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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL LECTURE**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23rd in the Central Lecture Theatre Block at the University of Surrey, Guildford. There is an adjacent car park (No 1 East).

**Agenda for Annual General Meeting**

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To read, and if appropriate, to sign as correct the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 24th 1984.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the auditor's report for the period April 1st 1984 to March 31st 1985, and if approved, to adopt them.
4. To elect the President for 1985-86.
5. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents for 1985-86.
6. To elect Vice-Presidents for 1985-86.
7. To elect Honorary Officers for 1985-86.
8. To elect six Ordinary Members of Council to retire in 1989 under Article 21a. (Nominations for election under items 4-8 should be sent to the Hon. Secretaries not less than seven days before the meeting. All nominations require a proposer and seconder who must be members of the Incorporated Society and nominations must be accompanied by a signed statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. Institutional members are not eligible for election.)
9. To appoint the Honorary Auditor for 1985-86.
10. Any other business.

**Lecture**

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a Lecture entitled:  
*'The Decorations of the Inner Court of Nonsuch Palace'*  
by Dr. Josephine Turquet, MA

**OBITUARY**

**John Lea Nevinson 1904-1985**

John Lea Nevinson was the son of an architect and spent his boyhood at Cobham. He was educated at Shrewsbury (which he disliked) and Exeter College, Oxford. He became a life member of the Surrey Archaeological Society in 1928 by which time he had joined the staff of the Victoria and Albert Museum where he became an internationally respected authority on costume and embroidery, especially of the 16th and 17th centuries. At

the outbreak of the Second World War, he was responsible for seeing many of the museum's treasures safely stowed in the deeper recesses of the London Underground system, after which he transferred to the Ministry of Education. He stayed with this ministry until taking early retirement to devote himself to scholarship and to the work of the Walpole Society (of which he became treasurer), The Costume Society (of which he was a founder member) and the Surrey Archaeological Society. All three societies have benefited greatly from the unstinting gift of his time and talents while, over the years, he has also been a generous and unobtrusive benefactor of projects that appealed to him.

John Nevinson was elected Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1953 and, from about this time on, was frequently to be seen on excavations in the county and beyond (as far beyond as Glastonbury and the Hebrides) — 'acting as a pair of hands', as he often put it. A pair of hands that were not above injecting the occasional practical joke into the serious business of digging or manipulating spoil heaps and stone piles. And at lunch time there were stories and experiences to be related to the amusement of all.

John knew Surrey well, a knowledge partly acquired through long and somewhat Chestertonian walks across his favourite hills, sustained at friendly pubs — preferably ones that served real ale and were without canned music. He first joined the Society's Council in 1954 and, after becoming deeply involved in library and museum matters, became Vice President in 1969. Following the death in office of Dr. 'Peter' Skelton, John Nevinson stood in on an acting basis until his election to President of the Society at the AGM in 1971.

His term of office was one of the most significant presidencies in the Society's history. Dr. Skelton had begun to chart new ways ahead during his all too-brief tenure and John Nevinson took the helm with energy and enthusiasm. This was the time when 'rescue archaeology' in the face of motorway and other development in booming Britain was catching the public's imagination. The new president guided the Society with skill and tact as it entered the difficult new era first with an *ad hoc* team to meet the challenge of motorway construction and then with the employment of its own county archaeologist: the first in the country to be employed by a county society. This was followed by the establishment of a small professional team to cover part of south west London. All this was done with the aid of public money and required changes in the Society's structure. It is no coincidence that the Society also achieved charitable status and became a limited liability company during John Nevinson's presidency. The frequent presence of his 'pair of hands' at excavations run by the professionals made an informal but notable contribution to maintaining the essential bridge between professional teams and amateur society.

After giving up the presidential chair in 1975, John continued to serve as Vice President and was for several years the chairman of the Society's Museums Committee. He also continued to play an active part in maintaining liaison between the Society and other bodies involved in archaeology in Greater London.

As became a museum man with an outstandingly good memory, there seldom seemed any boundary to his knowledge in the fields that interested him, and these were many. His approach was always, however, light-hearted and practical. He was the most unstuffy of men and a stern critic of pomposity while maintaining a natural dignity that made him the perfect clubman and gained him entry to all social circles. Sadly, he was involved in a traffic accident early this year and suffered injuries and consequential complications from which he did not recover. He died early in the morning of 30th July in his 81st year. His wisdom and warm sense of

fun will be missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know him but our sadness at his passing is more than tinged with gratitude that he walked this way.

D.J.T.

### **George B. Greenwood**

It is with regret that we record the death on 27th August of George Greenwood. A member of the Society since 1964 he had served on the Council and was the Local Secretary for Walton and Weybridge for many years. A full obituary will be published in a later issue of the *Bulletin*.

