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S.A.S. VISIT TO BAGSHOT AND WINDLESHAM

Arranged by Miss Josephine Cartèr, with help from:
Mrs. L. V. Graham, Windlesham Society
Mr. J. H. Jillings, Bagshot Society

Saturday, 19th October, 1985

10.00 a.m. Assemble at St. John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Windlesham. (O.S. Ref. SU 931637).

Welcome by Rev. J. A. R. Pierssene, and talk by Mr. J. C. M. Blatch.

Tour to see some interesting old houses in Windlesham. Visit to Hall Grove, now a school (Mrs. E. R. Graham, Principal). (O.S. SU 920642). The present house dates from about 1769 but previously it had belonged to Charles Rackett, husband of Magdalen, half-sister of Alexander Pope, who lived 7 miles away at Binfield, Berks.

Leave Windlesham by Kennel Lane and School Road, turning left onto the A30. The drive leading to the school is on the left, near a footbridge, just before the next lefthand turning, Grove Road. Park near the house.

Lunch

There is a good selection of Pubs in both villages supplying meals and snacks.

2.15 p.m.

Re-assemble in Bagshot Park. The Royal Army Chaplains' Department Centre. (Rev. V. Dobbin, Deputy Warden). The house was built in 1875 for H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, near the site of a royal hunting lodge in Windsor Great Park.

Bagshot Park (O.S. SU 909639). The entrance is next to the Cricketers Inn on the A30. 200 yards up the drive take the right fork which will lead to the entrance and car park. Weather permitting we may take a short walk to the Orangery, which is older than the present house. From there we proceed to the Surrey Heath Archaeological Research Centre, 63 High Street, Bagshot, (behind the Three Mariners Public House) for tea. (Tea payable on the day, please state if not required when booking). A talk will be given by Mr. G. H. Cole on recent excavations in the district by the Surrey Heath Group which have produced interesting finds and information.

Tickets: Members 50p, Visitors 60p, Students half price, accompanied children free. Costs £2.00 to include donations, etc. Please send s.a.e. with cheques to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (Tel. 01-393 8970). Numbers limited to 40. Bookings not later than **8th October to enable final arrangements to be made.**

COACH VISIT TO ROCKBOURNE ROMAN VILLA AND WINCHESTER

(Organised by Surrey Roman Villa Study Group)

Saturday, 28th September, 1985

The coach will start from Dorking Halls at 8.30 a.m. with a pick-up at Guildford Railway Station at 9.00 a.m. Cost £6.00. Arrangements for the day's programme have yet to be completed but for further details and booking forms please contact Mr. Leslie Le Mottee, Little Rising, Ermine Way, Leatherhead KT22 8TW (Ashted 74107).

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

From March, 1985: Mr. C. I. Budgen, 3 Fettes Road, Cranleigh GU6 7EU; Mr. R. J. Cruse, 7 Burleigh Close, Rochester, Kent ME2 3TQ; Mr. S. Newman, Lodge House, St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 7AE. *This list for March should have appeared with the new members list in Bulletin 202. The Bulletin Editor apologises for the omission.*

From June, 1985: Mr. D. B. Easton, Hunters Hall, Chapel Road, Tadworth KT20 5SB; Mrs. P. C. Boyd, 12 Bookham Court, Church Road, Bookham KT23 3ET; Mr. J. W. Swayne, 27 Rectory Close, Merrow, Guildford GU4 7AR; Mr. K. R. Crouch, 17 Brighton Road, Godalming GU7 1NT; Mr. T. Pygott, 8 Parkers Close, Ashted KT21 2AP; Mr. C. D. Howkins, 70 Grange Road, New Haw, Weybridge KT15 3RH; Mr. E. M. Noyes, Twiga Lodge, Wonham Way, Gomshall, Guildford GU5 9NZ; Ms. C. N. Ball, c/o SMS Europe, Teddington House, Broad Street, Teddington, Middx. TW11 8GZ; Mr. S. J. Franklin, 8 Eaton Court, Boxgrove Avenue, Guildford GU1 1XD.

Library News

We are very pleased to announce that a new Librarian, Mrs. Janette White started work at Castle Arch on 1st July. She is at the Library on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. with a break of one hour for lunch. On the first Saturday of each month she will work on Saturday rather than Friday.

Mrs. White has the title of Assistant Librarian. Mrs. Maureen Roberts, who nobly shouldered much of the burden at Castle Arch attending to members' requests in recent weeks, continues to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will be available to work additional hours in the Autumn. Miss G. M. Drew hopes to be in the Library on the third Saturday morning of each month. The result is that the Library is staffed for longer periods and is therefore able to offer a better service to members than ever before.

