Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Incorporated Surrey Archaeological Society will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 26th November, 1988 in the Woolsack and Tanners Rooms, The Harlequin, Warwick Quadrant, Redhill (See note below). The Special General Meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting and a lecture given by Dr A J Taylor.

Agenda for Special General Meeting
1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider and if thought fit to adopt the following motion: "That the Annual Subscription rates to the Surrey Archaeological Society shall be as follows:

   Ordinary Member £15.00
   Associate member £1.00
   Junior Member with Collections £3.00
   Institutional Member (U.K.) £20.00
   Institutional Member (Overseas) £30.00

   All these rates will be with effect from 1st April, 1989."

Agenda for Annual General Meeting
1. Apologies for absence.
2. To read and, if appropriate to sign as correct, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th November 1987.
4. To receive and consider the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Auditor’s report for the year to 31st March 1988, and if approved, to adopt them.
5. To elect the President for 1988-1989.
9. To elect six Ordinary members of Council to retire in 1992 under Article 21a. (Nominations for election under items 5-9 should be sent to the Honorary 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.)

11. Any other business.

Annual Lecture
The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a lecture entitled: “Recollections of a Surrey Antiquary”, by Dr A J Taylor, CBE, DLitt, FBA, FSA, FRHistS, an Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

Note: The Harlequin Theatre is situated in the centre of Redhill, within easy walking distance of the railway station and the bus station. (See sketch map below) The Lombard car park is available for parking and may be reached by the UP ramp immediately adjacent to Sainsbury’s basement car park entrance.

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Fieldwalking

The fieldwalking project initiated by David Field and friends will continue next winter in the Abinger/Ockley/Ewhurst area, thus extending the strip of Downland and greensand already covered into the Weald. Walking will be on Sundays from 10 am until dusk. Will anyone who wishes to be involved please contact me and I will send details of dates and locations as they become available.

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NOTES AND QUERIES

Underslaw, Cranleigh (TQ046390) — a possible “pagan” religious placename

The earliest known record (1419) of this placename gives the spelling Thondurslaghus which may contain the name of the Saxon god Thunor. The second element is uncertain — possible candidates are sloh “slough” and hlaw “tumulus”, both of which are rare in Surrey and neither of which should give this spelling (Gelling, pers. com). The former would be topographically suitable. Another possibility is that this element has a common derivation with the word “lag”, a term occurring frequently in field names in the area and meaning “marshy land”.

There is no archaeological evidence of settlement in the area between the 4th and 11th centuries, but the site is close to the river at the southern end of the Bramley Wey valley. This valley, running south from Guildford, contains the only grade 2 agricultural land south of the North Downs in Surrey (only 1.2% of the agricultural land in Surrey is grade 1 or 2) — a fact not likely to have been lost on Saxon farmers.

At the mouth of the valley is the 6th century cemetery of Guildown. In the valley is a concentration of placenames containing the element -ersc “ploughed or stubble field” (12 of 26 in EPNS in Surrey). These are spatially separated from names in -wic “dairy farm” and -falod “enclosure for animals” which occur in the predominantly clay surrounding areas, suggesting agricultural usage of the valley with stock-raising in the nearby woods. Brandon (South Saxons, 1978) thinks that -ersc names may indicate an early stage of shifting agriculture. Much later the valley may have formed the centre of a multiple estate in royal ownership — in 1086 Bramley was the third largest estate in Surrey after Kingston and Guildford (in terms of population). This may however indicate that the Domesday Survey has “caught” a large area of late development just prior to fragmentation rather than suggest long term settlement.

In common with much of Surrey this area was territory disputed between warring kingdoms for much of the Saxon period prior to its annexation by Wessex in 825. If the valley was settled during the “pagan” period, this political instability may have facilitated “pagan” religious survival in isolated pockets until a time when the practice was sufficiently unusual to warrant a placename.

Whilst some justification can be made in general terms for identifying
Underslaw as one of the cluster of “pagan” religious placenames in south-west Surrey, it is a theory built on uncertain foundations. An earlier form of the name than that recorded in 1419 is needed before anything more definite can be said.

Judie English

Caterham Clergy of the 14th Century

Before 1858 Surrey lay in the Diocese of Winchester and information about local clergymen and churches was recorded at the Diocesan Office in the City of Winchester. These records are now housed in the Hampshire Record Office, Winchester.

According to the Victoria County History of Surrey (Vol. IV), in the reign of King John (1119-1216) Roger de Gaist gave the church in Caterham to the monastery of Waltham Holy Cross in Essex. Waltham Abbey had recently been “re-founded” by Henry II in about 1172 as a form of expiation for the murder of Thomas Becket. The Abbey belonged to the order of Augustinian Canons and had very lavish and splendid buildings the remains of which have been excavated over the years by the local society. From the time of King John until the Dissolution of the monasteries in 1544 in the reign of Henry VIII, the Abbot and canons of Waltham had the right to appoint vicars to St Lawrence’s Church in Caterham.

