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S.A.S. MEETINGS

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| 18th February | Visit to Marlborough and Chiswick Houses. |
| 18th March    | Lectures at Guildford.                    |
| 1st April     | Symposium at Dorking.                     |

Details of these and other meetings are given elsewhere  
in this *Bulletin*.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: L.B.A. AND MESOLITHIC  
SETTLEMENTS  
(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: MISS JOAN M. HARDING.

There is now plenty of digging for cold days. Your help would be welcomed for digging or for trowelling round the mesolithic structure (c. 6,000 years old). Work will be in progress on 4th/5th and 11th/12th February, also 4th/5th and 11th/12th March.

Details were given in the January *Bulletin*.

Enquiries to Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.

Telephone: MUSEum 3644, Ext. 330.

LAMBETH HIGH STREET  
(N.G.R.: TQ 306788)

Director: B. J. BLOICE.

The stratification of this site has now been established and work is continuing on planning the earlier features on the site as fully as possible. Much pottery, some from the nearby kilns, has been recovered and remains to be sorted. Work is carried out on Sundays.

Details were given in the December *Bulletin*.

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

## NOTES

### Victoria County History.

Separate parts of the *Victoria County History of Surrey* are obtainable from the Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, London, W.C.1. A price list may be consulted at Castle Arch.

(T. E. C. Walker).

### Local History Recording Scheme.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Surrey Local History Council held in November it was agreed to try to find someone to organise the Local History Recording Scheme. This might be run in conjunction with the S.A.S., and equipment is already in existence at Castle Arch. Interested enquiries are invited and enquirers need not commit themselves at this stage.

(T. E. C. Walker).

### S.A.S. Hon. Local Secretaries.

The death of Major H. C. Patrick has robbed the Society of an active Local Secretary and a valued member of Council. Mrs. M. E. Manning, a leading member of the Farnham Museum Society, has been appointed Hon. Local Sec. for Farnham and district.

Mr. A. Buckland Kent has resigned from the position of Hon. Local Sec. for Reigate after fourteen years of enthusiastic service. The Council have expressed their gratitude to Mr. Kent for his work for the Society and have appointed D. J. Turner in his stead. Mr. Turner has also been appointed Local Sec. for Horley and district, a post which has been vacant since the death of Col. D. McLeod.

(A. S. Gilbert).

### Horley: Medieval manor house at Court Lodge Farm (TQ 273431)

A second season of excavation was completed at the end of November at this site. The work was organised by the Holmesdale Archaeological Group in conjunction with the S.A.S.

A drainage ditch leading towards the moat was traced for 17 ft. starting about 43 ft. from the edge of the moat. Cutting across the ditch there was a deep pit 2 ft. by 5 ft. Two short pillars of unmortared bricks were found near opposite corners of the pit. Their function is unknown. Several well formed post holes were uncovered including a line of four, each 4 ft. apart and 2 ft. from the ditch. Some crude post holes were also found, clearly derived from a fence leading to the great barn (pulled down in August). A large area was cleared showing only ill-defined features. During the later stages of this season's work a wall of the manor house was located as a robber trench back filled with mortar and soil and traced for some 35 ft. This may well correspond to the north wall of the building shown on the 1602, 1812 and 1846 maps. A possible sleeper wall trench of an earlier building was found lying immediately adjacent to the robber trench.

Due to the lack of stratigraphy the dating of features is not yet possible. Considerable quantities of sherds have been found dating from the twelfth century to the present day. A medieval face-on-front jug shows similarities with pottery from Rye (cf. *Sussex A.C.* CI (1963), 132).

Two sherds of German Westerwald salt glazed stoneware have been found and a selection of clay pipes of all ages. A fifteenth century French jetton was also recovered.

The extensive records of Christ's Hospital have illuminated many aspects of Court Lodge Farm. This covers the period from their purchase in 1602 to 1847 when the old manor house was dismantled for building materials. It is hoped to resume excavations at the site next Easter.

(G. P. Moss).

#### **Kenley : Watendone Manor (TQ 321594).**

Excavations were carried out during the summer by the Bourne Society to locate the site of the deserted medieval village of Watendone.

Traces of buildings were found with pottery from the 13th to the 17th centuries. The foundations of a flint structure 60 ft by 48 ft were found. These may have been the remains of the church mentioned in Domesday.

