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EXCAVATION NOTICES

**WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD
AND MESOLITHIC HORIZON
(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)**

Director: MISS JOAN M. HARDING.

Excavation will continue on the following dates: April 2nd/3rd; 8th/11th (Easter); May 1st; 7th/8th; 14/15th. Details were given in the *March Bulletin*.

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

**KNIGHTONS, ALFOLD: GLASSHOUSE SITE
(N.G.R.: TQ 016341)**

Directors: E. S. WOOD, F.S.A., AND F. W. HOLLING.

Excavation of this mid-16th century glasshouse will be resumed on Saturday, 16th April, and continue for at least four weekends (except Saturday, 30th April, the Society's A.G.M.) Details were given in the *March Bulletin*.

Enquiries to F. W. Holling, Castle Arch, Guildford.

**RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA
(N.G.R.: TQ 08044152)**

Director: THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH.

Excavation will be continued at this site from 21st May to 5th June and also from 30th July to 14th August, 1966. All volunteers, including beginners, welcomed. Details were given in the *March Bulletin*.

Enquiries to: Viscountess Hanworth, Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Cranleigh.
(Telephone: Ewhurst 420).

**ASHTREAD: ROMAN TILERY
(N.G.R.: TQ 178602)**

Director: J. N. HAMPTON

Examination of a clamp kiln and other features will continue from Friday, 8th April to Sunday 17th, inclusive, and the weekends 23rd - 24th April, and 30th April - 1st May. All volunteers welcome.

Enquiries to: J. N. Hampton, 25 Old Claygate Lane, Claygate, Surrey.
(Telephone: Esher 64904).

- Car parks at Stanmer House and Church. Picnic lunch to be taken. Tea, etc. may be obtained at Stanmer Post Office.
- 2 p.m. BRIGHTON MUSEUM, Church Street, Brighton. Parking is allowed only at meters or official parks but ample free space is usually available in East Brighton.
- 3 p.m. "THE LANES". Mr. K. A. Goodchild and Miss L. A. Candlin of the Brighton and Hove Arch. Soc. will conduct the party. Coach leaves Station Yard, Guildford, at 8.30 a.m.
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| Dorking (opposite Dorking Halls) | 9.10 a.m. |
| Reigate (Red Cross P.H.) | 9.30 a.m. |
| Leave Brighton | approx. 5 p.m. |

Tickets: Members 4/-, Visitors 5/-.
By coach: fare 10/6, tickets 3/-.

Please apply for tickets to Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead

Saturday, 30th. S.A.S. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Details will be circulated to members separately.

MAY

Sunday 1st Visit to Berkshire Downs and Farringdon to see examples of the inter-relationship between geology and archaeology. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. A coach will leave Charing Cross Underground Station at 9 a.m. and the tickets will be 13/6. It may be possible for members of the S.A.S. to go on this visit if places are available. Enquiries should be sent to Mrs. D. E. Summers, 6 Queens Gate Villas, Victoria Park Road, E9 before 15th April.

Thursday, 5th. 8 p.m. CANALS. Lecture by J. G. Davidge at Pitt House Ewell. Arranged by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact M. Morris, 28 Seymour Road, Ewell.

Friday, 6th. 8 p.m. UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY. Lecture by Miss du Plat Taylor at the Wandsworth Baths. Arranged by the WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Members wishing to attend should contact D. R. Pollock, 102 Disraeli Road, S.W.15.

Saturday, 7th S.A.S. VISIT TO ESSEX. Organiser: Mrs. Chiles.

8.00 a.m. Coach leaves Station Yard, Guildford.

8.30 a.m. Arrives at Esher Bus Station opposite Council Offices (Adequate car parking space nearby).

11.30 a.m. GREENSTEAD CHURCH.

12.0 app. BLACKMORE CHURCH. Talk by the Vicar.
Picnic lunch to be eaten on the coach.

