EXCAVATION NOTICES

REigate: OLD VICARAGE SITE (TQ 25705036)
(Director: David Williams)

Excavation on this site is to close in June. Please contact David Williams on Tel: Redhill 67108.

Sutton Park (TQ 00455380). Training Excavation
It is hoped that a third season of work will be possible on the supposed Saxo-Norman—13th century manorial site. Excavation will be directed by Dr. D. G. Bird for the Society's Excavations Committee, Surrey County Council Planning Department and the DOE.

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. The excavation will be for two weeks (Monday to Saturday), probably in August, if it can be arranged.

Further details from David Bird on 01-546 1050 ext. 3665, or from the County Planning Officer, Surrey, County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2DT, marking the letter for the attention of Dr. D. G. Bird.

JUNE
Saturday 14th

S.A.S. VISITS

Chichester
Arranged by Mrs. J. Banks

8.15 a.m. Coach departs Reigate. Car park rear of Woolworths.
8.30 a.m. Dorking Halls.
9.05 a.m. Guildford, rear of B.R. Station in Guildford Park Road.
10.45 a.m. Arrive Northgate Car and Coach Park.
11.00 a.m. Arrive St. Mary's Hospital (Almshouses) and vicinity.
12.30 p.m. Lunch. Normally very large selection of pubs, restaurants and cafes, but city may be rather full for the Festival of Sussex Saints. Plenty of space for picnics and a few covered places.
2.30 p.m. Visit Bosham Parish Church (by kind permission of the Vicar).
4.30 p.m. Meet at the Cross, centre of Chichester, for a walk through the city, arranged by the Rotary Club.
6.00 p.m. Tea at St. Martin's Tearooms. Please say if you would like Tea; present prices 70p (plain) and 90p (cream); pay on the day.
6.45 p.m. Depart.

Tickets: Members 25p, Visitors 35p, student half-price and accompanied children free. Coach fare £3.60 from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.
JULY
Wednesday 16th

Hungerford and Littlecote, Wilts
Arranged by Mr. D. Booker

8.30 a.m. Coach departs Reigate, car park rear of Woolworths
8.45 a.m. Dorking Halls.
9.20 a.m. Guildford, rear of B.R. Station in Guildford Park Road.
Stops will be made for viewing at Newbury and Hungerford
and for lunch at the latter.
2.00 p.m. Littlecote. Historic Tudor manor, circa 1490-1520, with unique
Cromwellian armoury and extensive gardens.

Tickets: Members 25p, Visitors 35p, students half-price and accompanied
children free. Coach fare £4.00.
1979 Admission charge to Littlecote was 80p with a reduction
for parties of 20 or more. Please pay on day.

AUGUST
Friday 8th to Sunday 10th

Cambridge Weekend
Arranged by Mr. F. E. Manning

Members will stay at Newnham College, Sidgwick Avenue, arriving 6.30
p.m. There will be a lecture on Cambridge after dinner.
Saturday. In the morning there will be a tour of the Colleges followed by
a visit to the FitzWilliam Museum where a light lunch can be taken.
In the afternoon Ely Cathedral and if possible Wicken Fen, N.T.
Sunday. The morning programme will include a visit to Madingley Hall
where Mr. L. Munby, Cambridge Extra Mural Department, will show
us round. In the afternoon we will go to Wimpole Hall and Church.
N.T. non-members 70p. We leave for Surrey at 4.30 p.m.
Transport: Enough members have agreed to bring cars to transport the
whole party. The total cost will be members £29, non-members £30.
This includes a contribution of £3 a head towards travel expenses.
Please send a deposit by June 1st to Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road,
Thames Ditton KT7 0QL. Numbers limited to twenty.

MAY (additional information)
Saturday 10th

Twickenham Visit. Members can park their cars in the Council car park
at York House.

New members from February 1980

Associate
Miss R. Johnson, St. Nicholas, Mapledrakes Road, Ewhurst, GU6 7QP.
Mr. B. J. Stimpson, 16 Frobisher Gardens, Boxgrove Park, Guildford,
GU1 2NT.
Mr. K. R. Crouch, 162 Almners Road, Lyne, Chertsey, KT16 0BJ.
Mr. M. J. Tuffley, 10 Connaught Road, Brookwood, Woking, GU2 0HJ.