Outside the north-west corner of this structure there were signs of occupation: charcoal and loose flints, a hearth, pieces of painted glass, and pottery of the 13th century. To the north of the structure fourteen burials were found. The burial ground probably covered about 1 acre but this has not yet been fully excavated.

(Mrs. M. Saaler).

#### **Mitcham: Discovery of burials (TQ 267691).**

In late October, 1966, workmen, excavating trial holes on derelict land at the north end of the Phipps Bridge Estate, found two adult burials. The skeletons were extended in shallow graves, oriented north-south, and apparently without grave goods. The police pathologist pronounced that they were at least three hundred years old.

A trial excavation was arranged by the Merton Historical Society with the help of the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society. Over four hundred square feet of trenches were dug but only one further burial, that of an adolescent, was found. This burial was also in a shallow grave, oriented north-south, and had no grave goods. There was a scatter of medieval pottery in the topsoil and a flat-bottomed ditch containing Romano-British pottery was found.

The orientation of the burials suggests pagan rites. The site is too far from the well known Mitcham Anglo-Saxon cemetery for it to be part of it, and too close for it to be likely that this is another Anglo-Saxon burial ground. The site was part of the common fields of Mitcham until enclosure.

There is a possibility that further excavation may be possible here before development takes place.

(D. J. Turner).

#### **Walton on Thames : Dug-out canoe (TQ 099671)**

The Grid Ref. of this discovery was unfortunately omitted from the account of this discovery given in *Bulletin* No. 24 (December).

(Ed.)

## APRIL

Saturday, 1st. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### S.A.S. 1967 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

to be held at  
The Grand Hall, Dorking.

Coffee: 10.30 a.m. Lunch break: 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. Tea: 5 p.m. There will be illustrated talks, some with exhibits, on recent archaeological work in Surrey and adjacent counties. From Hampshire reports will be given on the latest results in the extensive excavation programme at Winchester and on the iron age site at Owslebury nearby. From Surrey, the rescue excavation of a large bell-barrow on the Hog's Back, mesolithic structures from below the bronze age settlement at Weston Wood, the moated site at Badshotlea, and the search for the medieval site of Watendon Manor, will all be described. From across the border, research and excavation in West Kent will be treated and, further east, the excavation of a Roman villa at Wingham. Sussex will be represented by descriptions of the Roman cemetery and possible legionary ditch at Chichester and by a study of mesolithic distribution in the Weald. Advance Booking 4/-. Apply to Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

A handbill will be enclosed with this *Bulletin*. It would be appreciated if members could use this to give the symposium further publicity. Additional copies may be obtained from Castle Arch.

Saturday, 8th. The second A.G.M. of the SURREY LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL will be held in the afternoon, probably at Leatherhead. The speaker will be MR. N. COOK, F.S.A., Director of the Guildhall Museum. Details will be available later.

### S.A.S. ADVANCE PROGRAMME

April 15th: Visit to DEAL and WALMER CASTLES.

May 13th: Visit to WOTTON HOUSE, the mesolithic site at ABINGER, and CROSSWAYS FARM.

June 17th: Joint visit with the Bourne Society, details later.

July 29th: Visit to FORDINGBRIDGE and the excavations at the R-B site at ROCKBOURNE.

September 23rd: A walk in S.E. SURREY led by Mr. K. W. E. Gravett.

October, 21st: Visit to the NEWDIGATE area.

November 18th: Lectures. SPRAWL AND CRAWL — THE SPREAD OF LONDON INTO SURREY, by Mr. R. C. W. Cox, and HERALDRY by Mr. F. Keys.

TRANSPORT. Substantial losses have been incurred by the Society in connection with visits because of the cost of running coaches and the small use made of them. For the future, therefore, it is not proposed to provide coach transport for visits other than for the very long distance ones. But, as an experiment, the Visits Committee will try, in those cases where public transport is not available, to put those members who have no cars in touch with those who have vacant seats and who are willing to take passengers. When applying for tickets, therefore, will members please say if transport is wanted or, alternatively, if they are willing to take one or more passengers from a convenient point. Telephone numbers would be helpful.

### **Weybridge Museum.**

The history of Surrey museums was written by Mrs. D. Grenside, in *Surrey A.C.* XXXVII Pt. 2 (1927). The time has come to bring the part of her article referring to Weybridge Museum up to date.

