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S.A.S. VISITS, 1984

Thursday, 12th April	Romanesque at the Hayward Gallery and St. Bartholomews, London
Saturday, 19th May	Maidstone and Underriver
Saturday, 23rd June	Lewes
Thursday, 12th July	Thursley
Saturday, 18th August	Wandsworth and Battersea
Wednesday, 5th September —	Three day visit with two nights at War-
Friday, 7th September	wick University
Wednesday, 26th September	St. Albans
October	To be arranged

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

A Special General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Surrey on Saturday, 26th November 1983, with the President in the chair. The President referred to the passing of two distinguished members: Mr Herbert Eames and Mr Uvedale Lambert. The motion printed in *Bulletin* 186 (September 1983) was agreed by the meeting. Members are reminded that subscriptions due on 1st April 1984 will be as follows:

Ordinary Member	£10.00
Associate Member	£1.00
Junior Member with Collections	£3.00
Institutional Member	£12.50

The Ordinary Member subscription of £10.00 will cover that of any Junior Member (without Collections) at the same address. Part of the additional revenue will be used to increase the number of *Bulletins* issued per year, which will benefit all members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting which followed the Special General Meeting, the President and all the Vice-Presidents were re-elected. In addition, Mr K. W. E. Gravett and Miss J. M. Harding were elected Honorary Vice-Presidents, and Dr A. J. Clark was elected a Vice-President. The Joint Secretaries, Treasurer, Editor, Assistant Editor and Legal Adviser were re-elected to their Honorary Offices. Miss Lesley Ketteringham was warmly thanked for her work as *Bulletin* Editor during

the past five years and, and Miss E. P. Humphreys was elected to this Office. Mr A. C. Sargent was re-elected Honorary Auditor. The six members elected to Council were Mrs Lesley Adkins, Mr Matthew Alexander, Mr Jonathan Cotton, Professor Alan Crocker, Miss Gillian Drew and Mr Lionel Green.

The AGM was followed by a lecture on "Medieval Settlement in South-East Surrey" by Mr D. J. Turner, a Vice-President of the Society, and after the lecture tea was kindly provided by the Department of Physics.

Hon Secretaries

"Archaeology of Surrey to 1500" Conference, 15th/16th October, 1983

Almost 200 people attended over the two days of this conference which was arranged jointly by the Society and the University of Surrey. From "the front of house" everything ran smoothly and thanks go to the Officers of the Society, to the County Archaeological Officer and to the University Dept. of Education Studies who were responsible for the organisation and administration "behind the scene."

Bulletin Editor

The conference followed the familiar format adopted by neighbouring counties — an examination of the archaeological record in a series of chronological compartments with the objective of providing a diachronic overview. Although some conferences have failed to demonstrate convincingly through-time transforms, with the notable exception of Hampshire, the Surrey conference succeeded in elucidating not only the statics of each period but shed light on such dynamics. Moreover, the contributions were well-balanced and combined the right mix of specialist and general information to suit all concerned.

Day one was begun by Richard Macphail outlining the geological and environmental background, emphasising the changes which have taken place beneath our feet. The fact that some of these changes may have been anthropogenic was particularly interesting, though it was disappointing that some speakers did not relate occupation evidence to soil type. Hindered by an ageing database capable of only low resolution interpretations — a persistent feature throughout the conference — John Wymer clearly and comprehensively examined the Palaeolithic. The gatherer-hunter theme was continued by Roger Ellaby in the Upper Palaeolithic and Mesolithic. Roger's meticulous and detailed discussion of the Mesolithic was refreshing, particularly since the apparent concentrations of find spots on the greensand were placed in the context of biased archaeological research, a view which some of us have stridently maintained for some years. A joint paper prepared by Jon Cotton and David Field, but read by Jon, on the Neolithic dealt with the important sites around Staines and Stanwell, the infrequent funerary monuments, and the Mesolithic-Neolithic transition. The Beaker period was also cursorily examined. The day was ended with an important paper on the Bronze Age by Stuart Needham. Much new information was introduced, especially on bronzes, which reflected the speaker's undoubted knowledge on that aspect. It was a pity, however, that so much time was spent on 'prestige' items at the expense of the rather more mundane lithic and

ceramic evidence; an off-site approach on the latter would certainly repay research. Perhaps this imbalance will be corrected in the published version?