### **New members**

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

Mrs. L. F. Sparrow, 62 Kingsley Road, Horley RH6 8AE; Mr. C. J. Davey, 'The Cottage', 2 Heatherley Road, Camberley GU15 3LN; Mr. S. P. Haynes, 6 Edenfield Gardens, Worcester Park KT4 7DT; Mr. E. G. Taylor, 82 Fir Tree Walk, Reigate RH2 0RU; Dr. A. R. Graham, Jonquils, Heath Ridge Green, Cobham KT11 2QL; Mrs. J. White, The Hollow, Wood Road, Hindhead GU26 6PT; Mr. P. G. Bowler, 94 Hitchings Way, Reigate RH2 8ER; Miss A. V. Neal, 80 Plimsoll Road, London N4 2EE; Mr. N. J. Marples, 41 Ashbrook Road, Old Windsor, Berks SL4 2LT; Miss H. M. Richardson, Fair View, Woodside Road, Chiddingfold GU8 4RB.

### **Wanborough — Green Lane**

The President and members of the committee organising the rescue excavation at Wanborough wish to thank most warmly those members of the Society who have contributed so generously to the Excavation Fund. Members' contributions (at the time of going to press) total £1,600 and the Fund stands at just over £8,400. Further major contributions have been promised from the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, Surrey County Council, Guildford Borough Council and Conoco Ltd. The appeal is still open and any member who would like to make a contribution is asked to send their donation to the Society's headquarters at Castle Arch, Guildford GU1 3SX. (Please make cheques payable to Wanborough Excavation Fund).

The excavation eventually started on Monday, 23rd September and it will continue for at least two months. Helpers who wish to work on the site should contact Dr. David Bird at County Hall, Kingston. (01-541 9419). Members who are interested in the details of the treasure hunting activities on the site which have necessitated this rescue excavation are referred to the September-October, 1985 issue of the C.B.A. Newsletter.

### **Telephone Answering Machine**

A telephone answering machine has been installed in the Society's office at Castle Arch to enable members to leave messages when the Society's staff are not on duty. Any message left on the machine will be dealt with as soon as possible. Members are requested not to forget to leave their name and telephone number when leaving a message. The Society's telephone number is Guildford 32454.

### **Surrey Record Office: Telephone Numbers**

A new telephone system has been installed at County Hall, Kingston, whereby individual departments can be reached by direct dialling.

Search Room	01-541 9065
County Archivist	01-541 9051
Deputy County Archivist	01-541 9056
Conservators	01-541 9066
Kingston Borough Archivist	01-541 9057

### **Surrey University Certificate in Archaeology**

When the University of Surrey took over the Surrey extra-mural work previously carried out by the University of London it was envisaged that in due course it would set up its own system of certificates and diplomas. Up to now this has not been possible but the University is now taking the first exploratory steps to ascertain whether there is a demand for such certification.

The opportunity for a student to work for a Surrey University Extra-Mural Certificate is mentioned in its publication "Courses for all County-wide for 1985-86". It proposed to organise certification not on the basis of attendance at any particular series of lectures but on the work actually carried out by the student. A particular programme of work for any particular student would emerge as the result of discussion between the student and the member of the University responsible for that subject: it could be unique to a particular student. It could include reading, attendance at lectures and seminars, research, essay-writing, etc. The Extra-Mural Certificate would be awarded after two years satisfactory study. It is possible that in due course such a Certificate might be allowed to count towards a higher award.

The University would like to hear now from any person who might be interested in certification and asks those interested to contact The Secretary (R B Office), Department of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 5XX (Guildford 571281 extension 620/877/419).

In the case of Anthropology and Archaeology the full-time member of the University staff responsible for the development of certification in these subjects is Dr. Joan Smith (extension 575). She is working closely with Dr. David Bird, the County Archaeologist, in connection with the proposed certificate in Archaeology.

## **EXCAVATION NOTES, ETC.**

### **The Grove, Carshalton (TQ 279645)**

In July 1985 the rebuilding of the boundary wall between the public park known as 'The Grove' and North Street, Carshalton, necessitated the digging of a foundation trench for a length of 64m (210ft) northwards from the north-west corner of the Lower Pond. The trench was 1.0-1.1m (3ft 3in-3ft 6in) deep and 0.6-0.7m (2ft-2ft 4in) wide: cleaning of the sections revealed the foundations and lower parts of probably five walls, set in a brown 'garden' soil. The natural subsoil was not observed.

