The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Surrey on 29th November with the President in the chair. A number of new officers were elected and six new members of Council. The honorary officers of the Society are now as follows:

**President**  Mr E. S. Wood  
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Mr J. C. Batley was elected an Hon. Vice President and the existing Hon. Vice Presidents were re-elected. Miss J. M. Harries (retiring editor), Mr F. W. Holling, Mr R. W. McDowell (retiring President) and Dr G. P. Moss (past secretary) were elected Vice Presidents and the existing Vice Presidents were re-elected. Mr A. C. Sargent was re-appointed Auditor. New Council members elected were Dr J. L. Gower, Mr F. A. Hastings, Miss E. M. Myatt-Price, Mr C. R. Orton, Mr B. F. J. Pardoe and Mr J. W. Wakely.

The A.G.M. closed with a vote of thanks to Mr Robin McDowell for his services as President. It was followed by a lecture by our Hon. Vice President, Mr A. R. Dufty on the subject of William Morris and Kelmscot.

D. J. Turner

**SAS VISITS 1981**

21st March  East Surrey Museum, Godstone Village, Chaldon, and Whitehall, Cheam.  
29th April  The Law Courts and the Temple.  
16th May  Abinger and Wotton.  
13th June  The Chilterns.  
1st July  Sussex; Clayton, Castle Goring and Shipley.  
29th July  Stoke D’Abernon.  
8th/10th Sept  Following the successful trip to Cambridge last year it is hoped to arrange a two day visit to Bath where accommodation could be arranged at the University, but almost certainly at mid-week only. The suggested dates are Tuesday to Thursday and it would be helpful if interested members would contact Mrs Major as soon as possible.  
19th Sept  The Lambourn Downs area, Oxfordshire.
MARCH

Saturday 21st

East Surrey Museum, Godstone Village, Chaldon and Whitehall, Cheam
Arranged by Mrs J. Major

11.00 a.m. Meet at the East Surrey Museum, Caterham. Miss Lesley Ketteringham, the Curator will lead us to view the exterior of the moated Lagham Manor, and to visit Godstone Village and Chaldon Church (12c. wall painting). Caterham Museum is at corner of Stafford Road off the B2030 close to Caterham B.R. station. There are car parks near the station and to the left as one comes in from Guildford along the Godstone Road.

Lunch at Godstone where there are several pubs and there will be time to look at some of the picturesque houses.

3.15 p.m. Assemble in the car park in Church Road, Cheam, off the Malden Road A2043, near Cheam crossroads, just north of junction with A232. The party, limited to 40 will divide for guided visits to Whitehall; built c.1500 (Admission in 1980 25p) and to the Lumley Chapel.

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

New members from May 1980

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NOTES AND QUERIES

STOP: anti-treasure hunting campaign

Many members will already have noticed the beginning of a major national campaign to combat the distressing increase of treasure hunting which so seriously threatens our archaeological heritage. This campaign, entitled STOP (Stop Taking Our Past), was established by major bodies including the CBA, the Museums Association and RESCUE, and has succeeded in gaining support from a variety of bodies including the Associations of County and District Councils, the County Landowners Association, the National Farmers Union and the National Trust.

If the campaign is to be successful it must be extended and the pressure must be maintained. That it is vitally necessary to educate the public is indicated by recent reports from guardians of scheduled ancient monuments open to the public, that they frequently have to turn away people who appear to expect to be given free rein with their metal detectors.

All those concerned about this growing threat to our heritage can assist the STOP campaign in three ways: by assisting with publicity, by donations, and by drawing to the writer’s attention any examples they encounter of damage caused by treasure hunters, whether or not to archaeological sites. The STOP Committee has now made available campaign material for purchase. It includes the following items, all obtainable from STOP, 112 Kennington Road, London SE11 6RE.

sheets of 12 sticky badges at 25p per sheet; information leaflets at 5p each; posters (by Bill Tidy) at 50p each; car stickers at 30p each.