Does anyone have three pairs of unwanted, but reasonably intact curtains they would care to donate to the Society to refurbish the Margary Room at Castle Arch (the Library). Measurements are approximately 3 ft. x 3 ft. — colour immaterial, but a fairly thick material is preferable.

Please contact Castle Arch if you have anything suitable. We might be able to arrange collection.

Thank you in advance!

EXCAVATION NOTICES

Little Pickle, Bletchingley

Two seasons of trial work in advance of sand extraction on this small (70 m sq) earthwork have shown that it may have been late medieval in origin and have formed a deer pound. However, work in the field to the south has revealed building foundations of 13th to 16th Century date. The complex was evidently one of some importance, although it has no obvious documentation.

A third season of trial work has now been planned to complete preparations for larger scale work in the future. This will take place between 26 August and 13 September and volunteers, able to work on a regular basis, are required. Help with travel costs/subsistence may be available. Interested persons should write to: County Planning Officer, Planning Department, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2DT. They should mark the letter "For the attention of Mr. R. Poulton".

Wanborough, Green Lane

Many members will have heard over recent months of a major discovery near Wanborough. It is a sorry tale involving the large scale looting by metal detector users of one of the greatest finds of Iron Age coins ever made in Britain, and marks an enormous loss of information about Surrey's past.

The site has been known to archaeologists for some time, and in 1976 a small-scale excavation by Martin O'Connell (published in the recent *Collections*) established the existence of a Roman building of some interest as it had a curving wall. It did not prove possible to arrange any further work and not enough was known of the site for it to be scheduled as an ancient monument. Recently the site was located by metal detector users who discovered a few Iron Age and Roman Republican coins. They reported their finds to Guildford Museum and kept the site secret. Unfortunately, at the subsequent inquest, at which the coins were declared treasure trove, the location of the site was revealed. This led at once to larger scale metal detecting in which deep holes were dug into stratified levels. About 200 more coins were found and declared to the British Museum; various Roman bronze artefacts were also discovered, some of which have been seen by qualified people but without adequate recording being possible. The second treasure trove inquest led to continuous looting of the site, often in the depths of the night. The landowner, Lord Taylor of Hadfield, found that such damage was being caused to his crops that he had to employ a security firm to protect his land. There is every reason to believe that over 2000 coins have been stolen and sold on the black market; many are known to have reached Europe and even the USA. The police are doing what they can and there have already been successful prosecutions for damage and theft.

Most of the coins were of the late 1st century BC and the early 1st century AD. They include previously unknown types. Kings such as Verica, Epaticcus, Tincommius, Epillus and Anted . . . are represented. The site was presumably of major religious significance, and some of the Roman finds that have been glimpsed suggest that a religious use may have continued on the site in that period.

MEETINGS, ETC.

AUGUST

Saturday, 10th

S.A.S. VISIT TO OTFORD AND LIMPSFIELD. See *Bulletin* 202 for details. (Phone Mrs. West, 01-393 8970, to enquire if places are available.)

Sunday, 11th. 2.00-5.00 p.m.

OPEN DAY. Chipstead Valley Museum, Chipstead Valley Road. Museum organised and run by Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th, 8.00 p.m.

"RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK AT NEW GRANGE AND KNOWTH, IRELAND." Lecture by Elizabeth Eames to Nonsuch A.S., St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell.

Tuesday 10th, 8.00 p.m.

"THE ROYAL WINDSOR TAPESTRY MANUFACTORY, 1876-1890." Talk by Mr. G. Cullingham to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S., Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

Saturday, 14th

S.A.S. VISIT TO GODALMING AND CHARTERHOUSE. See *Bulletin* 202 for details.

Saturday, 14th. 10.45-5.15

"ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE LEWES AREA." A one-day symposium arranged by the Lewes Archaeological Group. Tickets £2.00, applications with s.a.e. to D. Gregory, Rosemary Cottage, Barcombe, Lewes, East Sussex. The *Bulletin* Editor can provide more details if required.

EARLY NOTICES

Saturday, 9th November, 2.30 p.m.

"ARCHITECTS OF THE ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT, with particular reference to Surrey and S.E. England." Lecture by Mrs. Margaret Richardson, deputy Curator at the Royal Institute of British Architects. Autumn lecture of the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey). Lawnsmead Church Hall, (off Wonersh Common Road) Wonersh.

Saturday, 25th October and Sunday, 26th October, 1986.

The London and Middlesex Archaeological Society will be holding a regional conference for the London area at the Museum of London on October 25/26th, 1986. It will take the form of a period by period evaluation of current archaeological research and field work for London in its regional context, from the early prehistoric period through to 1500. It is intended to publish the conference papers to complement the other recent county period conference proceedings for Kent, Essex and Surrey. A detailed programme will be available early in 1986.

Next Bulletin

The copy date for the September number will have past by the time members receive this *Bulletin*. The Editor welcomes material for use in the October issue; copy must be received by Saturday, 7th September.

