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EXCAVATION NOTICES

Beddington Villa Excavation 1981

Volunteers, an Assistant Supervisor and a Finds Assistant are required for the excavation of a third century Romano-British bath-house and surrounding structures (Scheduled Ancient Monument) on the disused section of the sewage works at Beddington, in advance of redevelopment. The excavation will be conducted by the South West London Archaeological Unit and will commence on 16th March and continue at least until October 1981. For reasons of security, access to the site will only be possible through the main sewage works complex and so all prospective volunteers should write in advance to L. & R. A. Adkins, 25 Union Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2XU, or telephone 01-679 7054.

L. & R. A. Adkins

SUTTON PARK (South of Woking: TQ0053)

The fourth season of excavation on this supposed Saxo-Norman manor site will take place from Monday, 27th July to Saturday, 8th August inclusive, except for Sunday, 2nd August. Previous work has located a mediaeval ditch system which is assumed to surround the manorial site, and a gazebo or similar building related to Sutton Place. The excavation will be carried out by kind permission of Father John Stapleton. New diggers will be accepted for training in basic excavation techniques, but trainees will only be accepted if they can guarantee to attend for a least six days.

Further details can be obtained from David Bird on 01-546 1050 Ext. 3665, or by writing to 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.

Staines Market Square

Volunteers for digging, washing and marking finds are required for the site of the jewellers shop destroyed by fire in 1980. County Archaeological Field Officer Rob Poulton will be pleased to hear from anyone interested on telephone no. STAINES 61804 during opening times. Full time or part time workers can be accepted. Digging started 19th January.

Rob Poulton

New Members List at April 1st 1981

- Mr C. W. Atkins, BA, 5 Heather Close, Horsell, Woking GU21 4JR.
Mr E. L. Beard, 2 Hillside Road, Journeys End, Weybourne, Farnham GU9 9DW.
Mr P. H. Bessemer, Staceys Mews, Bentley, Nr Farnham GU10 5NF.
Miss S. E. Crewe, BA, Cedar Cottage, 4 Boxgrove Road, Guildford GU1 2LX.
Mrs N. F. Gould, BA, 8 Highfield, Shalford, Guildford GU4 8JP.
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Miss J. Toms, 235 Epsom Road, Mewsey, Guildford GU1 2LR.

SAS VISITS

June

Saturday 13th

CHALFONT ST. GILES AND CHENIES

Arranged by Mrs J. Banks

- 8.25 a.m. Coach departs Reigate car park, rear of Woolworths.
8.40 a.m. Dorking Halls.
9.15 a.m. Guildford, Guildford Park Road, rear of BR Station.
10.45 a.m. Meet on Chalfont St. Giles green, in front of 'Merlin's Cave' pub. Visit church and village with Cris Claxton Stevens.
11.45 a.m. Visit the Chiltern Open-air Museum of Buildings, Chalfont St. Giles with C. Claxton Stevens. (We shall be admitted free but contributions invited.)
1.15 p.m. Lunch: one Bistro, one cafe-restaurant, several pubs serving food in Chalfont St. Giles. Recreation ground etc for picnics.
2.30 p.m. Visit Chenies Manor House by permission of Mrs Macleod Matthews for tour of house and garden. Admission £1 (payable on day). Light teas available 35p to 50p.
4.30 p.m. Chenies village (a 'model' village, built by The Duke of Bedford in the 1850s) and church.
6.00 p.m. Visit Bedford private chapel to see the Russell monuments etc.
Tickets Members 30p, visitors 40p, students half-price and accompanied children free. Coach fare £4.40 from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

July

Wednesday 1st

SUSSEX:

CLAYTON, SOMPTING, CASTLE GORING AND SHIPLEY

Arranged by Miss E. C. Clark

- 9.00 a.m. Coach departs Guildford, Guildford Park Road, rear of BR Station.
9.35 a.m. Dorking Halls.
9.50 a.m. Reigate—opposite Red Cross public house.
10.30 a.m. Visit Clayton Church, partly Saxon, with wall paintings dating from c.1140, unique in England for extent, preservation and date (Pevsner).

