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S.A.S. MEETINGS

15th October. Visit to WESTMINSTER ABBEY 900TH CENTENARY EXHIBITION.

27th October. Illustrated lecture at Purley: WITH A CAMERA IN THE BOURNE VALLEY.

5th November. Local History Symposium at Dorking. See enclosed notice.

26th November. C. B. A. Group 11A Symposium: **Science in Archaeology** at the Institute of Archaeology.

For details of these and other meetings, see the section at the end of this *Bulletin*.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE TRANSITIONAL AND MESOLITHIC SETTLEMENTS

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: MISS JOAN M. HARDING.

Helpers are needed to continue this excavation. The site is sheltered and dry. Diggers can be protected from the rain. Excavation will continue during the first two weekends of October, November and December.

Entrance is from the A25 just opposite the Silent Pool, between Shere and Newlands Corner, via the gate marked Albury Sand Pit. Bus Stop: Silent Pool. Cars may be left in the old brickyard. The excavation is above the sand quarry on the south side.

Enquiries to: Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.
(Telephone: MUSEum 3644, ext. 330).

KNIGHTONS, ALFOLD: GLASSHOUSE SITE

(N.G.R.: TQ 016341)

Directors: E. S. WOOD, F.S.A., and F. W. HOLLING

Excavation of this interesting and important late 16th century glasshouse will be resumed on Saturday, 8th October, and will continue

for at least four weekends. Work will begin at 10 a.m. each day. Volunteers should bring trowels and gardening gloves.

The site is reached by the road from Dunsfold to Sidney Wood. Enter the wood by the entrance just past Knighton's Cottage. Park there. Turn left immediately through a gate and follow the track for 150 yards to the site.

It is hoped to get enough volunteers to finish this season.

Enquiries to: Mr. F. W. Holling, Castle Arch, Guildford.

**COURT LODGE FARM, HORLEY: SITE OF MEDIEVAL
MANOR HOUSE
(N.G.R.: TQ 274432)**

Excavation will continue at this site every Sunday throughout October and November. Work will stop after November for the winter. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 18 (June).

Enquiries to: Mrs. J. Beale, 16 Vogan Close, Reigate.
(Telephone: Reigate 43489).

**BADSHOT LEA: SITE OF MOATED MANOR HOUSE
(N.G.R.: SU 863486)**

Directors: W. T. BULT and I. G. DORMOR

Work will continue at this site on Sundays starting at 10 a.m. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 20 (August).

Enquiries to: Mr. I. G. Dormor, Langton, Bridgefield, Farnham.
(Telephone: Farnham 5491).

LAMBETH: POST-MEDIEVAL KILN DUMP

Director: B. J. BLOICE.

Weekend excavation, organised by the SOUTHWARK ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE, are taking place on the site of the dump from a 17th/18th century pottery kiln. Work is in progress every Sunday from 10 a.m. until dusk.

The site is situated in Lambeth High Street, near Whitgift Street. Lambeth High Street runs between Lambeth Road and Black Prince Road. It is within walking distance of Vauxhall Station and is near bus routes 3 and 44. Facilities for obtaining food in the area on Sundays are likely to be scarce and volunteers are recommended to bring their own.

Enquiries to: Hon. Sec., S.A.E.C., Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, London, S.W.17.

GENERAL NOTES AND NOTICES

Library Helpers

A vacancy has occurred on the panel of Library Helpers for someone to assist with the routine duties of the Library for a few hours each week during the months of June and July 1967. The Hon. Librarian

would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would undertake these duties. Further particulars may be obtained from the Office at Castle Arch or from the Hon. Librarian.

Bulletin

Brief contributions to the Bulletin are invited on topics and discoveries of interest to members. The Editors would also like to hear from Local Groups and Societies organising activities which S.A.S. members may attend. Contributors are reminded that copy should be received by the Editors by the 1st of the month preceding issue. Late copy can be accepted, but only if advance warning has been given.

Space is given in the Bulletin for the publication of queries about topics of local archaeological and historical interest and for the replies to such queries. Queries, and replies, should be sent to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey.