The second day was devoted to proto-historic and historic archaeology. Lady Hanworth began with an authoritative and lucid paper on the Iron Age. This lecture, more than any other, demonstrated that archaeological evidence does not respect, nor necessarily coincide with, modern administrative boundaries. A splendid contribution which, in the writer's view, was one of the most informative and workmanlike of the whole conference. The Roman period was covered by David Bird whose re-evaluation and occasional dismissal of old excavation reports was encouraging. Despite the paucity of evidence associated with the period, Rob Poulton was able to offer a satisfactory picture of Saxon Surrey. It was regrettable, however, that there was not time to assess the Christian Saxons.

Dennis Turner's elegant presentation of the medieval period was aided by an exceptionally large (!) body of data, though as Dennis was at pains to point out very little has been analysed using new concepts and techniques.

The conference was concluded with a lively discussion session in which each speaker was invited to point the way for the future. One criticism which could be levelled at the conference was that too little time was allotted to questions. Some of the most stimulating and provocative comments emerged from the discussion — the kind of polemic which really advances knowledge and stimulates thought.

The Society, and more especially the speakers, are to be congratulated on the high standards of this conference. We can now look forward to the forthcoming publication which should be available this year. For those fortunate enough to attend the conference, and equally for those who were not, this should be compelling reading.

Michael Russell

Following the conference it was suggested that a number of people may have missed the opportunity to make comments on the papers or ensure that particular items of information were known to the various speakers. The papers are, of course, now to be written up for publication, and I am sure that the contributors would welcome such comment and information, if it could be sent to them either direct or via the writer of this note. I should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the conference for making it such a stimulating occasion.

D. G. Bird

Honorary Local Secretary

The vacancy for a Honorary Local Secretary in Albury and Shere, as mentioned in *Bulletin* 186, has been filled by Mr O. A. Kibble, Driftway Cottage, Gomshall, Guildford GU5 9NY.

Hon. Secretaries

Administrative Staff Changes

Mrs Kathleen Needham, who has been a member of the Society's administrative staff for many years, retired from her post in November

1983. The Society is very grateful for all she has done, and will be sorry to lose her. Kathleen is continuing in her post as the Museum Secretary and will still carry out a few administrative duties in a voluntary capacity. Membership queries should be addressed to Mrs Susan Janaway, the Membership Secretary, who is usually in the Society's office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Maureen Roberts is now in charge of publication sales.

Hon. Secretaries

Castle Arch

Members are reminded that Guildford Museum does not open to the public before 11 a.m. Those visiting the Library between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. must go straight to the Library and are requested not to stray into the Museum areas.

All visitors to Castle Arch before 11 a.m. are now requested to sign the Visitors Book.

M. J. Alexander
Hon. Secretaries

Sale of Society Publications

Many members have taken advantage of the sale of some of the Society's publications at 50p per volume, as detailed in *Bulletin* 186 (Sept. 1983). Those who have not yet done so are advised that a limited number of copies of these volumes are still available at 50p each (plus postage) and that enquiries should be addressed to Castle Arch, Guildford GU1 3SX. This offer will close ONE MONTH from the appearance of this notice.

Marian Gower

NOTES AND QUERIES

Morden: St Lawrence Parish Church

For the first time since 1805, when the vestry was added to the north wall of the nave, major construction work is taking place at St Lawrence Parish Church. It consists of a long, narrow building oriented NNW from the north face of the western tower. The tower will be breached and a tall Gothic arch inserted divided by a floor with entrances above and below, similar to the divided arch between the tower and the nave.

The new building is supported on pile foundations. Those burials in the way were exhumed under a Home Office Order and reinterred in another part of the churchyard. A number of burials found near the tower and previously unrecorded on the churchyard plan (1959) have now been included. Those burials within the building area are now 'sealed in' underneath. Monuments outside the immediate area have been temporarily removed but will be restored.

Examination of the tower foundations and footings was carried out by the writer who is of the opinion that they are part of the rebuilding of 1636. A trial bore hole through the base of the tower above ground level indicated a 'skin' of bricks each side with a filling of rammed chalk. The thickness was about four feet (122 cms). From the plinth (Oxfordshire stone?) the foundation extends downward to another plinth (Greensand

stone) and a little below that is stepped outwards. Overall depth and width about four feet. Brick bonds are varied from seemingly haphazard, stretcher bond, English bond and a few courses of Flemish bond, a strong clue to the period (early 17c).

