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EXCAVATION NOTICES

REIGATE: OLD VICARAGE SITE (TQ 25705036)

(Director: David Williams)

Before full-time work commences on the above site in September, excavation of this hall-house and crosswing demolished in 1847 will still continue on Sundays from 10.00 a.m. Various medieval walls and floors relating to the crosswing and an outshot structure have been uncovered, as well as two seventeenth century stone-lined pits. Hidden within the floor levels of the crosswing, two complete pots have been found. One, a bellarmine of about 1600, may have been used as a witch bottle, the other, a miniature glazed jug only 70 cm high and covered with sgraffito decoration, is probably a fourteenth century church cruet.

Further details from David Williams who can be contacted during the day on 01-223 3431.

STANWELL (TQ 053745)

(Director: Martin O'Connell)

There will be a full-time excavation on the above site for two months from 3rd September onwards. The work will be directed by Martin O'Connell for the County Archaeological Unit. The excavation will concentrate on a series of crop mark features including a Roman road and possible Saxon field boundaries and will hope to elucidate a number of questions raised by R. Poulton in an earlier Trial Trench. Volunteers are welcome and anyone interested should contact the County Planning Officer, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2DT, heading the letter Stanwell and marking it for the attention of M. G. O'Connell.

TRAINING EXCAVATION

SUTTON PARK (SOUTH OF WOKING):

**Supposed site of twelfth/thirteenth century Manor House
(TQ 00455380)—second season**

The Society's Excavations Committee plans to carry out a second season on the training excavation at the above site, which lies west of the Roman Catholic Church of St Edward. The excavation will be under the direction of Dr D. G. Bird. The site is a scheduled Ancient Monument which will eventually become part of the graveyard of the church and work will take place by kind permission of Canon Gordon Albion and the Department of the Environment. The excavation will last for two weeks from Monday, 30th July to Saturday, 11th August, inclusive, except for Sunday, 5th August. Training will be given in basic excavation techniques and trainees will only be accepted if they can guarantee to attend for at least six days. Further details can be obtained from Dr D. G. Bird, County Planning Department, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Tel.: 01-546 1050 Ext. 3665.

New Members from 1st April, 1979

- Mr C. J. Watkins, 58 Ringway, Southall, UB2 5ST.
Mrs H. M. Taylor, East Oakbank, New Way, Godalming, GU7 2JH.
Mrs B. M. Godfrey, 5 Manor Gardens, Farncombe, Godalming, GU7 3LL.
Mr M. Ashworth, 20 Orchard Close, Normandy, GU3 2EU.
Mr A. J. Russell, 41 Chaldon Common Road, Chaldon, Caterham, CR3 5DH.
Mr M. J. G. Russell, 41 Chaldon Common Road, Chaldon, Caterham, CR3 5DH.
Mr J. Drewett, Garden Cottage, Box Hill Road, Box Hill, Tadworth, KT20 7JN.
Miss M. N. Slade, 3 Echohurst, 17 Warwicks Bench Road, Guildford, GU1 3TQ.
Mr G. D. Evans, 41 Kings Road, Cranleigh, GU6 7JG.
Mrs J. M. and Mr R. B. Pope, 10 Northfield, Witley, Godalming, GU8 5LN.

SAS VISITS

Saturday, 1st September

VISIT TO BLETCHINGLEY & DISTRICT

Details will appear in the August *Bulletin* but information can be obtained from Mrs J. Major, 01-398 5446.

Tuesday, 4th September

(originally announced for 26th September)

VISIT TO LALEHAM, NEAR STAINES

Arranged by Miss M. Gollancz and members of the Laleham Society

11.00 a.m. Meet at Broadway (B377) Car Park near the Village Hall, for walk through the eastern end of the village; visits including Parish Church, the Dial House and Riverside.

Lunch: Picnic or pub snacks.

1.45 p.m. Re-assemble at Little Ravenswell (Mr and Mrs John Page) river end of Vicarage Lane, for walk through western end of area; visits including Laleham House.

