Farnham & District MS in Council Chamber, Farnham Locality Office.

Saturday 20th, 3 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF EGHAM. Talk by member of Egham HS to Walton & Weybridge LHS in the Lecture Hall, Weybridge Library.

Friday 26th, 8 p.m.

THE PREHISTORY OF ORKNEY. Talk by Scott McCracken to Wandsworth HS in Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

APRIL

Saturday 3rd, 3 p.m.

BATH. Talk by M. J. Meade of the Dept of the Environment to Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington AS in the Darby & Joan Hall, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton.

Wednesday 7th, 8 p.m.

THE GREEKS IN AFGHANISTAN. Talk by P. Baker to Nonsuch AS in Glyn Hall, Ewell.

Next issue of **Bulletin**—April. Copy required by 5th March. There will be a May issue, but none in June.