Meeting of the Committee of CBA 11A

At this meeting, on 12th July, of the Committee of the Kent and Surrey Local Group of the Council for British Archaeology, the A.G.M. was fixed for 1st October, from 2.30-4.30 in the Public Library, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Dr. K. M. Kenyon has consented to take the chair, and Mr. J. H. Money will give an illustrated talk, mentioned in the May Bulletin, entitled 'Early Iron-working in the Weald'. All those interested are welcome.

The Group's symposium, 'Science and Archaeology', was also fixed, for 26th November, 1966, from 10-5 in the Lecture Hall of the Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. To cover costs, an entrance fee will have to be charged, but the talks promise to be valuable and diverse. (See notice on back page).

Mr. K. W. E. Gravett, recently co-opted to the Committee to advise on preservation and scheduling of buildings, gave some valuable hints about who to inform when one hears that ancient and historic buildings are threatened with demolition or defacement, as they increasingly are. In Surrey, including the new Greater London Council area, one should write to Mr. R. W. McDowell, Timms, 7 Poplar Road, Shalford, Guildford, who has been appointed to take whatever action is necessary and possible on behalf of the Surrey Archaeological Society. It is well worth while communicating to the Georgian Society threats to buildings of its period. In Kent, a lively watch is being kept by the Kent Archaeological Society and Council for the Preservation of Rural Kent Joint Committee for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings.

LOCAL NOTES AND QUERIES

Draught oxen in Surrey

Has any member authentic information about the use of oxen in Surrey for ploughing or other agricultural purposes? An illustration would be the most acceptable evidence — but personal memory of old people would also be valuable. Ploughing with oxen continued in Sussex until the early years of this century. Guildford Museum possesses a number of ox shoes from different parts of the country: what is now required is evidence of their use.

(E. M. Dance).

at the Purley Public Library (Childrens Section), Banstead Road, Purley. The illustrations will include colour slides of interesting buildings, wild flowers and old views of Caterham, Warlingham, Chaldon and Woldingham.

Saturday, 29th. A one day conference organised by the C.B.A. on RECORDING IN THE FIELD. To be held at the Institute of Archaeology, 31-34 Gordon Square, W.C.1, as a follow-up of the 1965 conference on Mechanical Aids in Excavation. Write to C.B.A., 8 St. Andrews Place, N.W.1, for further details.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 5th. A notice about the joint symposium on LOCAL HISTORY is enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

Tuesday, 8th. 6.30 p.m. MARBLE HILL, TWICKENHAM, an illustrated talk by MRS. M. DRAPER, B.A. at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 12th. 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. S.A.S. lectures at Guildford. Details next month.

Saturday, 26th. 10 a.m.

C.B.A. GROUP 11A SYMPOSIUM SCIENCE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

To be held at the INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY, 31 Gordon Square. Speakers will be:

- DR. G. W. DIMBLEBY, B.SC., M.A.
The Applications of Pollen Analysis to Archaeology.
- DR. I. W. CORNWALL, B.A., F.Z.S. ...
Soil Science and the Excavator.
- H. W. M. HODGES, ESQ.,
Conservation: First Aid in the Field.
- J. E. L. CAIGER, ESQ.,
The uses of the Level on Archaeological Sites.
- R. HARCOURT, ESQ.,
Evidence from Bones found on Excavations.

It will be possible for those attending the conference to see informal demonstrations in Dr. Dimbleby's laboratory at the Institute.

Tickets, price 5/-, and further information obtainable from A. J. Clark, Esq., F.S.A., 19 The Crossways, Onslow Village, Guildford. Accommodation will be limited and early application for tickets is advised.

Ashted Forest : Roman filery, 1966 excavations (TQ 207598)

This season's dig commenced well, but near a few fine days had allowed critical levels to be reached. A weather which followed filled the excavations with rain and snow. This situation was only retrieved by the enthusiasm of the workers which enabled the work to be continued at weekends until Whitsun.

Two sites only were examined: work continued at the kiln site where another, but smaller, clamp kiln was identified. It appeared to be of one phase, which leads to the hope that it may be possible to clarify structural details and the firing method.

The other site, south of the main villa building is a "new" area. Here a slight low wall consisting of brick with some flint was set in a "mortar" of buff clay. Although only a short length has been identified it does suggest the cill-wall of a timber building, and this hypothesis is supported by the number of iron nails recovered together with a few fragments of window glass. Close to the wall a gully with burnt sides represented an earlier phase. It contained charcoal, pottery and burnt material. Considerably more excavation is required to elucidate the functions of the features uncovered and it is hoped to continue in 1967.

