

well as later developments and imports of the post medieval period. The course will include practical handling of different pottery types. The course fee is 12/6 and applications should be made to the Head of the Evening Department of Adult Education, Goldsmith's College, Lewisham Way, S.E.14.

New Cross Station is a few minutes walk from the college and is reached in under fifteen minutes from Charing Cross, Waterloo Junction or London Bridge Stations with a very frequent service.

JANUARY

Tuesday, 11th 6.30 p.m. LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Members Night at the Cuming Museum. Slides and specimens of archaeological interest. Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Friday, 14th 5 p.m. BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. The Saxon Town of Thetford, a lecture by T. Davidson to be given at 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.1. Visitors will be welcome as far as accommodation permits.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 5th. LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION) and THAMES BASIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBSERVERS GROUP visit to Reading Museum, Abbey and Museum of English Rural Life. Members wishing to take part should contact P. Pickering, 5 Chesterfield Road, London, N.3. by 15th January.

Thursday, 10th. SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING: LONDON VISIT.

11.00 a.m. Assemble Stationers' Hall, Stationers' Hall Court, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4. The Stationers' Hall will be visited and described.

Lunch may be taken with the party (to be paid for individually) at a restaurant near the Old Bailey. Members wishing to lunch with the party are asked to notify Mrs. Chiles by 25th January.

2 p.m. Assemble at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct (opposite the Old Bailey). The church will be visited and described after which the party will visit the bastion of the Roman city wall that is preserved in the basement of the G.P.O. building in Giltspur Street. This bastion may only be seen by special arrangement. Tickets for the outing, price 2/6 (not including lunch), may be obtained from Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead.

FUTURE PROGRAMME OF S.A.S. MEETINGS

At the time of going to press the Visits Committee have suggested the following provisional programme. Details of meetings will be given in future numbers of the *Bulletin* and revisions of the provisional programme will be published from time to time.

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| March | Lectures at Guildford early in the month. |
| 26th | Symposium at Guildford. |
| April | Outing to Brighton and Hollingbury in conjunction with the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society. |
| May | Outing to east Essex. |
| June | Outing to the Godalming area. |
| July | Visits in conjunction with the Leatherhead and District Local History Society. |
| August | Visit to Guildford town. |
| September | Walk: route to be arranged. |
| October | To be arranged. |
| November | Lectures at Guildford. |
| December | To be arranged. |

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EXCAVATION NOTICE

KENNINGTON PALACE
(N.G.R.: TQ 312782)

Director: G. J. DAWSON, B.A.

Rescue excavations will continue every Saturday and Sunday from 9.30 a.m. until dusk. Details were given in the November *Bulletin*.

Further information may be obtained from M. R. Maitland Muller, Mon. Sec. S.A.E.C., Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17. (Telephone: RODney 3324, ext. 3).

GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

C.B.A. Conference on Mechanical Aids in Excavation

This conference was held on 23rd October, 1965, at the Institute of Archaeology. It was accompanied by an extensive exhibition of relevant trade literature.

The morning session was primarily concerned with the very many different types of earth moving equipment. These were described in detail and slides illustrating some in action were shown. The functions, merits and hire rates of each type of machine were given and then discussed by a panel comprising both archaeologists and technical experts.

The afternoon session included a number of interesting papers on related subjects. The first, on 'artificial rain', outlined the use of water on archaeological sites and showed a number of different types of spraying equipment. The next, on excavation shelters, mentioned the various types of temporary and permanent shelters used to protect both diggers and archaeological features. Then came a short paper on useful hand tools used in excavations followed by a report on photographic towers and similar devices. This outlined different types of wood and metal framed structures of varying degrees of portability and also included photographs of these and of improvised towers made from ladders and wooden poles. A last paper was read on conveyor belts with particular reference to one constructed by students at Nottingham University and successfully employed by them on an excavation.

It seemed clear that archaeology is entering a new, mechanised era. Problems and difficulties would be encountered and the need for a developed technique in mechanised archaeology was stressed.

(B. J. Philip).

C.B.A. Group 11A: Second meeting of the Standing Committee.

The committee held their second meeting on 23rd November and discussed many topics of interest to archaeologists in both Kent and Surrey.

It was widely felt that all historical and archaeological societies in the two counties should be encouraged to join the group. Society membership costs 10/- per annum and further information may be obtained from the Secretary, C. B. A. Group 11A, Pring's Cottage, Pilgrims' Way, Upper Halling, Rochester, Kent.

The committee discussed the problems of scheduling monuments and buildings and that of the encouragement of research into Industrial Archaeology. It was believed that a number of individuals were engaged in this research but that there was as yet no co-ordination between them. There is a need for one or more of these individuals to act as co-

ordinators on a county basis and it was decided that an attempt should be made to find such persons. The editor of the *Bulletin* is willing to act as a clearing house for the first round of letters and will be pleased to hear from anyone who is carrying out research or who is interested in Industrial Archaeology and from anyone who is willing to act as a group leader or co-ordinator.

The possibility of a conference sponsored by the group was also discussed and a small sub-committee set up to consider possible venues and themes. A date early in 1967 seemed possible for the conference.

(D. J. Turner).

The Society for Medieval Archaeology: Colt Fund research grants.