- 12 noon Lunch in Steyning, several pubs including the 'Norfolk Arms' to which serves good meals as well as snacks, but meals must be ordered in advance (telephone 0903 812215).
- 1.30 p.m. Leave for Sompting Church, Saxon tower and sculpture, Knights Templars chapels.
- 4.00 p.m. Castle Goring, designed for Shelley's grandfather c.1790. Described by Pevsner as "an astonishing and unknown house". Shipley Church, built by the Knights Templars as a preceptory. King's Mill, a smock mill in very good condition. Admission 40p.
- Home-made cream teas available, maximum price £1.20. Please say when booking if tea required, but pay on day.
- Tickets Members 30p, Visitors 40p, students half price and accompanied children free. Coach fare £4.20 from Mrs Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

July

Thursday 30th—Please note change of date

STOKE D'ABERNON AND SLYFIELD

Arranged by Mr F. E. Manning, MA

- 10.30 a.m. The morning will be spent seeing St. Mary's Church by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. H. L. Waterson. Drive through the Manor House Lodge entrance and use the church car park on the right. Coffee will be served at the adjoining Church Hall by ladies of St. Mary's Guild.
- Lunch Picnic lunches can be taken in the meadow or if wet in the Church Hall. Bar meals at the Plough. Please let Mrs Major know if you wish to take one.
- 2.00 p.m. Visit the Manor House by kind permission of the Bursar of of Parkside School, Major M. D. Pritchard Davies.
- 3.00 p.m. Proceed to Slyfield where Mrs Richards has agreed to show her 17th century house and we shall also see the fine barn now used as a concert hall by the Yehudi Menuhin School.
- Tickets Members 30p, visitors 40p, students half price and accompanied children free from Mrs Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.
- Tickets must be produced on the day.

September 8th-10th

BATH VISIT

Enough members have shown an interest to encourage Mr Manning to go on with the arrangements. Members will stay at the University of Bath on Bathwick Hill. Full board for two days will be about £30. Any other members who would like to join please notify Mrs Major. Full particulars in next Bulletin.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Sutton Park, near St. Edward's Church (TQ 004538)

The third season of excavation on the supposed manor house site in Sutton Park took place in July/August 1980. Work was directed by the writer for Surrey County Council and the Society, with the kind permission of Father John Stapleton, and the aid of a small grant from the DOE.

The excavation concentrated on obtaining a better understanding of the ditches previously located. It now seems clear that the three years' work has identified the entrance to an enclosure, perhaps sub-circular, situated on the crest of the hill, with an associated ditch possibly defining an outer enclosure containing the well. The main enclosure presumably surrounded the manor site, whose location remain a major priority.

Major finds in 1980 included another Sutton Place-type terracotta, and there is now little reason to doubt that the brick building located in 1978/9 was contemporary with the great house, presumably built as a gazebo, banqueting house or similar. Three small coins were found, two farthings of Charles I and a probable mid-fourteenth century halfpenny. The major part of a green-glazed double-handled cup of c.1500 came from the top of the ditch fill alongside the main enclosure entrance, and presumably can be taken to indicate the period by which the ditches had become largely filled in; there is nothing to indicate that this was a deliberate act, as the fill is a largely homogenous sand suggesting continuous silting over the 200 or so years of the site's abandonment.

Members of Mayford History Society continue to provide the backbone of experienced volunteers and supervisory staff, and as usual a number of people were given basic training in excavation techniques.

D. G. Bird

Lithic Tool Research Group

The Surrey Lithic Tool Research Group was established at a meeting of interested members on 14th March, at the Institute of Archaeology. A number of projects were being carried out by individuals on the subject, though in addition the group decided that a priority must be to catalogue and index flint tool types in both museum and private collections to aid comparison, and in order that accurate assessments of distribution may be made. It was also agreed that field walking projects designed to answer specific questions about lithic tools in Surrey would be arranged.

Three regular meetings will be held each winter. In the first instance these will be held at the Institute of Archaeology before Prehistoric Society meetings which are held at the same venue, though if the balance of members weighs in favour of meetings elsewhere in Surrey, these will be arranged. Irregular meetings will be held throughout the summer period as occasion demands. The first of these, a 'Flint Workshop' has been arranged to take place on 6th June at St. Philips School, Leatherhead Road, Chessington (see separate note). All members interested in the study of stone tools are invited to join the group. Enquiries to: D. Field, 95 Mount Road, Chessington, Surrey.

D. Field

The Ice-House Hunt

The Secretary of the Ice-House Hunt (Bull. 170) reports an excellent response. The group is applying for financial help to make a survey of as many ice-houses as possible during the summer months and would be grateful for anyone who could help with this work. Any expenses for material and photography would be covered. The work would have to be to an acceptable standard for deposition in the National Monument Record. Please continue to advise them of new ice-house discoveries—The Secretary, The Ice-House Hunt, The Elms, Everton, Nr Sandy, Beds.

RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION

Esher: Claremont

The large scale restoration by the National Trust of the landscaped garden at Claremont has received a Diploma of Merit in the 1981 Europa Nostra Awards for the protection of Europe's architectural and natural heritage. Five medals and about twenty five diplomas of merit are awarded annually: in the 1981 awards the United Kingdom received one medal and five diplomas.

D. J. Turner

Richmond: Conservation Award

The refurbishment of old industrial buildings at Alberta Court, Richmond, was one of three urban improvement schemes to win medals in the 1980 Good Design in Housing awards, sponsored jointly by the RIBA and the DoE. The scheme was praised for making a 'considerable contribution to the neighbourhood'. They were converted by Manning Clamp and Partners with T. W. Forsyth for the Richmond Churches Housing Trust.

Building Refurbishment and Maintenance
December 1980

Shalford and Bramley: Wey and Arun Canal

On the borders of Shalford and Bramley is a stretch of derelict canal bed which the Wey and Arun Canal Trust hopes to replace with an alternative cut. The Trust has received a Certificate of Commendation from the 1980 Pride of Place competition, organized by the Civic Trust, in respect of its plans for the improvement of a vacant six acre site between the old canal and the disused Guildford-Horsham railway line. The adjudicators considered the Trust's scheme to be a simple, sensible one which should benefit local residents and other users of the footpath which crosses the site.

D. J. Turner

A N A P P E A L
CHIDDINGFOLD ROMAN VILLA

draft report by R. Goodchild

The above item together with drawings of pottery by A. W. G. Lowther (S.A.S. Library reference: 90) has been missing from its correct place in the Research Collection files since at least November 1978. It is possible that it has been replaced incorrectly with other material consulted at the same time but the stock checking which is at present in progress, has failed so far to trace it.

The Assistant Librarian would therefore be very grateful to hear from anyone who has consulted it in the past, in the hope that some information may be received which will lead to its eventual discovery.

SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN SURREY

It was agreed at the last meeting of the Excavation Committee that the CAO's suggestion that Grid References for the sites of Ancient Monuments should be omitted from the list in case treasure hunters and other ill-intentioned persons be encouraged to seek them out. If interested members wish to have NGRs for particular sites in their areas which they are unable to trace—the undersigned would be pleased to answer enquiries.

L. Ketteringham

Scheduled Ancient Monuments—Part 2

Saxon Remains

163	Site of Saxon Church at Eashing	Shackleford
142	Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Cemetery	Shepperton

Linear Earthworks

102	Earthwork on Hindhead Golf Course	Hindhead and Churt
89	Ditch on Whitmoor Common	Worplesdon

Ecclesiastical Buildings

24	St. Catherine's Chapel	Artington
109	Site of Saxon Church, Tuesley	Busbridge
114	Chertsey Abbey (site of)	Chertsey
115	Tower of old Church	Ewell
21	Waverley Abbey	Farnham
9	West Humble Chapel	Mickleham
18	Newark Priory	Ripley

Cross

105	St. Peter's Cross	Lingfield
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Castles and Fortifications

5	Castle Mound W of Church	Abinger
49	Blechingley Castle	Blechingley
156	Fosterdown Fort	Caterham

103	Mound in Broomhall Copse	Cranleigh
104	Farnham Castle	Farnham
1	Guildford Castle	Guildford
153	Henley Fort	Guildford
60	Starborough Castle	Lingfield
155	Alderstead Fort	Merstham
157	Box Hill Fort	Mickleham
75	The Mount, Barrow Green	Oxted
61	Reigate Castle	Reigate
154	Reigate Fort	Reigate
65	Castle Mound, Walton Place	Walton on Thames
57	Thunderfield Castle	Horley

Moated Sites

124	Moated site NW of Lodge Farm	Blechingley
126	Moated site in Greatlee Wood	Effingham
138	Moated site NW of Flower Wood	Godstone
56	Lagham house moated site, S Godstone	Godstone
133	Moated site in Holt Wood, Chelsham	Chelsham
111	Albury Farm moated site	Merstham
127	Moated site S of Boughton Hall	Send
159	Moated site N of South Park Farm	Witley

LITERARY SECTION

Nutfield and Burstow, the history of the landscape and buildings

This book traces the development of houses and the few extant farm buildings from the earliest local examples to the 19th century. Not only does it set them in relationship to one another, but also describes their relationship to the settlement of the area from medieval Wealdon common to Victorian enclosures. There is also a short note on each of the 100 or so ancient buildings in the two parishes. A4, 36pp + cover, extensively illustrated with line drawings and maps. Price £1.30 including postage from Peter Gray, 38 Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Surrey RH7 6RH.