2.00 p.m. Arrive BRADWELL LODGE. 16th century moated Manor House the home of Tom Driberg, Esq., M.P.

Time and weather permitting visit to ST. PETER'S CHURCH. (Saxon church on sea wall within the Roman "Saxon-shore" fort.)

4.15 p.m. Arrive Malden. Tea arranged at Roamers Restaurant High Street.

5.00 p.m. Visit PARISH CHURCH. Talk by the Vicar.

8.30 p.m. Arrive at Guildford.

Tickets: Members 4/-; Visitors 5/-.
Coach fare £1, ticket 3/-.

Please apply for tickets to Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey. Members must bring their own picnic lunch.

THE NORMANS: England and Normandy: 29th July - 12th August

A study tour to examine the Norman achievement will be led by David Whitehouse, the medieval archaeologist. For full details apply for a brochure from the Association for Cultural Exchange, Haverhill, Suffolk. The cost will be £58 10s. (Air travel, food and accommodation).

COURT LODGE FARM. HORLEY: SITE OF MEDIEVAL
MANOR HOUSE
(N.G.R.: TQ 274432)

Excavation at this site by the HOLMESDALE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP will continue at Easter 1966, from 8th April until 17th April inclusive. The Group began work on this site last season and this year hope to find the position of the medieval manor house which was burnt down about 1840. The site has been under continuous occupation for some six hundred years and there is a considerable amount of documentary evidence about the house and its past history.

Enquiries to : Mrs. J. Beale, 16 Vogan Close, Reigate.
(Telephone : Reigate 43489).

GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

Dialect Recording

The Surrey Local History Council is compiling a programme of work and would very much like to tackle the recording of local dialects in Surrey. This needs a great deal of time spent by a dedicated person with a flair for, and if possible experience of, this type of work.

Anyone willing to take it on is asked to get into touch with the Honorary Secretary, Jenner House, 2 Jenner Road, Guildford.

Recent books and papers

A further short list of recent publications of interest to Surrey archaeologists and historians is printed here.

Oatlands Transcript No. 4: The Commonwealth Survey of 1651 (Walton and Weybridge Historical Society. Price 6d. from J. W. Lindu: Forge, 12c Bowes Road, Walton-on-Thames.) Published 1965.

Farnham Papers No. 1: The Cost of Living in 1300 by D. Harper and *Farnham Papers No. 2: Life Let Us Cherish, a Survey of Poverty and Philanthropy in Farnham* by M. Batey. (Farnham W.E.A. Price 5/- and 5/6, plus 6d. postage, from Mrs. W. O. Manning, 18 Upper South View Farnham.)

London Naturalist 44 (L.N.H.S., 13 Woodfield Crescent, W.5 13/6 post free.) Includes the second interim report on excavations at Merton Priory. Offprints of this report may be obtained from D. J. Turner 14 Fairlawn Road, S.W.19, 2/-, post free. Published July 1965.

Industrial Archaeology in Surrey

The appeal made in *Bulletin* No. 13 for members who are interested in Industrial Archaeology to write to the editor has produced only one reply. Members of the Thames Basin Archaeological Observers' Group seem to be more active in this direction. In the Group's latest *Newsletter* (No 28, obtainable from Harvey Sheldon, 44 Howitt Road, N.W.3, price 1/3 post free) there is published a provisional list of Greater London's Industrial Monuments. The list includes the following items within this Society's area :

Windmills : Brixton Windmill; Wandsworth Common Windpump.
Wimbledon Windmill.

South Nutfield : Medieval pottery (TQ 312492)

Medieval pottery has been found by Miss M. Deacon and her brother in a stream bank remote from present habitation. The sherds are of a sandy fabric resembling Limpsfield ware, and come from at least one vessel which had pressed vertical strips as decoration. The sherds have been donated to the Guildford Museum by the finders.