Applications are invited for grants from the Colt Fund of the Society for Medieval Archaeology. The grants will be made for research within the sphere of the Society's interests. A number of awards will be made (normally of sums within the region of £50) in the spring of 1966. Grants are not available for excavation: they are normally intended for travel, photography, drawing, and similar expenses incurred in research projects.

Applications should reach D. M. Wilson, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1, before 10th February, 1966. The application should include a short summary of the project and the name of one referee.

The awards will be announced at the end of March and will be immediately available.

Post Medieval Pottery: Bibliography.

A bibliography of nearly forty books and papers has been published by John Ashdown in the Thames Basin Archaeological Observers Group *Newsletter* No. 27. This comprehensive list will be greatly appreciated by all excavators of sites whose history does not end before the dissolution of the monasteries, and Mr. Ashdown is to be complimented on performing this task. The *Newsletter* may be obtained (price 1/3d. post free) from Harvey Sheldon, 44 Howitt Road, N.W.3.

(T.B.A.O.G. *Newsletter*).

LOCAL NOTES AND QUERIES

Surrey records at Canterbury.

The sixteenth century Privy Council letters in the library of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury (see *Bulletin* No. 10) are described in the *Historical Manuscripts Commission 9th Report* (1883) App I, p 125. An extract from the latter and a further note upon them may be consulted at the Surrey Record Office under reference REP 14.

The letters, chiefly about militia matters, are addressed variously, to the Lord Lieutenant, the Sherriff, Justices of Surrey, etc. They refer also to recusancy, seminary priests, rogues and vagabonds, gunpowder making and parliamentary patronage. Of particular interest are the details of the arrangements made for the defence of the country against the Armada.

(Miss M. Gollancz).

Cedar Survey.

An encouraging start has been made to the survey announced in the *May Bulletin*. Two interesting possibilities have come to light.

1. At Oatlands Park, Weybridge, may be the oldest cedar in England.
2. John Evelyn, the diarist, was apt to plant cedars where he stayed.

In two respects the response has been disappointing. First a reluctance to give Grid References or girth measurements. The method for calculating Grid References is to be found at the foot of every 1" Ordnance Survey map and cedar owners are friendly people who like talking about their trees and who normally readily grant permission to measure them. Secondly few replies have been received from western Surrey where Georgian strongholds like Farnham might be expected to produce a cedar or two.

Details of cedars noticed should be sent, on a postcard, to 7a Burntwood Lane, Caterham.

(J. C. Batley).

Banstead Heath : Paleolithic axe (TQ 232547).

Mr. A. K. Scott of London, S.W.20 found a Middle Acheulean handaxe on a path crossing Banstead Heath. The axe is patinated white with some brown staining on one side, and is pointed with a broad butt and straight edges. Mr. Scott has promised to give the axe to Guildford Museum at a later date.

(E. M. Dance).

Caterham and District: Bourne Society.

No. V of the Bourne Society's publication *Local History Records* is now available price 2/6d. from booksellers or 3/0d. post paid from 267 Croydon Road, Caterham. (While stocks remain copies of Nos. II, III and IV are available from the same source and for the same price).

Articles in No. V include *Antiquities of the Bourne Valleys* by J. C. Batley, *Sanderstead* by W. G. Tharby, *Marden Park* by D. A. Dawe, and *The Oldest House in Caterham? (a vanishing trick)*.

(J. C. Batley).

Reigate Heath : Neolithic arrowhead (TQ 235501).

A flint arrowhead, leaf-shaped with a white patination, was found on a path near the Windmill on Reigate Heath by Mr. J. Scanlon of Reigate, who has given it to the Guildford Museum.

(E. M. Dance).

Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society.

During the summer of 1965 a group of diggers who have worked for some years in close association with the Southwark Archaeological Excavations Committee decided to form a properly constituted society. The society is known by the name given above and its primary function will be to conduct excavations, especially those of an emergency nature, where sites are available in a gap between demolition and development. Work will normally be undertaken in conjunction with the S.A.E.C. and it is anticipated that the society will affiliate to the Surrey Archaeological Society and to the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. Observation in threatened areas and all types of field work in the boroughs are to be actively encouraged and undertaken in close co-operation with the Thames Basin Archaeological Observers Group. Occasional lectures will be given but the organisation of excursions is not a function of the society. Historical research is an essential part of the society's activities.

The society has the use of warehouse accommodation as a store and centre for its activities (other than digging) which it shares with other London archaeological groups. This is an important centre for processing the finds from excavations.

Membership is open to all who are keen to take an active part in excavation and research in the boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth. The membership fee is 7/6 per annum. Applications and enquiries should be addressed to B. J. Bloice, 94 Hubert Grove, Stockwell, S.W.9. The president of the society is Dr. Celoria and M. R. Maitland Muller is the chairman.

(B. J. Bloice).

FUTURE MEETINGS

Medieval Archaeology Course.

A University Extension Course of twelve lectures beginning on 13th January, 1966 will be given by J. G. Hurst, M.A., F.S.A., at the Goldsmiths College, S.E.14. It is to be held on Thursdays from 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. Various aspects of pottery will be studied, including methods of manufacture, evidence of dating, trade, different types of pottery, and their regional variations. The Saxon background will be discussed as