Surrey Earthworks Plans

Another set of E. A. Downman's measured plans of 18 Surrey Earthworks as described in Bulletin No. 169 is in the Museum of the John Evelyn Society at Wimbledon, where it may be consulted on Saturday afternoons from 2.30-5.00 p.m. These are photographic reprints of MSS.

Address: John Evelyn Society Museum, The Village Club, Wimbledon Village, Ridgeway, Wimbledon SW19, or by appointment with the Secretary: G. Creasey Tel: 01-946 6778.

REVIEWS

"The Past—Our Future". Edited by Clive Orton. A Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Occasional Paper, No.4. Obtainable from C. R. Orton, 39a Benhill Road, Sutton. Price £1.00 plus 25p p & p.

This is a really excellent booklet. It gives accounts of some of the major archaeological and research activities carried out by the Society over the last 20 years, pulling together information from much earlier sources and presenting a picture of the development of the area from prehistoric times as at present known.

Lesley Adkins' "Settlement Patterns" with its location maps for each period sets the scene for a comprehensive journey through time. Definitions of flint implements and their possible uses in 'Finds from Westcott Road' by Johnathan Cotton and Katherine Hayes are particularly useful for those who have somehow by-passed flints in their archaeological interests. The papers are written with enough detail to satisfy serious archaeologists and historians yet are easy enough to be read by a wider public. The flint drawings with "Excavations at Wallington High School for Boys" are particularly fine and the writer is glad to see that at least some of them show sections. Drawings of flints can be very misleading unless some indication of the thickness of the artifact is given. Much can be learnt from Denis Turner's interesting discussion on Hammer Beam Roofs centred around Carew Manor while students of houses will enjoy Douglas Cluett's 'History of Hackbridge House'.

The booklet closes with a good bibliography and is well worth reading, particularly for those whose archaeological and historical interests lie in north Surrey. The paper and cover are good and the illustrations sharp but the print could be a little cleaner—my only criticism.

L. Ketteringham

"Chertsey and Addlestone in the Past". H. J. M. Stratton (Privately published) 1980—65pp.

This A4 publication contains some 133 photographs with captions of the area that used to be the old Chertsey Urban District, including Ottershaw, Woodham, Lyne and Longcross. There has been a number of this kind of local photographic record of Surrey localities published in recent years, and Mr Stratton's is a welcome addition. Covering the area at first geographically and then under the topics of Work and Recreation, Mr Stratton shows us an attractive, largely rural area basking in what seems to have been the perpetual warm summer's afternoon of the Victorian era. The map of the 1820s shows its rural character before the urban expansion of the later 19th century. A particularly poignant section is that of 'Lost Country Houses', showing a dozen 18th and 19th century mansions that were demolished in the 20th. These booklets of old photographs, while providing pleasure in themselves, serve to emphasise just how much has been destroyed in our times. The lost Chertsey houses mutely echo Mr Stratton's plea for active steps to protect what remains of our countryside and its architecture.

Matthew Alexander

The Hassell Pictures

James Batley has catalogued all known Hassell pictures (John Hassell 1762-1825, and his son Edward Hassell d.1852). With the support of the SAS he has photographed all available Hassells in black and white and these may now be purchased by reference libraries, students and members of the SAS.

The Hassells were topographical artists in water colour and aqua-tint and covered virtually every parish in Surrey. The prints may be purchased in two forms:

- 1 En-prints—about 1,780 prints. Size: $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 inches. £300 per set.
- 2 Microfilm—Reel 1—(British Library) 820 frames (35m). £10 per reel.
—Reel 2—(other collections) about 950 frames (35m).
£10 per reel.

Both en-prints and microfilms will be supplied with a skeleton index, indicating towns and villages only. No individual prints or small sets supplied. Order from James Batley, 7a Burntwood Lane, Caterham CR3 5UN. Tel: Caterham 43527.

MEETINGS

MAY

Wednesday 6th

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL TIN-GLAZED EARTHENWARE.