(J. N. Hampton).

Dorking's Glory

In 1822 the author of *A Picturesque Promenade Round Dorking* referred on page 221 to the eminence "commonly called Dorking's Glory". Charles Rose in his *Recollections of Old Dorking*, p. 83 says that "Wind and water's Dorking glory" was written on the framework of the Shrove Tuesday footballs. Possibly this points to some long forgotten connection. But what?

(T. E. C. Walker).

Epsom : Woodcote Hotel (TQ 207598)

The Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have made a Preservation Order for Woodcote Hotel, Chalk Lane, Epsom, and have submitted it to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation.

(R. W. McDowall).

Wanborough : Round Barrow on Hog's Back (SU 937484)

This emergency excavation was started by the boys of Charterhouse under Mr. E. E. Harrison. Their findings showed that the work should be expanded and the announcement of its continuation in the May *Bulletin*, and consequent good press coverage, ensured a copious supply of volunteers which enabled about a third of it to be investigated during weekends.

Although reduced by ploughing to a height of 3½ feet, it had been a magnificent bell barrow, characteristic of the Bronze Age Wessex Culture: the diameter of the mound was about 75 feet and of the ditch 120 feet. This had been 8-9 feet wide and at least 3 feet deep, with a flat bottom and almost vertical sides. The main burial was lost, as the centre of the mound had been much cut about by robber trenches intersected in turn by a well-cut trench apparently made under the direction of the Committee of our Society in 1858 (a fact discovered in Vol. II of the *Collections*, and probably relating to this barrow). Tool marks, some made by a blade 1½ inches wide, others by a point only ½ inch wide, were found in the ditch bottom at one place, and a mould of them was taken with Ruvultex latex emulsion. The south-west quadrant of the barrow

burials, ... stripped in an unsuccessful search for secondary objects: an iron arrow-head, an early ... produce several Roman coins that probably formed a second-century hoard. ... sherd associated with a rapid filling of the upper part of the ditch indicating ploughing up to the foot of the mound in that period. A ... containing a skeleton had cut into the ditch filling on the east side. A coin two inches above its chest suggested a Roman date, although this could have been fortuitous and the burial later.

In view of its proximity to the village and the lack of other likely mounds, it seems very probable that this is the *Wen Barrow* which gave its name to *Wanborough*. The excavation ended on 5th June; a week later the destruction of the barrow for road widening began, after 3,500 years of existence. Its site is now marked by a narrow strip of the mound and a kink in the hedgegrow between the two carriageways; we hope that this relic will be spared.

(A. J. Clark).

FUTURE MEETINGS

LOCAL HISTORY: A London University Extension Course of Twenty-two lectures and four visits, by R. C. W. Cox, M.A., will be held at Coombe Cliff Education Centre, Coombe Road, Croydon, (buses 64 or 54 to Park Lane) on Thursdays at 7.15 p.m., beginning 29th September. Enquiries to the Centre, telephone CROydon 2004. The course will comprise a study of the settlement and development of East Surrey and Croydon designed to inform and encourage individual research.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, 11th. 6.30 p.m. Marking and sorting work on material from the excavations at 199 Borough High Street, Southwark. At the Southwark Archaeological Depot, Upper Ground, S.E.1. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Details from Mr. P. E. Pickering, telephone FINchley 8437.

Saturday, 15th. 2.15 p.m.
**S.A.S. VISIT TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY
900th CENTURY EXHIBITION**
Organiser: R. S. SIMMS, M.A., F.S.A.

Assemble at 2.15 p.m. at the Dean's Yard entrance to the Cloisters. MR. MACMICHAEL, Assistant Librarian, will conduct the party. Tickets: Members 2/6, Visitors 3/6. In addition entrance to the exhibition is 2/- per head which is not included in the ticket. Please apply for tickets to Mrs. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead.

Thursday, 27th. 8 p.m.
S.A.S. and BOURNE SOCIETY JOINT LECTURE

The Bourne Society's Secretary, Mr. Austen Clarke, will give an illustrated lecture, entitled *WITH A CAMERA IN THE BOURNE VALLEY*.