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SAS VISITS 1980

1st March	Reigate.
19th March	Chelsea.
12th April	Albury and district.
10th May	Twickenham, including Strawberry Hill.
14th June	Chichester and district.
16th July	Littlecote, Wilts., etc.
13th Sept.	London, East of the Tower.
15th Oct.	B.B.C. Archives, Caversham and Reading District.

In addition to the Chelsea visit, for which a coach has been arranged since the tour cannot be comfortably covered on foot (details elsewhere in this Bulletin) it is proposed to provide a coach for the visits in June, July and October.

In order that it can be decided whether this is a viable proposition, it would be helpful if members who think they might make use of the coach on any particular occasion, would let Mrs Major know as soon as possible.

While experience has shown that it is wise to calculate the initial fare on the basis of a half full coach, some members will already know that when possible through a larger attendance it is the practice to make a refund.

Additionally, if members are interested in a one or two night weekend visit to the Cambridge area in August or September, accommodation could be arranged at a College at an approximate cost of £12.50 per night.

Travel would be by train on party ticket and local coach or bus.

Will interested members please let Mrs Major know as soon as possible.

Saturday 1st March

REIGATE

arranged by Mrs R. E. Rider

- 10.30 a.m. Assemble in Car Park rear of Woolworths for a town tour which it is hoped will be led by Mrs Vera Steward.
- 12.00 St. Mary's Parish Church for a talk by Mr Martin Roth and a visit to the Cranston Library.
- Lunch There are numerous cafes and restaurants.
- 2.30 p.m. Re-assemble at Priory Park School (Bell St. Car Park entrance). Tudor Fire Place and Painted Stairs and an exhibition relating to the house and the families who have lived in it.
The Windmill Church on Reigate Heath is interesting and

members could visit this at the end of the organised outing if desired.

Tickets (members 30p, visitors 40p, students half-price and accompanied children free) from Mrs Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

Wednesday 19th March

CHELSEA

Organised by Captain M. A. Wilson, RNR

8.15 a.m. Coach departs Reigate, Car park rear of Woolworths.

8.30 a.m. Dorking Halls.

9.00 a.m. Esher, B.R. Station.

10.25 a.m. Assemble at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea for a guided tour from 10.30 to 12.00.

Picnic lunch may be taken in the grounds of the Hospital.

12.45 p.m. Depart from the Royal Hospital for a tour of the Physic Garden, Chelsea Old Church, Carlyle's House, the Moravian Cemetery, Crosby Hall and the delightful streets of Old Chelsea with their numerous artistic and literary associations under the leadership of Mrs Nesta Macdonald of the Chelsea Society. In the event of wet weather Mrs Macdonald has arranged an alternative programme under cover. (The Physic Garden is not normally open to the public and we grateful to the Director for this privilege).

4.00 p.m. Tea will be available at Crosby Hall, where there will be an exhibition of old maps etc.

To avoid parking difficulties members using their own cars will probably be able to join the coach for the afternoon and in that event may leave their cars at the Royal Hospital. Admission to Carlyle's House 70p (members of the National Trust free).

Tickets (members 25p, visitors 35p, students half-price and accompanied children free) Coach fare £2.80 from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

New Members from August 1979

Miss J. Goodridge, 3 Pentney Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 4JE.

Mr and Mrs H. A. Craw, "Greenways", Sutton Place, Abinger Hammer, Dorking, RH5 6RN.

Mr M. C. Mitchell, 28 Hampton Court Avenue, East Molesey, KT8 0BQ.

Mr and Mrs S. J. Rockel, 55C Gresham Road, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 2BD.

Mrs E. Hawke, "Sideways", 5 Carlos Street, Godalming, GU7 1BP.

Mrs L. Ross, The Vicarage, Wallis Wood, near Dorking, RH5 5RD.

Apologies for not having published these names earlier.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the University of Surrey on Saturday 3rd November, 1979 the President Mr McDowall, presented the Annual Report and Accounts for 1978-79. He outlined

some of the many activities of the Society and reported progress towards the Society's aim to purchase a new headquarters which can adequately house the library and provide office and meeting space. In the elections the President and all of the Vice-Presidents were re-elected. In addition Capt Wilson, chairman of the Visits Committee, was elected a new Vice-President. The Secretary indicated that he was unwilling to be re-elected, but that, pending appointment of a replacement, he would continue to undertake the Secretary's business. Mr J. P. Garland was elected Treasurer. In welcoming him the President indicated the Society's debt to Nat-West Enterprises who would be seconding Mr Garland to the Society for a day each week to deal with the appropriate financial matters. All other officers were re-elected. The six members elected to Council were Mr A. J. Clark, Mr D. J. Fowler, Mr R. C. Gill, Mr F. E. Manning, Mr E. N. Montague and Mrs M. F. Smith. Mr A. C. Sargent was elected auditor for 1979-80.