All prices are inclusive of postage and packing. Two posters are available; further information can be obtained from the writer.

Donations should also be sent to the treasurer of STOP care of the same address.

D. G. Bird

Brockham, Flint Axe (TQ 19834955)

A partially polished flint axe has been found by Mr P. Shaw during the construction of a pond in his garden. It is made of a mottled orange flint, such as is found on Headley Heath, has an overall length of 147 mm (5 3/4’), and weighs 290g (10 oz). The flaking is generally wide and shallow, which is thought to result from the use of a soft hammer, but there are several hinge fractures along the sides where flakes have failed to be completely removed. The cutting edge has been fully polished but elsewhere only the higher ridges have been ground smooth. The scratching caused by this grinding is clearly apparent except on the cutting edge where usage (presumably) has given it a finer polish. A band of cortex runs through the thickness of the axe near this edge. Overall the axe is in very good condition with only slight later chipping, although sadly the soil in which it was found had been disturbed by the footings of an earlier building. Mr Shaw retains the axe but a drawing has been deposited at Castle Arch.

D. Higgins
Clay Tobacco Pipes

In January 1980 I completed a dissertation on Surrey Clay Tobacco Pipes, a copy of which is in the possession of the Society. It is hoped that some form of publication can be arranged, and anticipating this I would like to hear from anyone who has any pipes which I have not yet seen. I am particularly interested in marked pieces, and include areas bordering Surrey as well as the county itself.

David Higgins, High Bank, Mill Hill Lane, Brockham
(Tel. Betchworth 3326)

Hedgerow Dating

An interesting article about hedgerow dating should be noted in the issue of Rescue News for September 1980. A research project on hedges in West Yorkshire led the author, John Hall, to the conclusion that "hedgerow dating is at best an imprecise technique . . . . . in reality it can distinguish only between 'old', 'middle-aged' and 'new' hedges and boundaries: a task which might be more securely based upon field shape and other landscape consideration."

D. G. Bird
7th November 1980

Note: see also SAC vol LXXII (1980) p91-96—Hon. Bulletin Editor

Survey of Ice Houses

Man has stored ice since earliest times in structures ranging in size from simple pits to elaborate and technically sophisticated ice houses for commercial or domestic use. If you know of any such structures, whether standing or destroyed, we would be interested to hear of them in order to place them on our survey map and to make as comprehensive a record of them as possible.

We would appreciate any references to such structures with as much detail as is available; exact location, Ordnance Survey reference numbers, date of building, possible source and use of ice, book references, an idea of surrounding soil types and if you can manage a sketch it should include dimensions (these can be paced) or scale, a north point and notes on its construction and situation.

All information you can give us will be useful for the Ice House Hunt and contributions will be mapped and analysed and the results circulated in a Newsletter and eventually be included in a book on Ice Houses.

Thank you for your help and interest.

Please contact Shirley Ross, Secretary The Ice House Hunt, The Elms, Everton, Beds.

Relgate Caves (TQ 251516)

Recent finds from the caves suggest that substantial parts of the complex along London Road had been dug by the early seventeenth century. Galleries and chambers have produced a range of glass bottles and pottery, including a stoneware neck with a late bellarmine mask. In one chamber the ledges were littered with clay pipes of the period 1620-80, and another passage had a niche containing a group of 'onion' bottles. The fact that these areas are distributed through the present system indicates that substantial quarrying had been done by this period. In the late eighteenth and
nineteenth centuries there was considerable dumping of domestic rubbish, although perhaps only as a make-up since brick partitions and concrete floors (with iron trackways and sleepers) show that their use as storage areas was also an important element. The caves are no longer used, and are virtually sealed off.

D. Higgins

Reigate, Old Vicarage site (TQ 257503)
(See Bulletin 164, February 1980)

During 1980 work concentrated on uncovering the remains of the medieval extension which occupied the angle formed by the L-shaped hall and crosswing and also defining other features on the periphery of the area, including a ditch of Saxo-Norman date.