New members from March 1980

Mr. R. F. Randall, 24 Court Hall, Sanderstead, CR2 9KA.
Miss J. K. Stevens, 16A Warren Road, Reigate, RH2 0BN.
Mr. D. E. Hall, 18 Hale Reeds, Heath End, Farnham, GU9 9BN.
Mrs. E. W. Moore, 6 North Street, Farncombe, Godalming, GU7 3NE.
New members from April 1980
Mr. B. F. E. Clarke, 3 Dean Road, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 3JL.
Miss J. R. Glover, 71 Christchurch Mount, Epsom, KT19 8LP.
Mr. P. D. L. Hill, 3 Wilderness Court, Onslow Village, Guildford, GU2 5QS.
Miss H. A. Fogg, 16 Llanaway Close, Godalming.
Mr. M. P. Hamnett, 12 Southlawn Court, Frith Hill Road, Godalming,
GU7 2EB.
Mr. S. S. Bates, 5 Chantry View Road, Guildford, GU1 3XW.
Mr. G. J. Canning, St. Catherine’s Cottage, 44 Portsmouth Road, Guild-
ford, GU2 5DU.
Mr. R. P. Hutty, 27 Rydes Avenue, Guildford, GU2 6SR.
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Mrs. G. Hutty, 27 Rydes Avenue, Guildford, GU2 6SR.
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NOTES AND QUERIES

EXCAVATION INSURANCE CLAIMS

In the event of any member or affiliated local society receiving a claim, or correspondence in respect of a claim, against the Society's Excavation Insurance, the claim or correspondence should be sent as quickly as possible to Mr. R. J. Webber at 8 Kelvin Grove, Hook, Chessington, Surrey. Under no circumstance should such claims or correspondence be acknowleded as this must be left to our insurers.

Bronze Age Hoards from East Surrey
Information about the locations of artifacts from the various hoards of Bronze Age date has been published in the Newsletter No. 7, January 1980, of the CNHSS. Muriel Shaw has been researching this subject and has been able to trace some of the missing pieces. This is a valuable guide to students.

Honorary Editor

Chaldon (TQ 30925570)
A large barbed and tanged arrowhead has been found in Chaldon church-
yard by John Keefe. It measures 6.2cm long by 4.1cm at its widest part, finely flaked from light grey flint and is perfect except for a small nick on one edge. Arrowheads of this size have often been described as javelin heads. This specimen is unusual in that the tang appears to have been ground to shape and polished, instead of the commoner chisel edge to facilitate insertion into a split shaft.

It is now in the CNHSS Museum collection, Chipstead Valley Road, Acc. No. 229.

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The East Surrey Museum opens on May 10th at 1 Stafford Road, Cater-
ham. Opening hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Sundays 2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m. Admission 20p; children under 16 and OAPs half-price.
The Museum stands on the corner of Church Hill and Station Road. It is close to the Station, bus stops, library and car parks.
Chelsham: Roman Coin Find (TQ 38195994)
Mr. R. E. Williams, of Chelsham Close, has recently loaned me for identification and recording purposes a Roman Coin that he discovered on the lane which connects Scotishall Lane and Ficklehole, Chelsham. The coin is an extremely worn As or dupondius of the Emperor Nero (A.D. 54-68), but is unfortunately too worn to allow identification of the reverse type.

(David R. Rudling)

Cobham, Chatley Farm (TQ 089594)
Further work in this area (for earlier work see Bulletin 158) took place in response to proposed deep ploughing. Geophysical survey was undertaken by A. Clark and A. Crocker, and by J. Roberts and R. Poulton. The former work gave a tentative suggestion of a buried masonry wall close to the bath-house excavated by Frere (S.A.C., L, pp. 73-98). The latter work failed to detect any buried features. A trial trench was therefore opened close to the bath-house. This work was undertaken by the writer with the assistance of three students from the Robert Haining School, Mytchett.