G. P. Moss

(Acting Honorary Secretary)

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act

Further to David Bird's note in the last Bulletin (No. 162) members may like to know the wording of a memorandum sent to Field Monument Wardens (DOE) regarding persons using metal detectors in a protected place, i.e. a Scheduled Ancient Monument. "Section 42 makes it an offence, subject to a maximum fine of £200, to use a metal detector in a protected place without the written consent of the Secretary of State. It is also an offence, with a maximum penalty of an unlimited fine, for a person to remove an object of archaeological or historical interest that has been found with a metal detector from a protected place without the Secretary of State's consent".

Permission to publish this paragraph has been obtained from the Department of the Environment, Ancient Monuments Inspectorate. It is not generally realised that in some cases a certain area of land around the monument itself lies within the scheduling boundary and groups may wish to familiarise themselves with the extent of Scheduled Monuments in their areas.

L. Ketteringham, Field Monument Warden

Lloyds Bank Fund for Independent Archaeologists

The Fund, set up by Lloyds Bank in 1978, is for £1,000 a year for five years and is administered by The Royal Archaeological Institute on behalf of the Bank. Grants are made annually to assist local societies and voluntary groups to purchase equipment which is broadly defined to include items used in field work, excavation and aerial photography in post-excavation work leading to publication.

The first awards were made in May 1978 and April 1979 and the closing date for 1980 will be 31st January 1980. Further details and application forms may be obtained from: Miss W. E. Phillips, Assistant Secretary, The Royal Archaeological Institute, 304 Addison House, Grove End Road, London, NW8 9EL.

The Vauxhall Pottery (TQ303781)

About sixty percent of the accessible factory area has been excavated in over two years continuous weekend work by the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. A public Inquiry is being held concerning the future of the site.

Kiln Group 1 has been completely excavated (see Bulletin 153) and the Singer (1835-65) circular stoneware kiln 1B found to be preceded by one with six fireboxes, this being dated by the presence of mosaic tesserae (1839 Patent) in its structure. Immediately to the NW of Kiln 1A (Wisker 1812-34) lay a rubble filled circular area (K9) with virtually no structure in situ, but of the same diameter as a Wisker kiln. If it was a kiln, it never seems to have been completed, and certainly never used. One reason for this may have been that part was over the soft fill of a large late 17th century pit, which however had been extensively probed and timber piled to support the intended structure.

The tin-glaze type kiln (K5) below Kiln Group 2 is of standard late type; buttressed externally (at least on the W and N sides), with three arches and four vents, and a single fireplace at the S end. Internally at 'firebox' lining base the kiln is about 3m square. Built onto the N side of K5, and below Kiln Group 1, is another rectangular kiln, K6, about 2.5m square internally. The remains of the internal firebox base is divided by an axial self-glazed strip about 1m wide, which, at the E end drops vertically into the single fireplace below. There is no confirmation that this was a pottery kiln. Kiln 5 overlays on its E side another tin-glaze type kiln, K10, largely destroyed by it. This kiln, unlike K5, has closely spaced (0.35m) vents in a very wide lining; and primary rubble at vent bases, and material fused onto the 'firebox' floor, again show it to have been making stoneware. Map evidence would still seem to place this kiln in the second half, and K5 very late in the 18th century.

Evidence for E-W pre-pottery boundaries has consolidated. At the N end of the main workshop, a multiphase fence, partly replaced by a wall, was finally moved c.2m northwards as the main Singer workshop wall; this move being confirmed by map evidence. To the S, purely as a pottery boundary, three successive rows of pillar bases on nearly the same line, are indicative. A major documentary find has been the Albert Embankment Development Plans (1862-3), which show every plot of land on the riverside, accompanied by details of owners, lessees, and occupiers, together with plot function. This has not only given a complete plan of the Vauxhall Pottery, but is also a primary key for any study of the 18th and 19th century riverside. For example all the buildings on contemporary photographs can now be identified. Excavation and documentary research continues.