The latest walls, Walls 1 and 5, appear to be the foundations for the previous boundary wall, which was demolished and rebuilt to its present line in 1909 to remove a dog-leg which protruded into North Street. Beneath them were an east-west brick wall (Wall 3) and two north-south chalk block walls (Walls 2 and 4). Wall 4, near to the south end of the trench, consisted of large unmortared blocks, while Wall 2, to the north, consisted of blocks set in mortar and faced with knapped flints. Walls 2, 3 and 4 appear to have been built from a ground level about 0.8m (2ft 8in) below the modern ground level. Wall 3 appeared to cut Wall 4, but Wall 2 had no stratigraphic relationship to either. Wall 5 was built upon the surviving tops of Walls 2, 3 and 4.

The area between this boundary and the River Wandle, about 40m (130ft) to the east, was the site of *Stone Court*, first recorded in the 14th century and, after the rebuilding in the 16th and 18th centuries, demolished in 1800. Other archaeological observations were made in this area in 1981 and 1982 (*Bulletin* no. 175, Nov. 1981 and no. 180, Aug-Oct. 1982). A report on all three sites is being prepared.

Clive Orton

for Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington Archaeological Society

### **Gatton Church: the covered way**

St. Andrew's Church at Gatton, besides its remarkable collection of furnishings from mainland Europe, has two exceptionally uncommon architectural features. The 'untouched family pew' (in Nairn and Pevsner's words) is 'the perfect example of the English nobleman's wish to worship in comfort. It has a fireplace . . . and comfortable chairs.' It appears that only two other such family pews with fireplaces are known in English churches. 'With its air of being a sumptuous private chapel that has somehow got detached from the house, it is among the best in the country . . .'

However the pew, in the north transept, was not entirely detached from Gatton House before the latter building was seriously damaged by fire in 1934. An apparently unique covered way linked the two. Although half-buried when viewed from the churchyard side, this was not in any sense a 'secret' or subterranean passage. Evidently the end which joined on to Gatton House was never rebuilt after the fire; an ornamental pavement survives which appears to indicate the former alignment of this now-demolished part of the covered way. The severed end, where the way joined the churchyard, was blocked up with a wall of the local freestone, which material had also been used for the visible external fabric of the main passage. The surviving 35 metres or so had two or three high-level windows looking out on to the churchyard and, oddly, two doors communicating with the outside. The windows having been bricked up, the doors being locked, and requests to view the interior of the passage eliciting no response, it was not known until recently what the interior looked like. However it was discovered, during a visit in late July 1985, that the timber and slate roof of the covered way had been demolished and thrown into it, along with the large quantity of ivy which had been growing over it. The walls remain standing, but quite unprotected and clearly at serious risk of either further deliberate demolition, or fairly rapid disintegration as a result of weathering. It is now possible to see that the fabric was of plastered brick internally, and freestone externally. It was presumably amongst the works of Frederick John, fifth Lord Monson, who purchased the Gatton estate for £100,000 c. 1830. Unhappily, Pevsner's view that this covered way 'though in very bad condition . . . ought to be kept as a rarity' is being ignored.

Paul W. Sowan

### **The Felbridge March**

East Grinstead Town Museum in its new permanent display on East Grinstead's Town Bands now has on show a printed copy of a piano transcription of the Felbridge March by Edward Hunt, published by him at East Grinstead and dedicated to Dr. C. H. Gatty. Since it seems to be unrecorded (in both senses) it may be worth a note here.

Edward Hunt appears as a teacher of music at 21 Station Road, East Grinstead, in Kelly's Sussex directory for 1909. Charles Henry Gatty of Felbridge Place died in 1903. He was active in many areas of public life on both sides of the county boundary and President of East Grinstead's bands up to 1887 and again in the 1980s. A photograph in the Museum's display shows Dr. Gatty with the East Grinstead Volunteer and Town Band on the terrace at Felbridge Place.

Musically the march seems to run out of inspiration soon after its start and so the years of neglect are not inexplicable.

East Grinstead Town Museum is open every Wednesday 2-4 p.m. and every Saturday 2-5 p.m., admission free. (Strangers should follow signs to the police station).

M. J. Leppard  
Hon. Curator

### **New Publication**

"A History of Sport in Dorking" edited by Celia Newbury. Published by the Local History Group, Dorking and Leith Hill District Preservation Society. (1985) Price £2.70.

A very well printed and produced soft-cover book of 138 pages with many black and white photographs and a comprehensive index. Thirteen chapters cover many of the sports played in Dorking, ranging from angling to swimming. Although seemingly a rather restricted field for local history research many of the details recorded are of wide general interest, particularly for the period since the mid-19th century when organised sport started to become popular.

It is available at Dorking Museum or, by post, from the editor, "Oulton", Cudworth Lane, Newdigate, Dorking. (Price £3.30 includes postage and packing).