John Freeland of Horsham, Sussex has been studying the Register of William Edington, Bishop of Winchester 1346-1366. The register has been transcribed and edited by Dom. S.F. Hockey, FRHistS, of the Benedictine Monastery of Quarr, Isle of Wight. It is a work of great scholarship and must be of great value to researchers. Mr Freeland has kindly sent me the following extracts:

613. Admission of Thomas Draper of Stortford priest to the Vicarage of Caterham, vacant, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Holy Cross Waltham, patrons. He will be perpetual vicar according to the constitutions for which he took the oath. Letter for the induction to the archdeacon of Surrey. Southwark. 2 July 1349.

835. Admission of William de Chelsfeld to the vicarage of Caterham. Southwark. 3 May 1351.

849. Admission of Thomas de Olneye.priest to the vicarage of Caterham. Southward 21 October 1351.

982. Certificatory letters received from the Bishop of Lincoln concerning the exchange between William Gervays, lately vicar of Woburn, diocese of Lincoln and Thomas de Olneye, lately vicar of Caterham, with obligation of residence according to the constitutions. Letters for the induction of William to the archdeacon of Surrey and the dean of Ewell. Farnham. 3 April 1354.

1293. Admission of John de Kettelby priest to the vicarage of Caterham. Bishop’s Waltham. 22 August 1361.

Extract 982 is of interest because it involves an exchange of benefices between vicars and to my knowledge, no-one really understands how the exchange system worked. Was there an exchange-broker who set up deals between dissatisfied clergymen? Did they have to pay a fee? How much choice did they have when they wanted to move? There are still very many questions in history that remain unanswered.

It seems that William Gervays stayed in the locality since the surname
Garvays or Jervys occurs in documents relating to Blechingley in the following century.

Mary Saaler

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Monday, 17th. 7.45 p.m.
“A short excursion into Irish archaeology” talk by Dr Alan Tyler to Croydon N.H.S.S. at East Croydon United Reform Church, Addiscombe Grove.

Thursday, 20th. 7.45 p.m.
“Connections: the Winchester Pipe Rolls 1215-1350” talk by Philip Brooks to Farnham & District M.S. at United Reform Church, South Street, Farnham.

Thursday, 27th. 8.00 p.m.
“Boudicca” talk by Nicolas Fuentes to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at the Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

Friday, 28th. 8.00 p.m.
“Prehistoric London — a reassessment of the evidence” by Nick Merri-man to a meeting of Wandsworth H.S. at Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street (opposite the Town Hall).

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 2nd. 8.00 p.m.
“Surrey milestones” talk by Derek Renn to Nonsuch A.S. at St. Mary’s Church Hall, Ewell.

Thursday, 3rd. 7.45 p.m.
“Updating Godalming’s story” talk by John Janaway to Farnham D.M.S. at United Reform Church, South Street, Farnham.

Saturday, 5th.
“Georgian Surrey”. Surrey Local History Symposium at the University of Surrey, Guildford. Tickets £4.50 in advance.

Thursday, 10th. 8.00 p.m.
“The history of Addlestone” talk by Stan Eaves to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at the Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

Saturday, 12th. 2.30 p.m.
ENGLISH MANOR HOUSE PLANNING, 1100-1350: Annual Lecture of the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) by Dr John Blair at the Oxshott Village Centre, Holtwood Road. Entrance 50p (including tea). SAS members and friends welcome.
Next year is the 400th anniversary of the invention of the stocking frame by William Lee and various events are being held in the East Midlands, now the main centre of the knitting industry. On a small scale Godalming has had a hosiery and knitwear industry for over 300 years, so it is appropriate that this weekend trip should be to see features of the hosiery industry in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire.

The visit is being arranged with the help of Dr Marilyn Palmer of the Department of History, Loughborough University, who is the current President of the Association for Industrial Archaeology and who will be giving a lecture on Tuesday 7 March as part of the Industrial Archaeology course at the University of Surrey in the coming session.

On the visit it is planned to stay at David Collett Hall, Loughborough University, to use members' own transport to Loughborough, arriving Friday evening, have a coach tour on the Saturday with emphasis on framework knitting and textiles, a slide show on the Industrial Archaeology of Leicestershire on the Saturday evening, and visits to other sites including Moira Iron Furnace on the Sunday morning in own cars, with guides from the Leicestershire Industrial Archaeology Society. We shall then disperse and shall have an opportunity to visit other places on the way back.

Accommodation will be in single study bedrooms, with washbasins and shaver points, tea/coffee making facilities provided. There will be a cold buffet supper on the Friday evening, which can be kept for those arriving late, dinner with waitress service on Saturday evening, breakfast self-service. The total cost is likely to be in the order of £60 per person.

If you would like to receive details about booking please write, enclosing a s.a.e., to Glenys Crocker, 6 Burwood Close, Guildford GU1 2SB as soon as possible.

Next Bulletin
This is due for distribution in early November. Copy is required by Saturday, 1st October. The following Bulletin will cover December, 1988 and January, 1989, and copy must reach the Editor by Saturday, 5th November.