The scanty remains of the extension lay beneath a spread of gardening soil dating to the late eighteenth century and later, which was removed by machine. The lack of 1847 demolition rubble overlying this extension shows that it was demolished at an earlier date and the area it occupied was turned into garden. The earliest 14th century remains consisted of a spread of clayey earth and stone patches with few obvious traces of structural walls—indeed, the extent of the structure could only be determined through the detailed planning of superimposed floors. Evidence survived of at least one internal partition. This divided the extension into two rooms of unequal size, the larger contained a hearth—a semi-circular depression with charcoal at the bottom and the smaller contained two structures, a rectangular area of closely fitting stone slabs and the remains of a stone structure set in a pit whose backfill of clay and earth contained a half-groat of Henry VII and part of a white ware condiment set. The function of neither structure is known.

The extension was refloored in the 16th century with a spread of clay and tile fragments and there was no further evidence for deliberate reflooring before demolition in the late 18th century. The remains were subsequently damaged by treeplanting pits and bedding trenches and also by a brick soakaway draining rainwater from the hall/crosswing junction.

The extension measured 8.5m x 14.5m roughly, thus doubling the size of the original hall. The chronological relationship of the extension to the crosswing and remodelled hall is, however, in doubt.

The ditch, on a north-south alignment, was traced for 18.5m. It sloped down to the north, and lay on the edge of the 12th century hall with which it may have been connected. It seems to have silted up quite rapidly, there was no evidence of recutting, and it contained a few lumps of iron slag, much fragmentary pottery and bone and, in its upper levels, some Roman tile fragments, most of a cooking pot and jug of 13th century date. The ditch had cut through an isolated human skeleton of which only the legs and lower vertebrae survived. This was buried. head to west, on the edge of the area excavated by Rob Poulton in 1979, and lay on the natural sand beneath about 30cms of grey soil containing 12th century pottery.

Just west of the extension and south of the crosswing was an oval pit lying adjacent to two rectangular, stone-lined pits noted previously. The oval pit was bounded on the west by the base of a stone wall, covered with roof tiles (one bearing the impression of a chicken's foot), and was surrounded by a number of what may have been stone supports for timber uprights. Wall and supports both consisted of re-used stone, probably from
the castle. The pit contained a small amount of late 16th century pottery and bone including an almost complete dripping pan, the base of a drinking glass, a lead cloth seal and a large fragment of a mortar of grey stone. The primary purpose of this structure remains a mystery.

Further work on the crosswing defined the bases of the two outshot chimneys which are such a feature of the two extant drawings. Stones from the castle were also reused in these structures. Between the chimneys was a square stone-lined pit of uncertain depth, dating perhaps to the sixteenth century. Within this was constructed, in the eighteenth century, a chalk-built shaft, horseshoe-shaped in a plan, resting on a filling of black sandy soil which was still producing late eighteenth century pottery when excavation was abandoned as impractical. Among the small amount of earlier material from the filling was a half-groat of Elizabeth I. This feature stood adjacent to what is thought to have been the kitchen and is more probably a soakaway rather than a cesspit.

Considerable energy was expended on removing the remainder of the rubble from the cellar in the hope of finding further stone sculptures. In the event this proved unsuccessful. Those recovered by Rob Poulton in 1979 have now been reconstructed. The two shield-holding angels would probably have been wall-mounted on either side of a monument, their date is uncertain—probably post-medieval. The fragments of blind tracery assemble into a slab 51cm x 66cm x 13cm containing four panels. This seems to be part of a tomb chest or similar furnishing of medieval date. A fragment of a further panel is also present.

The remains of two further separate buildings were found. Overlying the fill of the ditch in the extreme south east was a 3m length of a slight flint and mortar wall which probably represents an outbuilding of 13th century date. The other structure is more perplexing, consisting of at least 8 post-pits immediately to the north of the Vicarage. Four of these were grouped in pairs, and one was stone-packed. Each contained dirty, redeposited subsoil with tiny 14th century sherds. The purpose of these features is entirely unknown. Post-pit construction was not encountered elsewhere on the site.