Tickets (members 30p, visitors 40p, students half price and accompanied children free) from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL. It will be necessary to produce tickets on this visit.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Cobham, Chatley Farm (TQ 089594)

The site lies close to the southern bank of the River Mole on Lower Terrace Gravel. A fourth century Roman bath-house had been excavated in the north-west corner of the same field in 1942 and the existence of an associated building or buildings seemed a logical proposition. Field walking of the area produced no structural or occupational evidence until April 1979 when the field concerned was subjected to deeper ploughing than usual. Ann Watson discovered a quantity of Roman tile together with third/fourth century Roman pottery and was able to define two areas for further investigation. Unfortunately, geophysical surveying and the excavation of two trial trenches by Messrs O'Connell and Poulton for the County Archaeological Unit produced no stratified material.

(Martin O'Connell)

Oakwood Hill; "Pollingfold", a fifteenth century timber framed House (TQ 128382)

This house is timber framed of five bays and two storeys. The roof is of crown-post construction, with plain crown posts. The rafters have been replaced (and two of the old rafters used as side purlins) this century, although the rafters associated with each truss remain.

The main front faces approximately south. The centre bay is considerably narrower than the others. It now contains a brick chimney. In the bay to the east there is an internal jetty above the eastern wall in which there are doorways at each end. There is evidence of short speres with a plank seat supported on a bracket constructed between them.

The central truss has one remaining brace to the tie beam and has a square fillet on the soffit of the tie beam between the braces. The crown post is plain, with originally two braces down to the tie beam and two up to the collar purlin. The roof is smoke-blackened, heavily in the area of the narrow bay, and less so over the rest of the hall, with a small amount in the bay to the west.

The bay at the western end was apparently floored and had no connection originally at first floor level with the rest of the house, and on the ground floor the present doorway looks original. The use of this bay is not known, but there is no doubt that it is integral with the house and of the same build, for which a mid-fifteenth century date is likely.

Further investigations are being made and it is hoped to offer a fuller account for the Collections.

(J. Baker, J. Oliver, K. Gravett)

London Boroughs of Sutton and Merton

The surveys for these boroughs have been completed. A card index for all periods may be consulted at the unit's office at 21 Harbut Road, Battersea (Tel.: 01-223 2478). In addition there are annotated 1:10,000 maps and various materials connected with the surveys.

Surveys for the London Boroughs of Wandsworth and Richmond are in progress.

(Lesley Adkins, SW London Archaeological Unit)

Reigate: "Cherchefelle", Chart Lane and 77-79 Bell Street (TQ 258503 and 254500)—Correction

The notice in *Bulletin* 157 for June should read:

Line 1. Opposite the Parish Church. . . .

This entry should have been signed by David Williams.

Chertsey Abbey

Captain Guy Knocker's manuscript notes on his excavations at Chertsey Abbey are being checked and typed. Anybody having knowledge of any finds or other information please contact David Bird, Planning Dept., Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames. Tel.: 01-546 1050 Ext. 3665.

PUBLICATIONS

Availability and prices of early publications

Following a review of stocks, the prices of back volumes of the **Collections** have been revised. From 1st July 1979 prices of volumes up to and including Volume 65 will be as follows:

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| Volumes of which the stock is 10 copies or less (available to members only) | £5 each |
| Volumes of which the stock is between 11 and 30 copies | £3 to members £4 to non-members |
| Volumes of which the stock exceeds 30 copies | £1.50 to members £2 to non-members |

Postage and packing extra in all cases. There are discounts for large orders. A detailed list of prices may be obtained from Castle Arch. Second-hand copies are sometimes available at about two-thirds of the prices of new copies, according to condition.

The following volumes are already out of print: 1-6, 7i, 8-11, 12i, 13-15, 18, 20-21, 23-5, 28, 30, 32-5, 37-40, Index to Volumes 1-20. A microfilm of Volumes 1-38 has been made and films or Xerox prints of these volumes may be purchased on application to University Microfilms Ltd., St John's Road, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks., HP10 8HR.