No features of archaeological interest were uncovered.
A reasonable quantity of pottery and tile was uncovered at a depth of 30 to 50cm below ground level. The sand here was darker than that below and probably represented the Roman land surface, now heavily leached.
If the negative result of this excavation and of geophysical survey are to be relied on then they provide support for Frere’s suggestion that any Villa associated with the bath-house lay to the north and had been eroded by the river.

R. J. Poulton

Ridge and Furrow in North East Surrey
Fieldwork by members of Kingston Archaeological Society has resulted in the discovery of ridge and furrow formations in Chessington at both Park Farm (TQ 178623) and Butchers Wood (TQ 194636). In Richmond Park formations were noted near the Kingston gate (TQ 193707) though here it is particularly faint and only discernible with the aid of low autumn light. Finally a few strips survive in the interior of Caesars Camp on Wimbledon Common (TQ 224711). Work on field names, boundaries, systems, etc. in the area continues.

D. Field

Guildford, Abbot’s Hospital (SU 998495)
The County Archaeological Unit, in conjunction with Guildford Museum, recently excavated a trial trench in the garden of Abbot’s Hospital, in advance of building work.
Two layers of material above natural chalk were distinguished. The earlier, consisting of brown silt and clay containing considerable quantities of tile, mortar and chalk lumps, was dated by associated material to the early 17th century and was probably deposited in conjunction with the building of the hospital. The later was garden soil. Together they account for the current elevated position of the garden compared to North Street.

R. J. Poulton
Egham, 133-139 High Street
The excavation of the trench started in October 1979 has now been completed. The following is a summary of the results and does not attempt to be an interim report. This will follow when the preliminary processing has been completed.

The site, which is to be developed as offices and flats, is clearly of crucial importance to the study of the origin and development of the centre of Egham. It was hoped that an archaeological investigation would show traces of Saxon and Medieval occupation. In the event, the small area opened failed to produce this evidence although the features found revealed much of great interest.

A three storey row of houses and shops of C.1800, demolished in 1975, was known to have had cellars across the frontage, thus removing the archaeological deposits to a depth of some 2.5 metres below the present ground surface. A trench 3 metres square was opened immediately behind the cellared area. The back wall of the C.1800 building was located and a number of brick features and a floor associated with it were recorded. Two rubbish pits of C.1800-1810 date were found and these have produced a vast amount of domestic refuse. One of these pits, brick lined and approximately 1.8 metres deep and 9.0 cms wide, contained a number of complete or reconstructable pottery and glass vessels, of both fine and coarse wares. A glass wire bottle seal of an as yet unidentified viscount was recovered from this pit. Other finds from the late 18th-early 19th century garden soil have given us a wide range of ceramic and glass types. Many clay tobacco pipes have provided new information on makers and distribution of their products. Numerous small finds have included a wide range of copper alloy buttons, some buckles and many, yet to be identified, iron objects. One remarkable find recovered from the filling of a lead water pipe trench appears to be part of the cheek piece of a helmet. Made of sheet bronze, it is possible that it is of Roman date.

An earlier phase of activity on the site is represented by a series of gravel floors cut by at least three large rubbish pits. Stratified material suggests that these gravel surfaces are of late 17th century date. The fill of the pits also suggests a broad late 17th century date. Whilst a large amount remains to be processed, these groups of materials represent the first securely stratified groups of this date from the town and will yield a tremendous amount of information on the domestic economy of the period. Another wide range of ceramics includes coarse wares of the generic type Surrey Ware. Also found were various stoneware and tin glazed fabrics. A fine carved bone handle and a complete bone apple or marrow scoop were also found in these features. Bronze and brass items include a spoon bowl and part of a large bronze bowl. Numerous clay pipe bowls include at least two with maker* marked heels.

Apart from a cartwheel penny of 1797 in the brick lined pit, no coins or tokens were found in any of the features. Dating of the features will be based on the various typologies of the material found, although it should be possible to date individual features to within 10 or 15 years.

