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EXCAVATION NOTICES

PAINSHILL PARK, COBHAM

It is hoped soon to restart excavations on the 18th century follies at Painshill Park, Cobham.

Volunteers are needed to help with the work.

Although the period involved is later than that normally associated with archaeological excavation, most of the work will involve techniques usually associated with much earlier periods.

For more information please send a stamped addressed envelope to: The Archaeologist, Painshill Park Trust, Esher Council Offices, Esher, Surrey.

SUTTON PARK (SOUTH OF WOKING: TQ 00455380)

Director: David Bird

The sixth season of excavation on this supposed Saxo-Norman manor site will take place from 18th July – 6th August. Trainees will only be accepted if they can guarantee to attend for at least six days.

Further details 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 for the attention of Dr. D. G. Bird.

VISITS

SAS VISIT TO TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Saturday, August 13th

Members' attention is drawn to the correct date of this visit – NOT August 1st as printed in error in the last Bulletin when details were given.

The afternoon visits to Scotney Castle and Finchcocks have been transposed in order to give more time for the musical tour. The charge is £1.80 per head, less than originally expected and tea will also be available.

TWO DAY VISIT TO CANTERBURY

September 9th to 11th

At the time of going to press, Mr. Manning, who has been arranging this visit, is indisposed and it is not possible to give details. It is hoped that the visit will take place and anyone interested should phone Mrs. Major on 01-398 5446.

SAS VISIT TO COBHAM & BYFLEET

Arranged by Miss Josephine Carter

**Saturday
September 24th**

10.15 a.m.

All meet in the Car Park behind the Little White Lion. The public house is in Street Cobham, beside the bridge over the River Mole on the old A3, a few yards from the exit from the A3M. Next to it is a large Murco Garage (TQ 100605).

One group, which must be limited to 20, will be guided through Painshill Park (the entrance to which is nearby, beside the Mole opposite Notre Dame Convent) by Mrs. Lesley Howes, the archaeologist who is supervising the Restoration Project for Elmbridge Council. It is an arduous but worthwhile walk requiring wellingtons or good footwear and lasting about 2½ hours.

There is a charge of £1.50 for the tour. There are no toilets available on the site.

The other group will go to Foxwarren Park in Redhill Road, Cobham (TQ 080600) an interesting Victorian estate.

Lunchbreak

2.30 p.m.

There are pubs and cafes in Cobham or Byfleet.

Meet at St. Mary's Church, Byfleet (TQ 062610) where the Rector, Rev. J. Stevenette will tell us about the church and village.

Three buildings of interest are close together so we will divide into three parties to see:

Byfleet Manor (home of Anne of Denmark) by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lee.

Byfleet Mill, Mr. B. C. B. Macdonald.

Clock House, Mr. L. P. Leech and Mrs. Tonkin.

About 4.30
or 5.00 p.m.

We will go to Whiteley Village, off Seven Hills Road. On Saturdays the entrance is by the North Gate in Burwood Road (TQ 094625). Mrs. F. M. E. Ford, the Welfare Secretary, has kindly arranged for us to have tea and biscuits for a small charge and to tell us about the village.

When booking, please say if you wish to join the Painshill Park group, but do not include the admission fee.

Tickets: Members 40p, Visitors 50p, Students half price and accompanied children free, from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Margary Award for Archaeology in Surrey

The next Margary Award will be presented at the Excavations Committee Symposium on Saturday, April 28th, 1984. A prize of £50 will be given to the group (or individual) in Surrey who, in the opinion of the judges, has carried out the most worthwhile and interesting project in one or more of

LITERARY SECTION

"Esher and West End: A Pictorial History". Compiled by Peter J. Munday tracing in photographic form the history of Esher and West End over the last two centuries. Price £6.95 plus £1.30 p. and p. from The Esher Bookshop, Church Street, Esher or P. J. Munday, The Bellbourne, 103 High Street, Esher.

"George Parker Bidder – The Calculating Boy" by E. F. Clark and Joyce Linfoot. Bidder, a great engineer and contemporary of Stephenson and Brunel, was possessed of remarkable powers of mental arithmetical calculation. His grandson, Col. H. F. Bidder, was a noted archaeologist in Surrey who excavated Merton Priory on the site of fields purchased by his grandfather. Price £21 hardback with 90 illustrations, through bookshops.

"Explore Guildford". The previous leaflets of walks called 'Discovering Guildford' now updated in booklet form and published by the Guildford Group of the Surrey Archaeological Society who gratefully acknowledge the financial help of the Publications Committee of the S.A.S.

Copies, price 60p, on sale at the Museum at Castle Arch and in bookshops and newsagents.