(D. J. Turner)

Thames Ditton : Neolithic worked flints

A Neolithic flint skin-scaper was recently found in the garden of 59 Speer Road, Thames Ditton (TQ 15606742) an area which in our ancestors' time must have been an unpleasant swamp on the edge of the then wide, shallow and tidal Thames. Its location was the real interest as I had not heard of similar finds in this area.

Search however revealed a Neolithic adze in the Kingston Museum found in Thames Ditton and in *The Surrey Comet* for 11th January, 1908, a Mr. Lavers-Smith informed readers that on vacant land at the back of Effingham Road (north side) was a mound of gravel containing pre-historic flint instruments consisting of arrow-heads, javelin-heads and various scraping and boring implements, &c., some specimens being on show at Long Ditton Schools.

Today this site (TQ 170668) is divided between Long Ditton Recreation Ground and the reservoirs of the Metropolitan Water Board. It would therefore seem that this hoard and the collection at the School are lost without trace. Perhaps further research in this district might prove of more permanent value.

(T. S. Mercer).

Walton and Weybridge : Buildings record

The Walton and Weybridge Historical Society are making a record of pre-1914 buildings in the district. This will be based on the list in *Antiquities of Surrey*, brought up to date as fresh evidence of antiquity is discovered and listed buildings demolished. The record will be made available to the County Council when a new edition of the *Antiquities* is due to appear.

(Dial Stone No. 7).

Wandsworth : Card index of archaeological finds

The Wandsworth Historical Society's archaeological card index is nearing completion. It has been compiled from the accessions registers of museums and from literary sources. The index is arranged under location and period and illustrations of the finds indexed are to be attached to the cards.

(W. H. S. News Sheet 1965 No. 6).

FUTURE MEETINGS

APRIL

Saturday, 16th. S.A.S. VISIT TO BRIGHTON in conjunction with the **BRIGHTON AND HOVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**. Organiser: Capt. M. Wilson.

11.15 a.m. Assemble at **HOLLINGBURY HILL FORT (TQ 321079)**. At traffic lights at Robin Hood Garage at Patcham (A.23), turn left on A.27 to Corden Avenue, then right at junction with Ditchling Road. The Hill Fort is in Hollingbury Golf Course about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of the latter junction. Cars to be parked on left hand verge near path leading to fort.

12 noon. **STANMER PARK**, seat of Pelhams, Earls of Chichester; until 1947.

Watermills : Merton Abbey Printworks; Morden Hall Snuff Mills; Mitcham Mills;

Miscellaneous Power and Service Industry : Beam engine, Ram Brewery Wandsworth.

Waterways : Surrey Canal; Croydon Canal.

Railways : Surrey Iron Railway.

Roads : Milestones at Mitcham (2) and Wandsworth.

Raw Materials : Stoats Nest Quarry, Coulsdon.

Kilns and Smokehouses : Camberwell Limekiln; Coulsdon Limekiln; Brand's Bacon Vats, Vauxhall.

Manufactories, Warehouses and Mills : Ram Brewery, Wandsworth; Vinegar Works, Vauxhall; Doulton's Pottery, Lambeth; Leather Marking, Southwark; Warehouses, Leather Street, Southwark.

Industrial Housing : Prince Consort Lodge, Kennington; Shaftesbury Park Estate, Battersea.

Miscellaneous : Former Wimbledon Park House Well; Coal and Wine Taps; Posts and Obelisks; Blacksmiths at Southwark and Kennington Oval.

Industrial monuments have been defined by the C.B.A. as "any building or other fixed structure (especially of the period of the Industrial Revolution) which, either alone or in association with plant and equipment, illustrates, or is significantly connected with, the beginnings of industrial and technological processes including means of communication". The compiler of the provisional list (John Ashdown, 53 Sudbourne Road, S.W.2) would like to receive items for the revision of this list. The editor of the *Bulletin* would still like to hear from members and others who are investigating any aspect of Industrial Archaeology in Surrey or who are recording or listing industrial monuments.

