

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.

Saturday, 19th. 11a.m. to 5 p.m. WEST KENT SYMPOSIUM at Congregational Church Hall, Widmore Road, Bromley. Arranged by the KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH GROUPS COUNCIL. Local Group reports, guest speakers from Surrey and London, and discussions. Admission 2/6, at door, includes tea and biscuits. Enquiries to B. J. Philp, 242 Langley Way, West Wickham, Kent. (SPRING Park 8010).

Saturday, 19th. 3 p.m. Lecture by Brian Blake at Brooklands College, Weybridge on his work as curator of the Weybridge Museum. Arranged by the WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact J. W. Lindus Forge, 12c Bowes Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MARCH

Thursday, 3rd. 8 p.m. SOURCE MATERIAL OF LOCAL HISTORY. Lecture by Miss M. Y. Williams at Pit House, Ewell. Arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact M. Morris, 28 Seymour Road, Ewell.

Saturday, 5th. 9.30 a.m. UNDERWATER SURVEYING. A one-day Conference arranged by the COMMITTEE FOR NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY will be held at the London University Institute of Archaeology. Enquiries to The Secretary, Committee for Underwater Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, 12th. SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY LECTURES to be held at the Brew House, Guildford (near the Library).

11 a.m. ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSES by Victor Smith.

2 p.m. THE LATE BRONZE AGE SETTLEMENT AT WESTON WOOD by Joan M. Harding.

Members 3/-, Visitors 4/-, Students 2/6.

Maximum capacity of the hall is 80, so please apply for tickets as early as possible to Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead. Important: Please approach the Brew House from North Street via the railed passage beside the Library. This will be clearly sign posted.

The use of the Brew House does not imply the use of the Library Car Park. In no circumstances may cars be left in this car park as it may be used only by Library members and Guildford House staff.

Saturday, 26th. SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM ON RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK.

Resulting from discussions after the last Symposium in September, it has been decided to move this annual event to March. In view of the short notice this year the Civic Hall, Guildford, has again been booked. Details of the programme will be given in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

Members of the Surrey, Kent and Sussex Archaeological Societies and all affiliated Societies in Surrey may make advance bookings by post from Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead. Affiliated Societies may make bulk bookings for their members.

Members 4/-, Visitors 6/-, Tea 3/6.

Tickets may be obtained on the day at the Hall for 6/-. Tea will be available at 3/6.

Wednesday, 30th. 8.15 p.m. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS IN THE RECORDS OFFICE OF THE G. L. C. Lecture by Miss I. Darlington at Morden Library, Morden Road, S.W.19. Arranged by the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact Miss E. M. Jowett, 12 Cranleigh Road, S.W.19. (CHERRYWOOD 1153).

Thursday, 31st. 8 p.m. CROYDON — OLD AND PRESENT. Lecture by W. A. Benians at Pit House, Ewell. Arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact M. Morris, 28 Seymour Road, Ewell.

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EXCAVATION NOTICES

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, Hon. Sec. S.A.E.C., Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17. (Telephone: RODney 3324, ext. 3).

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE SETTLEMENT
(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: JOAN M. HARDING.

Helpers are needed to complete the excavation of the Bronze Age floor and to investigate the Mesolithic chipping floor. First two weekends in February and March. Conditions are ideal for digging now. Details were given in the October *Bulletin*.

Enquiries to: Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell. (Telephone: MUSEum 3644, ext. 330).

GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

Report of the S.A.S. Sub-committee on Policy

The sub-committee appointed by the Excavations Committee to draw up a policy and programme of excavation and field survey has presented its report to the Council. This will appear in the Society's *Annual Report* and the following account is offered as a brief summary.

Recognising that a programme of research must be based on a detailed survey of all known sites in the County, the committee proposed that records should be compiled and period maps plotted as a preliminary to the formulation of a practical policy. In view of the magnitude of the task, a limited objective was set as a first step, and records are at present being compiled and maps plotted for the Borough of Kingston. When this work is completed a list of places in the Borough where special watch must be kept on building activity and other development will be drawn up and a programme of excavation outlined. Copies of this scheme will be sent to local groups and local government bodies to draw their attention to the urgent need for scientific recording of as much of archaeological evidence as possible before it is destroyed. It is hoped that when the Kingston scheme is completed a meeting of local societies can be arranged to discuss its extension to other boroughs and parishes.

The committee considers that the Society has a responsibility to encourage study groups and lectures. It also hopes that the present schemes for training excavators and directors of excavations can be extended.

The success of the policy will, of course, depend upon the finding of a person, or persons, willing to run it and an appeal will be made for volunteers to help in working through the records.

Countryside in 1970

A second conference on the Countryside in 1970 was held in November 1965 under the joint auspices of the Royal Society of Arts and the Nature Conservancy. In preparation for the conference twelve

Study Groups, drawn from varied and often conflicting interests, reported on key issues. The C.B.A. was represented on Study Group 8. The Group's Report (*Report of Study Group No. 8: Preservation of Natural, Historic and other Treasures*. Royal Society of Arts, 1965 Price 3/-) contains a number of proposals which have a bearing on British archaeology. Study Group 4 considered planning practice and its Report (*Study Group 4: Report on the Countryside: Planning Practice*. Royal Society of Arts, 1965 Price 3/-) also contains information which amenity and archaeological societies would find of interest.