COURSES AND CONFERENCES

JULY

Sunday 24th

One day course at Abinger Hammer School on "Sources for Local History, with special reference to Abinger Hammer". Visits to local sites and illustrated talk on "Where was Horton – Search for a medieval hamlet".

and

AUGUST

Sunday 7th

One day course at Abinger Hammer School – a crash course in reading Secretary Hand (16th-17th century) and earlier documents, with slides. Visits to local sites. Own documents welcomed but please say when applying.

Both courses conducted by Shirley Corke, archivist-in-charge, Guildford Muniment Room (Surrey Record Office). From 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided by the School. Price for each course £10 including refreshments. Applications to Shirley Corke, Eversheds, Abinger Hammer, Dorking, RH5 6QA, with deposit of £1.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 17th

"THE ROMANS IN WAVERLEY"

A half day seminar at the Borough Hall, Godalming, organised by the Waverley Archaeological Advisory Committee. Speakers will be Rosamond Hanworth, on the Rapsley Roman Villa; John Gower on the Chiddingfold Roman Villa and Tony Clark on the Farnham kilns and Romano-British settlements on the Hog's Back. All welcome. There will

the following areas: field-walking, site surveying and interpretation, excavation, re-assessment of existing archaeological material, documentary research related to archaeological research.

Copies of the rules for the competition and/or further information may be obtained 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, or from Dr. John Leveson Gower, 28 Gingers Close, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7JL.

Entries must be received by **Saturday, 18th February, 1984.**

The Surrey Roman Villa Study Group

The Surrey Roman Villa Study Group is a Group of the Society. Its main objective is to bring together all those interested in the study of the Romano-British remains in the County, especially the villas. Monthly meetings are held in Dorking and a monthly newsletter is circulated to members. Visits to sites both in Surrey and the surrounding counties are arranged.

Anyone interested in this aspect of Surrey's archaeology is welcome to join the group. The annual subscription is £2 which should be sent to Mrs. M. Gower, 28 Gingers Close, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7JL who can also provide further information about the Group's activities.

Surrey Amenity Council: Individual Membership

For over thirty years, the Surrey Amenity Council has acted as an association of local amenity societies to further the activities of its member societies, to promote public interest in their work and to advise and assist in matters brought to its attention. As an important part of this work has to do with historic buildings and the preservation of their structure and their environment, the Surrey Archaeological Society has been a member of the Amenity Council since the early 1970s.

The Surrey Amenity Council, without wishing to change its objectives, wishes to broaden its base. It is now inviting private subscribers and institutional members. The Amenity Council certainly needs and deserves more public support than it is getting. It functions as the Surrey branch of the CPRE, it nominates representatives to fill three of the seats on the board of the Surrey Historic Buildings Trust and its voice is influential with the County Council.

The Surrey Amenity Council is a registered charity so no tax is payable on its subscription income. Private members are asked to subscribe £5 per year and anyone wishing to support the work of the Council should write to Keith Evans at Jenner House, 2 Jenner Road, Guildford, GU1 3PW.

Chiddingfold Parish Church

During re-ordering of the South Aisle a brick vault 13' 8" x 7' 10" x 8' deep has been discovered in the southeast sector beneath the Enticknap family wall plaques. A "time capsule" has been placed inside the vault containing 1983 information about the parish.

Laurence Draper

Correction: Frillinghurst, near Chiddingfold. Iron Working site (West End site).

The undersigned wishes it to be known that he is well aware that Straker did know of the existence of the Iron Working site at West End and that the comment in Bulletin 183 that Straker may have known about it was a précising error.

Laurence Draper

NOVEMBER

Saturday 5th

MEDIEVAL SURREY – A FURTHER CONFERENCE

Further to Bulletin 184. A one-day conference on medieval Surrey will be held under the auspices of the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Juniper Hall Field Study Centre from 9.45 to 5.15. It is hoped that speakers will include Matthew Alexander (St. Mary's Church, Guildford); Scott McCracken (The excavation of St. Mary's Church, Barnes); Shirley Corke (The lost place of Horton, Abinger); Rob Poulton (Medieval Chertsey); Alan Crocker (1972-75 Excavations of Guildford Park Manor); Rosalind Ransford (Surrey Estates of Waltham Abbey) and David Bird (Medieval site at Sutton Park, Woking).

The fee will be £8, including lunch and other refreshments, payable in advance. Bookings or enquiries for further information to Dennis Turner, 21 Evesham Road, Reigate, RH2 9DL (please enclose s.a.e.).

COURSE

ROMAN BRITAIN WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SURREY

On Tuesday evenings beginning **September 27th** for 20 weeks by Dr. David Bird, at Godalming College Evening Centre. Cost £30 reduced to £22 for pensioners. Enrolments to John Cooke, Godalming College Evening Centre, at Adult Education Centre, Bridge Road, Godalming, Surrey GU17 3DU from July onwards.

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

Following Bulletin: October/November, for which copy is required by 6th September.