It has proved almost impossible to protect the site from determined looters, whose only interest lies in the money they can gain from selling the coins. The Society has now set up a Committee which is arranging an excavation to take place in the autumn, under the general direction of the writer. It is anticipated that this will take place in conjunction with a major geophysical survey to be undertaken by Dr. A. J. Clark. It will be necessary to raise a large sum of money to enable the excavation to take place, and contributions will be gratefully received. These should be sent to Mrs. Susan Janaway at Castle Arch. Those interested in helping with work on site should contact the writer (telephone 01-546 1050 extension 3665, or write to the County Planning Department, County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames, KT1 2DT, marking the letter for the attention of Dr. D. G. Bird). It will be necessary to restrict access to the site to those who can be vouched for by members known to the organisers. Permission to excavate on their land has very kindly been granted by Lord and Lady Taylor and the Society is extremely grateful to them.

D. G. Bird

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

'A History of Chipstead' by C. E. Pringle. Published by Chipstead Village Preservation Society. (1984) Price £3.50.

An A4 size soft-cover book of 85 pages with many black and white drawings, maps and photographs. A survey of the documentary history of the village, its buildings and its people. Unlike many village histories the narrative does not cease with World War II but is continued up into the 1980's. The publication should be of interest to both present-day and future local historians. The author is Chairman of the Bourne Society and well known in East Surrey as a lecturer on local history. The book is available from various shops in Chipstead and Coulsdon or by post (price £4) from the Hon. Secretary, Chipstead Village Preservation Society, Four Winds, Coulsdon Lane, Chipstead CR3 3QJ.

'A Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of the Waverley Area' by Francis Haveron. Published by Surrey Industrial History Group. (1984) Price £2.00 (£1.50 to members of SIHG).

This 52 page booklet, with a drawing of Ewhurst windmill on the cover, contains notes on some 200 sites or objects which are connected with the industrial past of the Waverley area including Cranleigh, Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and many villages. It is divided into sections on roads, mills, waterways and railways, water, gas and electricity supplies, the glass and iron industries, brewing, malting, cloth and other industries, food storage, shops, etc. There are also summaries of the industrial collections at Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere and Tilford Museums and articles on John Henry Knight, inventor and pioneer motorist of Farnham, Waverley and the motorcar, and Abbott's coachbuilding works in Wrecclesham. The booklet is obtainable from Guildford and other

museums, bookshops in Waverley and Guildford or by post (cheque for £2.25 including post & packing made payable to SIHG) from SIHG, c/o 5 Hillcourt, Ballfield Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 2HD. (Copies of SIHG's earlier guide to the Reigate and Banstead area are still available from the above address for £1.00).

St. Martin's Churchyard, Dorking

The epitaphs in Dorking churchyard were recorded by Bax in 1884 and appear in the volume in Surrey Archaeological Society's library at Castle Arch. However, there are some omissions and precise locations are not given, and now Dorking Local History Group has plotted the position of every gravestone and recorded the names, dates, verses and other details which are still visible. The survey, in typescript, of nearly 500 burials dating between 1718 and 1855 with an introduction, index and accompanying plan is now available for reference in Dorking Museum library. Copies of the complete survey can be supplied for £5, single sheets 30p, and the plan only for 50p, all post free, on application to Dorking Local History Group, 18 Deepdene Vale, Dorking.

NOTES

Local Historians Evening

A dozen active local historians working on projects concerning East Grinstead or one of the surrounding villages met at East Grinstead Town Museum on 24th May for a conversazione.

The event, arranged by the Hon. Curator, Mr. M. J. Leppard, provided an opportunity for them to talk informally about what they were doing and to discuss common interests and problems. Sussex, Kent and Surrey were represented, for East Grinstead lies at the junction of the three counties. It was agreed that the Museum should act as a continuing point of contact for those attending, including passing on queries from the general public.

Anyone interested in the history of this area will find the Town Museum at East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead, open every Wednesday 2-4 p.m. and every Saturday 2-5 p.m., admission free.

Classes arranged by W.E.A. Guildford Branch

History of Guildford — Matthew Alexander. Morning class, commencing Wednesday, 25th September.

Peoples of Britain — Dr. Joan Smith. Afternoon class, commencing Monday, 23rd September.

Tower of London — Mr. Forrester. Afternoon class, commencing Tuesday, 24th September.

17th Century History — Mr. Street. Evening class, commencing Monday, 23rd September.

Rome in Britain — Lady Rosamond Hanworth. Evening class, commencing Wednesday, 25th September.

Brochures giving details about these classes will shortly be available at the Museum, Castle Arch, and at libraries in the Guildford area. In case of difficulty further information can be obtained from Mrs. Noel Adams, Guildford 577309.