Talk by Mrs Jay Hallam to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell at 8.00 p.m. Admission 20p, including refreshments. Please bring pieces for evaluation.

Friday 15th

AN EVENING WITH JOHN BAKER. An introduction to vernacular architecture in Surrey. Talk by John Baker to members of the SAS at the Guildford Institute in Ward Street at 8.00 p.m. Visitors welcome.

JUNE

Tuesday 2nd

The first AGM of the Surrey Industrial History Group at the Lecture Theatre L at the University of Surrey at 7.30 p.m. The AGM will be followed by a lecture "The Restoration of the Basingstoke Canal" by Robin Higgs, Chairman of the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society.

Nominations to the Committee should be sent to the Secretary, F. E. Haveron, 5 Hill Court, Ballfield Road, Godalming GU7 2HD, not less than seven days before the meeting.

Wednesday 3rd

ENGLISH SURNAMENAMES. Talk by Richard Curtis to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell at 8.00 p.m. Admission 20p, including refreshments. All welcome.

Saturday 6th

SAS—LITHIC TOOL RESEARCH GROUP AT ST. PHILIPS SCHOOL (KINGSTON MUSEUM PROCESSING STORE), LEATHERHEAD ROAD, CHESSINGTON.

Programme

- 10.00 Assemble.
10.30 General characteristics: geology, staining and patination, natural occurrence in Surrey, mechanical properties, fracture, hard and soft hammer technique, pressure flaking, wear patterns.
12.30 Paleolithic: Clactonian, Handaxes, Levallois, flake tools, blade industries.
1.00 Lunch.
2.00 Mesolithic: Cores, blades, microliths, tranchet axes and picks, pebble hammers.
3.00 Neolithic/Bronze Age: Axes, flakes, cores, leaf, PTD, and B & T arrowheads, daggers, plano convex and discoidal knives.
4.00 Post Stone Age use of flint: Iron Age assemblages. strike-a-lights, gunflints.
4.30 Where do we go from here? general discussion.
Enquiries: D. Field, 95 Mount Road, Chessington.

JULY

Wednesday 1st

ASPECTS OF LOCAL HISTORY IN EPSOM AND EWELL. Talk by P. Edwards to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, at 8.00 p.m. Admission 20p, including refreshments. All welcome.

COURSES

EAST SURREY STUDY WEEKEND

June 26th-28th

A course to be organised by Subterranea Britannica in association with the Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society, the Croydon Caving Club, the Holmesdale Natural History Club and Unit 2 Cave Research and Exploration, based in the Redhill/Reigate area.

Friday 26th

eve —Meet. Informal gathering.

Saturday 27th

- a.m. —Mines and Caves in Reigate.
—Lunch at Home Cottage P.H., Redhill.
p.m. —Merstham and Chaldon.
eve —Meal in Redhill.
—Visit to CNHSS Museum and informal evening at local P.H.

Sunday 28th

- a.m. —Dorking, Westhumble and Betchworth or Brockham Chalk pits.
—Lunch at Skimmington Castle P.H., Reigate Heath.
p.m. —Godstone and West Kent mines and Hosey Common.

Accommodation:

Provisional accommodation for up to 30 persons has been reserved at three inexpensive hotels in Redhill and Reigate. Estimated cost: £5 00 conference fee plus about £8.00 per night bed and breakfast (optional). Other meals paid for individually.

Further details from Mrs S. P. Beamon, BA, Subterranea Britannica, 16 Honeyway, Royston, Herts. SG8 7ES. Tel: Royston 42120.

A BSc COURSE IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES has been arranged by the NE London Polytechnic designed for students with extra-Mural Diploma in Archaeology of London University, but consideration will be given to people with substantial archaeological experience who have no formal qualifications.

This will be a four year course intended to give archaeologists a comprehensive grounding in the scientific methods that are of greatest practical importance to the archaeologist. No previous scientific or mathematical training is necessary.

Attendance is required at the College for one day a week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., or on two evenings, Monday and Wednesday. The fee for 1980/81 was £75 including £20 for the Council for National and Academic Awards registration fee. It is possible that a grant from the Margary Fund may be arranged to cover some of the cost.

For further information, application forms, etc., apply to the: BSc Arch. Sci. Course Tutor, Department of Chemistry, NE London Polytechnic, Romford Road, Stratford E15 4LZ. Tel: 01-590 7722 Ext 4061.

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Following Bulletin: September, for which copy is required by 6th August.

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