A quoin on the north-west corner of the nave previously covered by the chimney of the old boiler house had an inscription "G C 1827" possibly connected with the repair work carried out on the church at that time.

An opportunity has been taken to refit the gallery which projects at the west end of the nave. All the old fittings were removed and the floorboards taken up. This resulted in an important discovery: a group of wall paintings. The main County histories never recorded them since the gallery was built in 1792 before the histories were published. It appears that when the gallery was built the walls above and below the gallery level were plastered over but that within the framework was left.

The framework consists of large beams inserted into the nave side walls and joists, banked at the rear to raise the seating, butted against the end wall. Area of exposed wall: south side 1'11" (58.5cms) x 4'5" (134.6cms) stopped by porch door lintel; north side 2'0" (61cms) x 6'8" (203.2cms) stopped by window opening; end wall allowing for the curvature of the arch the mean length is 6'4" (183cms) x 1'2"-3" (37cms) each side, width reduced by main beam.

The paintings are only visible between the timbers and are faded. They consist of four panels, one each side of the nave and one each side of the arch. Size of panels not recorded but the panel borders are 1½" (4cms). Outside the corners of the panels are flowers and fruit, round the sides are assorted curlicues — the centre outside the north panel has a cluster of acorns. Only the lower parts of the panels are exposed. Within the panels each side of the arch seen between the joists is lettering in Old English. This was carefully dusted off, recorded and later deciphered by the writer. As seen left of the arch (south) ". . . In . . . wnefs of li . . . CM: 6. 3.4." The last line of Romans Chap. 6 v.3.4. — In newness of life. Right of arch (north) ". . . Fhalt . . . ay I hav . . . no pleafu . . ." The last lines of Ecclesiastes Chap. 12 v.1. — Shalt say I have no pleasure (in them). An early edition of the Bible is required. Colours: mainly black with some red (e.g. capital letters and other parts).

What date can be ascribed to the paintings? The church underwent a substantial rebuilding in 1636 and the paintings may well be part of the embellishment. The gallery has now been refloored and the paintings covered up but photographs have been taken by several people including the writer.

W. J. Rudd

Alfoldean Roman Station. Scheduled Ancient Monument 222 (TQ 118330)

In August 1983, a machine-dug trench was cut in the vicinity of this site. The trench is approx. 1 metre deep, 80cms wide and runs south for about one mile. Apparently it is intended to prevent gipsy caravans parking on the road verge. Despite the close proximity of the ancient monument permission to cut the trench was not sought; and it is extremely unlikely that permission would have been granted since the trench appears to cut the protected area. The West Sussex County Archaeologist, Mr F.

Aldsworth, was informed of the trench and visited the site during digging operations.

Sections of the trench confirmed the presence of Roman settlement, in the form of pits, burnt areas, compacted areas and a possible wall. It is intended to draw both sections of the trench for its full length, on a scale of 1:20. Members of the Guildford, Cranleigh and Godalming Groups are engaged on this work.

Michael Luke

MEETINGS

JANUARY

Tuesday, 17th

"THE VIKINGS AT COPPERGATE, YORK". Lecture by Peter Addyman. KUTAS 4th Kernthaler Memorial Lecture. 8.00 p.m. Surbiton Library Hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton.

Thursday, 19th

"SETTLEMENT, CEREMONY AND TERRITORIAL ORGANISATION IN SUSSEX". Lecture by Peter Drewett. Croydon NHSS. 7.45 p.m. East Croydon UR Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon.

Saturday, 21st

PAINSHILL AND OTHER LOCAL LANDSCAPE GARDENS. Lecture by J. W. Lindus-Forge to Walton & Weybridge LHS. 3.00 p.m. Weybridge Library Lecture Hall.

FEBRUARY

Thursday, 2nd

"EXCAVATIONS AT KINGSTON BRIDGE". Lecture by Steve Nelson to Spelthorne AFG, 8.00 p.m. Debenham Room, Old Town Hall, Market Square, Staines.