R. Edwards
Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

Workshop: non-excavation field work and recording

Another in the series of workshops arranged by the Excavations Committee was held at Sutton Civic Centre on 10th November. In the morning Robin Densem (of SLAEC) spoke about his work in Lambeth, discussing the problems of dealing with the archaeology of a rural area now submerged under urban sprawl. He noted the preliminary research required and the use that could be made of early maps and documents, and then described his experience of site watching. The talk led to a useful discussion.

Mr Densem was followed by Lesley Adkins (of SWLAU) who spoke about the work involved in establishing a sites and monuments record for the south-west London boroughs. In discussion stress was laid on the importance of close liaison between a central record (e.g. for a borough or Surrey county) and local surveys or records held by local groups. It was

emphasised that all finds or items of interest should be published in this **Bulletin**.

In the afternoon the workshop concentrated on fieldwork in more rural areas, and David Bird spoke about current thinking on techniques of fieldwalking. A number of useful points were contributed by those present from their own experience. It was clear that more organised fieldwork would be very useful in the county. It was an activity ideally suited to local groups, with a large variety of associated work involved, such as a documentary research, tapping local knowledge, building recording and finds processing quite apart from the actual fieldwalking itself.

It was agreed that participants in future Workshops would be welcome to bring publications for sale or exchange.

Next Workshop 22nd March, 1980. Subject "Flints"

D. G. Bird

WORK IN PROGRESS

Field Walking in the Bagshot/Camberley area

The following is submitted by T. C. Welsh of Frimley, as part of an exploration of the Chobham Ridges area, with regard to several references to barrows, and in particular, Aubrey's "very high barrow" on Collingley Ridge, Frimley (The National History and Antiquities of the County of Surrey, 1718-19, reprint of 1975, Volume III p210).

Bagshot, Surrey: 'Basingstone' area SU 898620

Possible Barrow. On a spur, N of Collingwood House, partly destroyed by firebreak for pylons; a circular mound of distinctive profile, about 50 metres diameter, 2 to 3 metres high. The firebreak has cut a 2 metre deep section through the centre of the mound, showing sand composition, but has left the base outline up to 1 metre high; the W half of the mound is undisturbed. There is a berm 3m wide, 1m high on NW, and possibly a ditch between the mound and the side of the ridge on NE.

Camberley, Surrey: Obelisk Hill SU 878608

Mound. On the rounded elevation of a ridge, in the valley of the Cam, S of the present London Road (A30), but N of the road as shown on Rocque's Map of Surrey, 1770, is a conical mound which might be the feature which Aubrey described as a very high barrow. Two additions to the mound can be identified. The first appears to have been a round mound 4 to 6 metres high, composed of sand, identified by a change of slope profile, especially on the north. The road terrace on N is excavated out of this mound. The second addition is a rectangular platform of gravel, 2 metres high, which provided a base for the brick tower erected in the 18th century. The relationship between the gravel mound and the underlying sand is shown in the pit left by a destroyed concrete shelter, E of the obelisk. The top of the sand mound has been squared. Obelisk Hill is associated with the name Portesbury (eg. John Norden The Royal Forest of Windsor 1607), and is probably the Round Hill shown on Rocque's Map. There is no ditch, although the former course of the Cam curves round the base. Without suggesting that it is a barrow, it is likely to have been a significant landmark in Aubrey's day, and could have been the supposed barrow.

Frimley, Surrey: Burrow Hill School
SU 888580

G. C. B. Poulter (History of Camberley, 1937) attributes Aubrey's barrow to this site. The summit of the hill was formerly landscaped, and has more recently been levelled, and covered by tarmac. Between an access road and the N edge of the hill is a shallow curve formed by a ditch 20 metres long, 5 metres wide, characteristic of a barrow, but not indicative of a barrow as large as Aubrey describes.

Frimley, Surrey: Blackdown
SU 911578 locality

'Round Butt' described in Victoria County History (Vol. 3, p340) as a very large round barrow, is shown on the Ordnance Survey 1810, Woking sheet in the locality now occupied by Blackdown Camp. This was the location for Aubrey's barrow considered by Grinsell (S.A.C. vol. 42). The Ordnance Map confuses the adjacent ridges of Leatherhead Hill and Pudding Hill, so an examination of the accessible area to the east was made. The ground has been heavily quarried and affected by plantation and dumping. No evidence was found.