LOCAL NOTES

Albury: Weston Wood excavations 1965 (TQ 053485)

Investigation continues steadily of an area some 800 feet square. It is pitted with cooking holes, fires and open furnaces on dished carstone hearths, storage pits and smaller pits. There is a thick scatter of domestic pottery and over twenty pots are being reconstructed. These range in size from minute thin pots only two inches high to great storage jars eighteen inches high. These are roughly made and have the pinched out bases characteristic of the Green Lane, Farnham, pots. There are also burnished bowls, slightly carinated, or with out-turned rims. Together they form a useful collection for further study of the problem of L.B.A./E.I.A. influence in Surrey. Eight spindle whorls have been found near the fires, as have also loom weights. One had the impression of a bracken frond baked on it. Metal has been scarce. There is only a fragment of a bronze pin and another small blob of tin and lead.

The Mesolithic horizon, in the light blown sand sealed beneath the Bronze Age floor, has produced typical microliths of late Wealden Culture. A chipping floor is being investigated.

This season has been notable for various experiments designed to help in interpretation of the site. Potters have made L.B.A. type pottery from the gault clay in the valley — using their own pot boilers as grog. The pots have been fired in various pits like those on the site, but in every case the pots shattered on coming in direct contact with the flames. Indirect means of firing were successful. The experiments continue.

Wheat is being stored in a pit. The jar was copied in local clay from the Weston Wood grain storage jar. Emmer wheat has been sown in a little plot furrowed with pointed stick.

The grant from the Carnegie Trust has been used to provide extra tools for schools which are sending groups to dig on the site. Preliminary training is given in the Guildford Museum. The scheme is working well.

The total area now excavated is approximately an acre and the pottery throughout is similar in form and texture. Nevertheless it would seem that there should be another dwelling near this busy working floor which is some 300 feet from the original house structure.

(Joan M. Harding).

Ewhurst: Roman Villa at Rapsley (TQ 08044152)

The 1965 season of excavations saw the completion of Site 1. It consists of an Antonine bath block which was laid over an earlier cobbled area and which had a timber structure of the same date abutting it to the north.

There may have been an ornament or a pedestal in the centre of a small courtyard formed by the projecting walls of the hot bath and the cold plunge. There was a rain-water gutter outside the hot bath, made of the box flue tiles laid end to end. The gutter was seated at each end and on top with broken tiles. The Frigidarium and the step down into the cold plunge were originally paved with a red and white chequer-board mosaic. There was a latrine in the angle of the walls between the Frigidarium, the cold plunge and the Caldarium. A drain connecting the latrine, the cold plunge and the hot bath flowed into a soak-away five feet south of the building.

In the third century the bath block was converted into a small dwelling house with two rudimentary wings facing west. To achieve this, a mosaic paved room and an L-shaped room were built over the former

timber structure; the cold plunge and part of the Frigidarium were demolished and the hypocaust blocked so that it only served two heated rooms at the back of the house (these would appear to have been the tepidarium in the original construction).

In the fourth century two corridors were added to the east and west fronts, and a lean-to with cobbled flooring was added to the north. The main entrance in all three periods was in the centre of the west front.

Part of the boundary wall, with a possible entrance, has been traced in Site 2. It is aligned on the existing lane. The medieval house is also on this alignment, which strongly suggests a Roman approach road may have existed on this line. It would have joined the Rowhook-Farley Heath Roman road some 400 yards north of the Wykehurst tile kiln.

(Viscountess Hanworth).

Merrow: Levysdene (TQ 025501)

It is very pleasant to see that the gaping end of this building has been reconstructed and that it is going to be saved and lived in. I suspect that this happy result is in no small measure due to the efforts of the Records, Historic Buildings and Antiquities Committee of Surrey County Council, who do so much for Surrey houses.

The house, now stripped of later additions, dates essentially from the first half of the seventeenth century. It has a very fine timber staircase and panelling. This was once a favourite residence of the Onslow family. Speaker Arthur Onslow living there from 1715 until he moved to Imber Court on his marriage. Several of the Onslows were buried in the south chancel aisle of the old church at Merrow.

(K. W. E. Gravett).

Richmond: Cardigan House. (TQ 181744)

Persistent rumours exist that Cardigan House, Richmond is likely to be demolished. In view of its fine mid-eighteenth century frontage, with central Venetian window and above it stucco panels with flowers and cornucopias, this would be a great pity.

The house was occupied by the Earls of Cardigan, who were famous for the parties they gave there, until the time of the Earl who led the famous Charge of the Light Brigade. A later owner was Captain John Wills, responsible for building the Cutty Sark. It is now a part of the British Legion Poppy Factory.

(K. W. E. Gravett).

FUTURE MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 5th. 3 p.m. CANALS. Lecture by L. A. Edwards at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Lane, Carshalton. Arranged by the BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. A visitor's fee of one shilling is charged.

Wednesday, 9th. 8 p.m. The HUGUENOTS. Lecture by Klaus Marx at West Hill Library, S.W.18. Arranged by the WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact D. R. Pollock, 102 Disraeli Road, S.W.15.

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.