## **MEETINGS, ETC.**

### **OCTOBER**

**Friday 18th. Coffee 7.45 p.m.. Lecture 8.15 p.m.**

**GREAT CATHEDRALS OF EUROPE.** Dallaway Memorial Lecture given by J. C. Mervyn Blatch at City of London Freemans School, Ashted Park. Arranged by Leatherhead & District L.H.S.

**Friday 18th, 7.30 p.m.**

**EXCAVATION OF BEDDINGTON ROMAN VILLA.** Talk by Lesley Adkins to Surrey Roman Villa Group at the Christian Centre, Dorking.

**Saturday 19th**

S.A.S. VISIT TO WINDLESHAM AND BAGSHOT. See *Bulletin* 203 for details. Telephone Mrs. Jean West (01-393 8970) to see if places are available.

**Saturday 19th, 3.00 p.m.**

THE CIVIL WAR IN SURREY. Talk by Matthew Alexander to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Weybridge Library Hall.

**Sunday 20th, 10.00 a.m.—4.00 p.m.**

THE HISTORY OF SUTTON. Day school at Sutton College of Liberal Arts, St. Nicholas Way. Cost £9.00 includes coffee, lunch and tea. Enquiries to 01-661 5060.

**Saturday 26th. 10.00 a.m.—4.45 p.m.**

S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWALKING. University of Surrey, Guildford. See *Bulletin* 204 for details.

**NOVEMBER**

**Wednesday 6th, 8.00 p.m.**

RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN SOUTHWARK. Talk by Robin Densem to Nonsuch A.S. at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell.

**Saturday 9th, 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.

**Tuesday 12th, 8.00 p.m.**

MAGNA CARTA — an introductory talk by Dr. Nigel Saul to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. in Room 1, the Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

**Friday 15th, 8.15 p.m.**

THE CITY OF LONDON. Talk by Geoffrey Gollin to Leatherhead and District L.H.S. at the Red Cross Hall, Oaks Close.

**Saturday 16th, 10.30 a.m.—4.00 p.m.**

SURREY LOCAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM. "Road, Rail and Air". University of Surrey, Guildford. Tickets £1.50 (£2.00 at the door) available from the Hon. Secretary, S.L.H.C., 2 Jenner Road, Guildford, GU1 3PW. Full information was given on the pink sheet enclosed with the August *Bulletin*.

**Saturday 30th**

L.A.M.A.S. LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE. "Early Medieval Settlement and Agriculture in the London Area." Speakers include John Blair. To be held at the Museum of London. Tickets £3 available from Miss P. A. Ching, 40 Shaef Lane, Teddington, Middlesex. S.A.E. required with cheques made payable to London & Middlesex Archaeological Society.

**Bulletin No. 207**

This will cover the months of December, 1985 and January, 1986. Copy for this issue is required by the Editor on Saturday, 10th November.

**Excavations Committee Annual Symposium**  
**22 February 1986 in the Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls, Dorking**

The programme for the 1986 Symposium organised by the Society's Excavations Committee for all Surrey archaeologists is now largely complete. As usual, the talks will start at 10.30 a.m. and close around 4.00 p.m. with a break for lunch from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and afternoon tea at 4.00 p.m.

We are particularly pleased that Dr. John Kent of the British Museum has agreed to talk about the exciting finds at Wanborough. His paper (based, of course, on the coins so far recovered) will be entitled "The Wanborough Hoard: the Transition from Celtic to Roman Britain south of the Thames". Martin O'Connell will set the scene by a description of the excavations soon to be carried out. There will also be talks on Nore Hill, Chelsham (a newly discovered hilltop earthwork apparently of Bronze Age date); by Rob Poulton on Chertsey Abbey (based on analysis of the 1954 excavations for publication, and more recent work); by Geraldine Done on bones (the uses and limitations of animal bones from archaeological sites); and by Scott McCracken on the Kingston Horsefair site (recent excavations including the rediscovery of a medieval undercroft). The meeting will be chaired by the Society's President, Rosamond Hanworth.

A major part of the Symposium will be, as usual, the exhibits of current work by local groups, and the opportunity to meet like-minded people and discuss mutual problems and interests. Forms for the booking of display space will be circulated in the usual way, or simply contact the writer (at County Hall on 01-541 9419). As noted elsewhere, the basis of the Margary Award has been changed, **and we hope that all groups and individuals active in archaeology in Surrey will enter a display in the competition.**

Coffee and tea will be available at a small charge at the breaks, and afternoon teas may be ordered in advance at a cost of 75p. Admittance will be £2 at the door, but tickets may be bought in advance for £1.50 including postage. Applications for tickets and afternoon teas should be made to Mrs. Susan Janaway at Castle Arch in Guildford GU1 3SX. Cheques should be made payable to Surrey Archaeological Society. There is ample car parking space adjacent to the Dorking Halls; note that certain areas have long-stay terms.

D. G Bird