Post-Medieval Ceramic Research Group

This group was formed in order to make a study of what is undoubtedly one of the most interesting and important periods in the history of English ceramics. The period in question is that which lies between c. 1500 and c. 1750 which is one of considerable change in the methods and types of pottery used and is also one in which considerable quantities of ceramic ware were imported into this country from the whole of western Europe and the Far East. Furthermore, it is a period in which there was a large export trade of ceramics from England to the colonies and other newly formed nations. We need to know a great deal more about the ceramics of this period and it is the aim of the Group not just to study a piece of pottery for its artistic merit but to study it from every angle, to understand its manufacture, the growth and development of the industry, the export of import types and the various influences that were brought to bear from outside on this great period of English potting.

The Group has amongst its ranks archaeologists, art historians and working potters. It meets twice yearly in various places in the British Isles and at these meetings it studies local collections of post-medieval ceramics in museums or in private hands, together with material from recent excavations. Membership is open to all for a subscription of 10/- per annum and the Group publishes a *Broadsheet*. In this publication the items published include papers read at the conferences, extracts from documents, and up to date information on recent work.

Applications for membership should be sent to K. A. Barton, Coulsdon Museum, Hartlebury Castle, near Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

LOCAL NOTES

Ash : 17th century pottery (SU 895506)

During 1965 it was discovered that a 17th century pottery existed at Ash on the site of cottages demolished to make way for new houses at the junction of Ash Street and Grange Road. Quantities of sherds including wasters were found in the garden of one of the houses, and in the grounds of the adjoining Manfield School. Much pottery, which undoubtedly came from the same source, was also found on the site of the multi-storey car park at Guildford in 1963. All the material in question is either in Guildford Museum or will be deposited there shortly.

The discovery of the Ash pottery is of considerable importance to the study of post-medieval ceramics, since the Ash products include some found in London excavations which had been supposed hitherto to be imports from the Low Countries. It is proposed to publish the significant material from the car park site in the *Surrey Archaeological Collections*.

(F. W. Holling).

Carshalton : Wrythe Green (TQ 276652)

A note in *Bulletin* No. 4 described Woodcote House, Wrythe Green, and hinted at a possible threat to this building. Woodcote House is one of a series of buildings, dating mainly from the first half of the nineteenth century, that line the north west side of the Green. The other sides of the Green are at present mainly occupied by undistinguished examples of twentieth century building. Redevelopment is forecast for the north west side of the Green and a new motor road is rumoured to be planned to pass through the vicinity.

Local amenity and archaeological societies have made representations to the Planning Authorities in an attempt to preserve the nineteenth century property as far as possible. Much of it is of intrinsic interest as vernacular architecture and most of it has distinct group value. Woodcote House and Ferncot have individual value and representations have been made to the Minister to have Woodcote House placed on the statutory list.

(D. J. Turner).

Ewell : excavations in 1965

Excavations were conducted on two sites by the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society. A further season of work at Bourne Hall (TQ 219627) was directed as before by N. H. Nail. The trenches dug produced further evidence of medieval buildings and the two shallow ditches of probable R-B date, located originally in 1964, were traced further across the site.

Work in the grounds of Glyn House (TQ 221628) was directed by D. R. Cousins and M. Morris. A number of trenches in the southern part of the grounds produced evidence of medieval building, though no definite pattern can be established without further work. Traces of a cobbled area were also found. A trench dug behind No. 11 Church Street produced an 18th century assemblage such as might be expected from the yard behind an inn of that period.

(N. and E. A. S. *Annual Report*)

Ewell : Iron water wheel at Bourne Hall (TQ 219627)

The Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society have urged that this, one of the few "industrial monuments" in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell, be restored before decay advances much further. The Borough Council replied to the effect that the amount of repair work that would be necessary would be so much as to reduce the historic value of the wheel to a point where the repairs required would become unjustifiable.

(N. and E. A. S. *Annual Report*)