Southwark excavations 1972-74

There is an offprint of the Roman pottery section and this may be obtained from Castle Arch, price £1, plus postage and packing.

Correction

Bulletin No. 156, page 8 under "Surrey (Local)"

The title of the pamphlet by G. B. Greenwood should read "The Charities of Walton on Thames", not "Parish Registers", as shown.

REVIEW

Brightling's "History of Carshalton". Facsimile reprint by Sutton Libraries & Arts Services, 1978. Original published 1872, reprinted 1882. Price £2.70 hardback. 128 pages.

This is a book which is both delightful to read and packed with local knowledge, presented in elegant Victorian English. Brightling is described on the front cover as the "Victorian amateur authority par excellence of Carshalton" and one is impressed with the amount of research and the variety of subjects which he has included. He is careful to point out in his Preface that he has selected only "important gleanings from the fields of others, with nothing of my own but the hand that unites them", resulting in this informative little book. He conducts his reader through an amazing catalogue from geology to the eighteenth century Carshalton Park, taking in Domesday information, the Church, Local Wills, the Parish Register, Anne Boleyn's Well and many other snippets and anecdotes of great interest to the local historian. The book includes the original advertisements by local shopkeepers and institutions and photographs probably taken by Brightling himself. The whole is made more valuable by the addition of an index compiled by Douglas Cluett, ALA.

Anyone attempting a history of their local village or town could do worse than base his researches on the pattern used by George Brightling, but, gentle reader, do please include a map so that readers a century hence can trace the places to which you refer and compare growth since the time of writing.

(Lesley Ketteringham)

This book is available from specialist bookshops, all London Borough of Sutton Libraries, or by post (plus 35p p&p) from: Central Library, St Nicholas Way, Sutton, Surrey.

MEETINGS

Specialist Courses

It is hoped that members may be considering widening their knowledge by taking specialist courses both for their own benefit and that of the Society. The spectrum of knowledge required by modern archaeology is such that one individual has little hope of achieving more than a good basic working background and where detailed information on a particular subject is required usually has to apply to somebody else who, however willing to help, is already inundated with work.

But a detailed study of one or more specialist subjects, e.g. bones, soils, metalwork, need not present too great a problem, providing that of time and distance can be overcome. In order to assist those who wish to take a course some money is available from the Society's fund which is set aside for this purpose. Applications for grants should be requested from the Secretary of the Excavations Committee. The money need not necessarily be used in payment for the course; it could also, for example, go towards cost of travel.

Applications to Dr G. P. Moss, 10 Hurstleigh Drive, Redhill, RH1 2AA.

Note: Would anybody hearing of specialist courses please let me know?

The Excavations Committee would also like to draw members' attention to the Processing Workshops held from time to time by Scott McCracken at 21 Harbut Road, Battersea, SW11.

(Hon. Bulletin Editor)

University Courses

Unfortunately the curriculums for the London University Courses have not arrived in time for publication in this **Bulletin**. It is hoped to include them in the August **Bulletin**.

ARCHAEOLOGY COURSES RUN BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY IN CONJUNCTION WITH WEA BRANCHES AND ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTES THROUGH THE COUNTY

Banstead WEA

Tuesday, 18th September, 7.45-9.45 p.m., 24 meetings.

"Archaeology—The Holy Land"; Tutor: Mr J. North, BA.

Venue: Nork Park School, Picquets Way, Banstead.

Contact: Secretary; Mrs J. Hay, 332 Fir Tree Road, Epsom Downs. Telephone: Burgh Heath 51392.

Guildford WEA

Tuesday, 18th September, 10.30-12.30 p.m., 20 meetings (final year of a three-year tutorial).

"Greek Civilization"; Tutor: Mr J. Burns, OBE, TD, MA.

Venue: Guildford Institute, Ward Street, Guildford.