Friday, 10th

"TECHNIQUES OF POTTERY ANALYSIS". Lecture by Alan Vince to Richmond AS. 8.00 p.m. Sun Inn, Parkshot, Richmond.

Thursday, 16th

"ROMAN SOUTHWARK". Lecture by Harvey Sheldon to Croydon NHSS. 7.45 p.m. East Croydon UR Church, Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon.

Tuesday, 21st

"THE WORK OF THE SURREY HISTORIC BUILDINGS TRUST". Lecture by Geoffrey Pink to KUTAS, 8.00 p.m. Surbiton Library Hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton.

Early Notice — Saturday, 28th April

SAS EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE SYMPOSIUM at Dorking Halls. Full details will appear in a later *Bulletin*. The second Margary Award will be presented at the symposium. Entries for the Award are still welcome, and can be accepted up to 17th February, 1984. Details given in *Bulletin* No. 185.

Local societies planning their summer programmes may like to know that the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, will be host to a special exhibition from Biskupin Iron Age Village Museum, Poland. Marshy ground preserved much of this important 6th century BC fortified settlement. Reconstructed houses, artefacts, a large-scale model, etc. will be on display. The exhibition opens on 3rd May and runs until the end of July. Also at Singleton the Whitley joiner's shop has been re-erected in the back-yard of the village square. The upper workshop will be equipped with tools and the lower floor used to store timber. Both will be used as demonstration areas.

LITERARY SECTION

Courts of the Manors of Bandon and Beddington 1498-1552

Transcribed and translated by Hedley Gowans; edited, with an introduction, by Michael Wilks and Jennifer Bray; and published by the London Borough of Sutton Libraries and Arts Services in conjunction with the Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington Archaeological Society and the Carshalton Society.

The recent discovery of the court roll covering much of the reigns of Henry VII, Henry VIII and Edward VI for the Surrey Manor of Bandon now provides a valuable addition to the records relating to the possessions of the powerful Carew family of Beddington, and throws new light on the much-debated question of the character and whereabouts of the 'lost' medieval village of Bandon itself. The transcript also includes the fragmentary remains of the Beddington court roll for the same period. These documents not only offer a good deal of evidence about the history of the various villages lying between Croydon, Mitcham and Sutton — including the other local 'lost village' of Woodcote — but also will be of interest for areas further afield, like Horley, Reigate and Chessington.

The book, published in December, 1983, is available from Sutton Central Library, St Nicholas Way, Sutton SM1 1EA. Price £7, postage and packing will be invoiced on delivery.

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COURSES

THE ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE CONQUEST: THE ROMANESQUE IN SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

A course of nine lectures arranged jointly by the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Department of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, will be held at the Central Lecture Theatre Block, University of Surrey, Guildford on **Tuesday** evenings at 8 p.m.

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27th March	"The Background and Development of the Church"	Dr John Lowerson
3rd April	"British Castles"	Dr Derek Renn
10th April	"Castles in France"	Dr Arnold Taylor
17th April	"The Winchester Bible"	Sir Walter Oakeshott*
24th April	University closed for Easter	
1st May	"The Abbeys"	Dr John Lowerson
8th May	"The Sussex Churches: Clayton and the origins of early wall-painting"	Robin Milner-Gulland
15th May	"The Surrey Churches"	David Park
22nd May	"The Lost Wall-Paintings of Sigema, Spain"	Timothy Hayman
29th May	"The Bayeux Tapestry"	Mrs Mary Alexander

*Provisional booking only: to be confirmed early in 1984

The Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London, is mounting a major exhibition of English Romanesque Art from 1066 to 1200 from 3rd April to 8th July 1984 and the above lectures have been arranged with this exhibition in mind. The great Winchester, Lambeth and Bury Bibles are among the many items which will be on display, and the exhibition is designed to demonstrate the wealth of artistic activity in Norman England. The Visits Committee of the Society is also arranging a number of related visits.

Fee for Course: £12.00 (Members of Surrey Archaeological Society: £8.00). Cheques made payable to "Surrey Archaeological Society" to: Mrs Marian Gower, 28 Gingers Close, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7JL. Please enclose s.a.e. Fee for individual lectures, payable at the door: £2.00 (Members of Surrey Archaeological Society £1.50).