The earliest of the gravel surfaces, of C.1660, was found to be directly over prehistoric ground surface. This took the form of a grey clay with some struck flakes and burnt flints. Although it has not yet been possible to date this level it should be noted that it seals what appears to be the terminal of a ditch with late Bronze Age pottery in its lower sifting. Even though only part of this feature occurs in our trench, it seems to
represent a steeply sloping cut into the natural brickhearth and gravel, and to be at least one metre in depth. Pottery recovered from this feature includes fragments from at least two girth cordonned jars and a small carinated bowl in fabrics and style typical of those found at the Petters Sports Field site some 150 metres to the North East.

The gap in the Archaeological record on the site between C.700 BC and C.1660 AD is most remarkable. At present, the best that can be said is that the build-up of soil containing the relevant occupation levels had been deliberately quarried away, possibly to exploit a rich humic soil. It is hoped that site watching during the construction phase may throw some light on this problem. Work is continuing on processing the mass of material and hopefully it will be possible to produce a more detailed interim report in the near future. Meanwhile, Surrey Archaeological Society has arranged to mount a site watching and recording brief on the site and liaison with this society and the developers will be maintained.

D. Barker

Sanderstead: Recent Archaeological Finds From Sanderstead Court (TQ 34206148)

During the last 18 months development work has taken place on the old stables area of Sanderstead Court. Since objects of archaeological importance were found nearby in 1958, when flats were constructed on the site of the old Court itself (see R. I. Little, ‘The Sanderstead Excavations’, in The Bourne Society’s Local History Records Book 2, 1963, p. 14), The Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society hoped that it would be possible to at least undertake a ‘watching brief’ during the digging of trenches for foundations and services, and possibly conduct a small trial excavation.

Unfortunately the developers, Ryeford Homes Limited, refused to give permission for any archaeological work to be done on their site, stressing their fear that archaeology results in delays, this argument persisting despite assurances from the C.N.H.S.S. Similar guarantees from representatives of other interested local organizations, The Surrey Archaeological Society, the South West London Archaeological Unit, The Bourne Society, and The Sanderstead Preservation Society, were then sent to Ryefords but unfortunately proved equally unsuccessful.

Although unable to keep a watch on the area of land being developed by Ryefords, I inspected some service trenches just outside the building plot and the following finds were made:

a. Prehistoric
   3 micro-cores; 1 rejuvenation flake; 1 parallel sided blade; and 8 fire-cracked flints.

   This group of flints is comparable with previous discoveries of Mesolithic flintwork in the Sanderstead Court/Sanderstead Pond area (see R. I. Little, ibid; and D. R. Rudling ‘Recent Archaeological Finds from Sanderstead’, in The Second Public Symposium on Archaeology in Croydon, 1972, C.N.H.S.S. pp. 537-40.

b. Medieval
   2 body sherds of pottery:—1 of (?) shell tempered ware; 1 of Sandy grey ware.

   (David R. Rudling)
The Cordwinders of Haslemere

The parish registers of Haslemere for the 18th century specify the occupations of 308 men. 172 were tradesmen or craftsmen; and of these, 17 were described as ‘cordwinders’.

Anyone meeting this word for the first time might be forgiven for supposing that it was a compound of ‘cord-’, and meant “one who makes cords or ropes”; and this in fact is how the Oxford Dictionary defines it. There is, however, no tradition of rope-making at Haslemere, nor any suggestion that there was ever a rope-walk here.

An alternative is to treat ‘cordwinder’ as a corruption of ‘cordwainer’. The latter word was in common use from the Middle Ages to the 19th century; originally it meant “one who works with Cordovan leather”, but soon came to be equivalent to ‘shoemaker’. The following evidence suggests that it is in this sense that ‘cordwinder’ was used in the Burghal Age and early 19th century Haslemere: (1) John Dudman is described as a ‘cordwinder’ in the burial register for 1747, but as a ‘cordwainer’ on William Morley’s 1735 map of Haslemere; (2) Richard Tickner, of Godalming, is referred to in the Loseley MSS in 1724/5 as a ‘cordwinder’, but as a ‘cordwainer’ in 1720 and 1727 (I am indebted to Miss Beck and Mrs. Corke, of the Guildford Muniment Room, for this reference, and for much other help); (3) Henry Heather is described in the 1841 census as a ‘cordwiner’, but in 1851 he has become a ‘cordwainer’.