It is hoped to examine the threatened part of the present Vicarage garden in the spring, meanwhile examination of four years' finds takes place at the museum of the Holmesdale Natural History Club on Monday evenings.

David Williams

LITERARY SECTION

“A History of Three Cobham Conservation Areas”, published by the Cobham Conservation Group. Illustrated with specially commissioned drawings. Obtainable at local booksellers in Cobham or through D. C. Taylor, 49 Copse Road, Cobham, price £1.20 plus 17p postage.

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COURSES

AN OFFBEAT LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY

13 meetings on Thursdays 7.00-9.00 p.m. at Morley College, Beaufoy School Branch, Lollard Street, S.E.11. The course is part of a series which examines the history of North Lambeth and Southwark. It is illustrated with slides and students will see and explore several projects in course of preparation. Tutors: Paul Atterbury, Brian Bloice, Jim Cox, Graham Dawson, Alison Kelly, Mrs. J. Nicholson, Harvey Sheldon, Eric Smith, John Stanton, Elizabeth Wood and David Thomas.

First meeting 15th January. Information from Brian Bloice, Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society, c/o Cuming Museum, 155, Walworth Road, S.E.17 or Morley College. Tel: 01- 735 9322 (after 6.00 p.m.). Course fee £6.00.

MEETINGS

Change of dates

Wednesday, 7th January, 1981
LECTURE: "Medieval Burial Practices in the City of London". An illustrated talk by Mr Alan Thompson of the Department of Urban Archaeology of the Museum of London to be given to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell at 8.00 p.m. Admission 20p including refreshments. All welcome.

Wednesday, 4th February, 1981
LECTURE: "Medieval Tiles in Surrey". An illustrated talk to be given by Mrs Elizabeth Eames to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell, at 8.00 p.m. Admission 20p including refreshments. All welcome.

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JANUARY
Saturday 17th
"Aspects of Shepperton". Talk by Mrs Brooking to the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society in the Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3.00 p.m.

FEBRUARY
Tuesday 3rd
"Some aspects of Domestic Accommodation in the Castle". Talk by Peter Curnow of the D.O.E. to the Southwark and Lambeth Arch. Soc. at John Harvard Library Hall, Borough High Street at 7.15 p.m.

Friday 13th
"Watermills of Guildford". Talk by Matthew Alexander to Guildford members of the SAS at Guildford Institute, Ward Street, Guildford at 8.00 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Saturday 21st
"The English House". Talk by B. F. J. Pardoe to the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society in the Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3.00 p.m.
MARCH
Tuesday 3rd
“Recent Archaeological Work in Southwark and Lambeth”. The results of recent excavations by SLAS and SLAEC at John Harvard Library Hall, Borough High Street at 7.15 p.m.

Tuesday 24th
“The Power Struggle in Walton and Weybridge”. A general view of Industrial Archaeology in the area. Talk by Paul Martin to the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society in the Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 28th
“Parish Surveys—Methods and Dating”. A conference to examine the problems and potential results of complete surveys of the old buildings of a parish arranged by Wealden Building Study Group, Albourne Village Hall, near Hurstpierpoint at 11.00 a.m. Details from Peter Gray, 38 Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Surrey, RH7 6RH.

EXCAVATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
Advance notice for the Symposium on
Saturday 4th April at Dorking Halls, Dorking

The programme will include talks by Elizabeth Eames on Medieval Tiles in Southern England (with special reference to Surrey) and Stuart Needham on the results of the most recent excavations at Runnymede Bridge (1980). Other talks to be confirmed will be on aspects of recent work in the country, and there will be exhibitions by local groups on this theme. Further details will be circulated in due course; any enquiries may be made to the writer or to Mrs K. Needham at Castle Arch., Guildford.

D. G. Bird

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