Contact: Secretary; Mrs C. Lester, New House, Old Kiln Close, Churt, Farnham. Telephone: Headley Down 712060.

Haslemere WEA

Monday, 24th September, 8.00-10.00 p.m., 20 meetings.

"The Bronze Age"; Tutor: Mr J. North, BA.

Venue: Shottermill County Middle School, Lion Lane, Shottermill.

Contact: Secretary; Mrs Joyce Hale, Lauriston, Weycombe Road, Haslemere. Telephone: Haslemere 3383.

Horley WEA

Wednesday, 12th September, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 24 meetings (second year of a three-year tutorial).

"Ancient Civilizations"; Tutor: Mr B. F. A. Downing, BA.

Venue: Horley Comprehensive School, Balcombe Road, Horley.

Contact: Secretary; Mr David Nicholls, 3 The Tower House, Green Lane, Shipley Bridge, Horley. Telephone: Horley 5544.

Leatherhead & Ashted WEA

Thursday, 20th September, 7.45-9.45 p.m., 24 meetings.

"Eastern Mediterranean and Bible Lands Archaeology"; Tutor: Mr J. North, BA.

Venue: Leatherhead Institute, High Street, Leatherhead.

Contact: Secretary; Mrs P. A. Hulse, Lyncroft, High Park Avenue, East Horsley. Telephone: East Horsley 2917.

Reigate and Redhill WEA

Thursday, 27th September, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 24 meetings.

"Archaeology of Roman Britain"; Tutor: Martin O'Connell, MA.

Venue: Reigate Priory Middle School, Bell Street, Reigate.

Contact: Secretary; Miss M. F. Ullrich, 16 Sandhills Road, Reigate. Telephone: Reigate 45665.

Walton and Weybridge WEA

Monday, 24th September, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 20 meetings (first year of a three-year tutorial).

"British Medieval Archaeology"; Tutor: Mrs Marion Smith, BA, AMA.

Venue: Heathside School, Brooklands Lane, Weybridge.

Contact: Secretary; Mrs D. Skillman, Willow Cottage, Hamm Court, Weybridge. Telephone: Weybridge 46162 (Home: 47072).

Woking WEA

Monday, 24th September, 7.15-9.15 p.m., 20 meetings (second year of a three-year tutorial).

"Near Eastern Archaeology"; Tutor: Mr J. R. C. Hamilton, OBE, MA, FSA.

Venue: College Annexe, Station Approach, Woking.

Contact: Secretary; Mrs Dorris Grogan, 33 Hillside, Woking. Telephone: Woking 63949.

Mole Valley Adult Education Institute

Monday, 24th September, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 24 meetings.

"The Ancient Near East and its Legacy"; Tutor: Mrs V. Ettlinger.

Venue: Dorking Institute Annexe, behind Dorking Halls.

Contact: Principal; Mr C. E. Stott, Dorking Centre, Dene Street, Dorking. Telephone: Dorking 3351.

Runnymede Adult Education Institute

Wednesday, 10th October, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 5 meetings, alternate weeks.

"Industrial Archaeology in Surrey"; Tutor: Mr F. Haveron, BA.

Venue: Chertsey Centre, Old Council Offices, Guildford Street, Chertsey.

Contact: Principal; Mr R. B. Brooks, Old Council Offices, Guildford Street, Chertsey. Telephone: Chertsey 64157.

Spelthorne Adult Education Institute

Wednesday, 26th September, 1.15-3.15 p.m., 24 meetings.

"Introduction to Archaeology of the Aztecs and Incas"; Tutor: Ms Heather Brothwell.

Venue: Staines Adult Centre, 36 Kingston Road, Staines, Middlesex.

Tuesday, 25th September, 7.00-9.00 p.m., 24 meetings.

"Egyptian Archaeology"; Tutor: Angela Milward.

Venue: Staines Adult Centre, 36 Kingston Road, Staines, Middlesex.

Contact: Principal; Mr P. A. Cosway at 36 Kingston Road, Staines, Middlesex. Telephone: Staines 57372.