Bagshot, Surrey: High Curley Hills
SU 912616

On the summit of the ridge is a much disturbed area within a circular outline 40 metres across. The impression of the base of a mound is seen on the S and SE, and is suggested on other aspects. The site may have been quarried for Sarsen stones, of which there is a quantity on the site, and has further been disturbed by access tracks and concrete foundations.

The Nonsuch Antiquarian Society is negotiating for permission to excavate certain areas of two Epsom town sites due for development where archaeological levels may be expected to survive.

The Walton and Weybridge Local History Society is compiling a library of photographs of vanished buildings. They would appreciate gifts or loan of old photographs.

Leatherhead

A. J. Gillies of Ashstead is working on a project to assess the value of Post Office Directories as source material for occupational structure in the last century. He is correlating information about the occupational structure of Leatherhead as derived from the Census abstracts of 1851 with that from a Post Office Directory also dated 1851 and applying the results to an examination of the Directory data for the surrounding district.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The Manor of Coombe or Coombe Nevill by the late L. E. Gent (Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society Occasional Paper No. 3). From KUTAS, 33 Kenley Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 3RP, for 50p plus p. and p. 18p.

Lambeth Lost and Found. A Survey of Archaeological and Historical Sites by Donald Imber. 32pp and three maps.

Completed in 1976, the listing combines archaeological and documentary evidence for 219 sites. The sites are located on 2½ inch to 1 mile scale maps, against a street background reproduced from the Ordnance Survey. Each large map covers a separate topic: 'Ancient Structures pre c. 1760', 'Manor Houses, Settlements, Roads and Place-names from Medieval and later sources' and 'Finds of Archaeological Material'. Published November 1979.

By post from the publishers: Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee, Port Medical Centre, English Grounds, Morgan's Lane, London SE1 2HT.

£3.00 plus 46p p. & p.

Cheques and postal orders payable to Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee. Please remember to include your name and address with your order.

COURSES

The SAS/CBA in association with the International Council on Monuments and Sites will hold a symposium at Charterhouse School, Godalming, from 28th-30th March 1980, on "Conservation in the 80's". Speakers include Marcus Binney, Robin McDowell, Neil Cossons, David Baker, Sarah Pearson, Russell Wright, Peter Fowler, R. Brunskill, F. W. Charles, Dan Cruikshank and Bernard Feilden.

Fee for full residential course: £32.00, non-residential: £16.00. The course begins with dinner on Friday and ends after lunch on Monday. Further details from the CBA, 112 Kennington Road, London SE11 6RE.

MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 6th, at 8.00 p.m.

"Coats of Arms and Surrey Public Houses" by Mr Stephen Turner, an illustrated talk to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell. Admission 20p including refreshments. All welcome.

Thursday 7th

"Bullock Down, Beachy Head, Sussex—a multiperiod settlement problem". Talk by David Rudling, B.Sc. to the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society at the East Croydon Reformed Church at 7.45 p.m..

Saturday 19th

"The Wey Canal". Talk by Mrs Avril Lansdell to the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society in the Weybridge Museum Annexe at 3.00 p.m.

MARCH

Tuesday 4th

"Recent Archaeological Work in Southwark and Lambeth—results of recent excavations by SLAS and SLAEC". Talk to the SLAS at the John Harvard Library Hall, Borough High Street, (near London Bridge), at 7.15 p.m.

Thursday 13th

"Excavations at Montague Close, Southwark" to the CNHSS by Graham Dawson, FSA, Director of the Cuming Museum, at the ECURA at 7.45 p.m.

Saturday 22nd

"SAS Excavations Committee Workshop"—Subject: Flints (recognition, collection, publication, etc.) at Sutton Civic Centre from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 25th

"The History and Development of Windsor Castle". Talk by Sir Robert Mackworth-Young, Chief Librarian and Archivist at Windsor Castle to the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society at the Weybridge Library Lecture Hall, at 8.00 p.m.

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd

"English Medieval Pottery", 1200-1450 (with special reference to material made in Surrey)"—Talk by Kenneth J. Barton to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell, at 8.00 p.m.

The next Bulletin will be February for which copy is required by 6th January. If there is insufficient material, February and March will be combined. March copy is required by 6th February, please.