I have not found any instance in which ‘cordwinder’ has been used in the sense of ‘ropemaker’, and should be most interested to hear if anyone else has.

W. R. Trotter

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Jones, J. How to Record Graveyards. 1979.
Laing, L. Celtic Britain. 1979.
Loy, H. R. The Vikings in Britain. 1977.
Ranson, P. J. The Archaeology of Canals. 1979.
Rees, S. E. Agricultural Implements in Prehistoric and Roman Britain. 2 parts. 1979.
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| — — Restoration Mitcham. (1660-1680).
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MEETINGS

MAY

Wednesday 7th
"The History of Porcelain", by Joy Hallam, an illustrated talk to be given to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at Bourne Hall, Ewell, at 8.00 p.m. Admission 20p, including refreshments. All welcome.

Saturday-Sunday 10th-11th
"The Tillingbourne and its History". Six talks, as announced in the February Bulletin, to be given in Lecture Theatre E, University of Surrey, on May 10th, 10.30-18.00: admission £1. Several related coach/walking tours on May 11th, including (1) industrial sites, (2) buildings and other domestic sites, and (3) the landscape in history, 10.00-18.00; fee £1.50. Bring packed lunch on each day. Contact Mike Goodfellow, Department of Adult Education, University of Surrey, Guildford 71281 (working hours), or Alan Crocker, Guildford 65821 (evenings) for last minute details.

Saturday 17th
S.A.S. Excavations Committee Symposium at Dorking Halls, 10.30 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

Thursday 22nd
The Vikings, subject of a recent exhibition at the British Museum. Illustrated talk by Kenneth Whitchorn, Lecturer at the Education Department of the B.M. to the CNHSS at E.C.U.R.C., Croydon, at 1945.

JUNE

Wednesday 4th
"Recent Excavations at Merton Priory" by Scott McCracken, an illustrated talk to be given to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at Bourne Hall, Ewell, at 8.00 p.m. Admission 20p, including refreshments. All welcome.
Tuesday 10th

The Saxons of Farthing Down and West Stow. Preparatory talk by Muriel Shaw for excursion on 19th July to the CNHSS at E.C.U.R.C., Croydon, at 19.45. (Excursion for members only.)

Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th

Summer School on Victorian Croydon at Croydon College

Tuesday

a.m. Introduction to Victorian Croydon—Ron Cox.
   The House Builder in Victorian Croydon—Ron Howard.
p.m. Field trip—a Victorian locality (South Croydon); or further lectures, if wet.

Wednesday

a.m. The Crystal Palace—John Yaxley.
   The Crystal Palace and Victorian Norwood—John Yaxley.
   The Norwood School of Industry—Sylvia Scullard.
p.m. Field trip—Upper Norwood; or further lectures, if wet.

Thursday

a.m. Croydon’s Victorian Stained Glass—James Weatherley.
   Croydon’s Victorian Churches—Geoffrey Tyack.
p.m. Field trip—three local Victorian churches.

Friday

a.m. Leisure and Pleasure in Victorian Croydon—Ron Cox.
   Art and Technical Education in Victorian Croydon—Joan King.
p.m. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: The Man and His Music—Avril Coleridge-Taylor.
   Victorian Artists and the Suburban Landscape—Peter Brandon.

Course fee: £25. Course members make own arrangements for lunch; there are plentiful facilities within a few minutes of the College which is in the centre of the town and adjacent to the Fairfield Halls. Car parking will be available.

Further details and application form from Dr. Ron Cox, c/o School of Art and Design, Croydon College, Fairfield, Croydon (688 9271 or 686 9471, X 146 or messages on X 4 or X 45).

Other Summer Schools at the College, 28th July to 1st August, Architecture of London and the South-East and Graphic Design and Print Production: An Intensive Short Course. Course fees, respectively, £32 and £40. Details from Ron Howard, address and phone numbers as above but X 45 or X 108.
ARCHAEOLOGICAL VACATION COURSES

Archaeological Field Survey Courses at


Urban Excavation Course at Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee, Southwark, from 2-17 August on a non-residential basis. Cost: £25.00.

Further inquiries for these three courses should be made to the Department of Extra-Mural Studies (EMC), 26 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DQ.

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