Surrey Heath Adult Education Institute

Tuesday, 25th September, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 20 meetings.

"Introduction to Archaeology"; Tutor: Col A. Martin, MA.

Venue: Adult Education Centre, France Hill Drive, Camberley.

Contact: Principal; Mr A. Morgan, France Hill Drive, Camberley. Telephone: Camberley 20145.

Tandridge Adult Education Institute

Monday, 24th September, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 20 meetings.

"Archaeology of Prehistoric Europe"; Tutor: Miss S. Hamilton, BA.

Venue: Oxted County School, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted.

Contact: Principal; Mr V. Gilbert, Stychens Lane, Bletchingley. Telephone: Caterham 842115.

Waverley Adult Education Institute

Monday, 24th September, 7.30-9.30 p.m., 20 meetings.

"Dark Age Britain and Beyond"; Tutor: Mr R. Poulton, MA.

Venue: Adult Education Centre, Bridge Road, Godalming.

Thursday, 10th January, 1980, 2.00-4.00 p.m., 10 meetings.

"Daily Life in a Roman Villa"; Tutor: Lady R. Hanworth.

Venue: Cranleigh Arts Centre.

Contact: Principal; Mr Geoff Robinson, AEC, Bridge Road, Godalming. Telephone: Godalming 21387.

Annual Symposium

The 1979 Symposium for Surrey archaeologists, organised by the Excavations Committee, was held on 26th May in the Dorking Halls. It was unfortunate that owing to a booking error on the part of the Halls' management, it coincided with the bank holiday but in spite of this, last year's attendance level was maintained, and well over a hundred people listened with interest to the eight speakers.

The programme covered many aspects of archaeology in the county from hedgerow dating in Chelsham by the Bourne Society Archaeological Group and field walking by the Haslemere Group to large-scale rescue excavation by the professional unit at Runnymede Bridge. Research on specific periods was illustrated by the latest excavation of Stane Street and a study of the Mesolithic of the Upper Mole, while ecclesiastical archaeology was well represented by talks on Guildford Friary and the recently revealed wall-paintings in Barnes Church. The afternoon ended with an engrossing account of the Chronicle Award-winning kiln experiments in Alice Holt forest, which were so successful that the audience was left with the alarming thought that it is now possible to make your own Roman pottery.

Over a dozen local societies mounted exhibitions of current work in their areas and, in spite of having to cope with unsuitable screens, contrived to produce displays of a high standard and interest which contributed much to the success of the meeting.

The chair was taken by Mr John Nevinson who, with his customary charm and skill, steered the programme through the inevitable minor snags to a satisfactory conclusion. Many thanks are due to him, to all the speakers and exhibitors, and to Mrs Jenny Moss and her helpers who not only provided delicious afternoon teas, but also an almost continuous supply of tea and coffee throughout the day.

Please note—The next Symposium will be on **Saturday, 17th May, 1980** in the Dorking Halls.

(Vivien Ettlinger, Chairman, Excavations Committee)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Saturday 27th

One-day Conference: "Forty Years After" will be held by the General Studies Department, University of Surrey, Guildford. The object of this Conference will be to review the situation which led up to the Second World War in the light of much material which has become available in recent years. Speakers: A. J. P. Taylor, Prof D. C. Watt, Prof Douglas Johnson, Miss Margot Light and Dr Josef Garlinski.

Apply to Dr Roy Douglas, Modern History Dept., General Studies Dept., University of Guildford. Cost £3 including morning coffee and afternoon tea.

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st

Symposium to be held by the Surrey Local History Council at 10.00 hrs., Dorking Hall, Dorking. Subject: "British Rivers and Waterways".

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Saturday, 17th May

Symposium to be held by the Excavations Committee of the SAS at 10.00 hrs., Dorking Hall, Dorking.

Next Bulletin: August, for which copy is required by 6th July. The following Bulletin: September, for which copy is required by 6th August.