The present Museum is an amalgam of the collections of the Walton-on-Thames Museum, founded in 1905 by Percy H. Webb, and the much larger group of material from Weybridge. Though junior in age with a foundation in 1909, the latter progressed steadily, blessed as it was in its first Hon. Curator, Dr. Eric Gardner, F.S.A., a prominent figure in the contemporary scene of Surrey archaeology. His foresight endowed the establishment with an assistant who carried on the curatorship from 1948 when the museum was reopened after being stored throughout the war. When Mrs. Grenside retired, only three years ago, Mr. A. G. Martin became Curator.

It soon became evident, however, that full time staff would be needed. A new building was contemplated to house the Museum with the Library and Youth Employment Office, and work commenced on a site in Church Street, next to the Rectory, in July, 1965. From April of that year a full time curator was appointed and now an assistant has been added to the staff.

After more than fifty years, a change of premises and a new curator, combined with completely new display furniture and fittings, makes a review of museum policy inevitable. The display will be informative, with didactic and illustrative material designed to be of particular value to children, both in organised school parties and on individual visits.

The archaeological collection is good and local, being entirely from north-west Surrey. In display this material will be used to explain the patterns of settlement and the development of man's activities over the area. The Curator would be pleased to know of any information that members may have to contribute to the survey of local archaeology that is an essential preliminary to the preparation of the displays.

In addition to local history, there are collections of costume, local crafts, bygonies, and geology, all of which need augmentation.

(B. P. Blake).

### **Worplesdon : Farley Heath - Bagshot Roman Road (SU 983550).**

Several surface indications with other supporting evidence have been recorded at various places between St. Martha's Hill and Bagshot which suggest the continuation north-westwards of the Rowhook to Farley Heath Roman Road. The alignments appear to be directed towards the bend in the Staines to Silchester Road (the Devil's Highway) at Dukes Hill, Bagshot.

An excavation has been carried out across a broad agger at Worplesdon to determine the existence of the road. A cambered section composed of layers of gravel, pebbles and sand metalling 24 ft. wide and up to 3 ft. thick, with side ditches, was recorded. Mr. I. D. Margary and representatives of the Ordnance Survey (Archaeological Branch) have visited the excavation.

Investigations are proceeding on this road and its possible continuation beyond Bagshot.

(L. E. Harris).

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### FEBRUARY

Friday, 10th. 7.30 p.m. A talk on **MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY** by MR. G. C. DUNNING, F.S.A., at the Wilmer House Museum, Farnham. Arranged by the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY.

Saturday, 18th

#### S.A.S. VISIT TO MARLBOROUGH HOUSE AND CHISWICK HOUSE

Led by MR. R. S. SIMMS, F.S.A., and CAPT. M. A. WILSON, R.N.R.  
11.00 a.m. MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, Pall Mall, S.W.1.  
(adjacent to St. James's Palace).

2.30 p.m. CHISWICK HOUSE, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, W.4.  
(No. 9 bus or Piccadilly Line tube to Hammersmith, then No. 71 bus).  
Tickets: Members 3/-, non-members 4/-, from Miss C. Smith, Elyots,  
Minster Road, Godalming. Admission to Marlborough House 1/6  
to be paid direct.

Friday, 24th. 7.30 p.m. A TUDOR GLASSHOUSE AT ALFOLD. A lecture by  
MR. E. S. WOOD, F.S.A., at the Wilmer House Museum, Farnham.  
Arranged by the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY.

Friday, 24th. 8.15 p.m. A talk on the HISTORY OF WIMBLEDON by  
MR. W. MYSON, F.L.A., at Morden Library, London Road, Morden.  
Arranged by the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

### MARCH

Friday, 10th. 7.30 p.m. A talk on RESISTIVITY SURVEYING by MR. A. J. CLARK, F.S.A., at the Wilmer House Museum, Farnham. Arranged by the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY.

Saturday, 11th. 3 p.m. EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM. An illustrated lecture by DR. KATHLEEN KENYON, C.B.E., arranged by the BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at the Darby and Joan Club, Coopers Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton. There will be limited accommodation for visitors for whom admission will be by ticket (1/-: tea 2/- extra if required) only. Applications to Miss H. K. B. Clark, 18A Upper Green East, Mitcham, by 25th February accompanied by payment.

Friday, 17th. 7.30 p.m. A talk on FARNHAM FOLKLORE by MR. H. G. A. BOOTH, at the Wilmer House Museum. Arranged by the Farnham MUSEUM SOCIETY.

Saturday, 18th.

#### S.A.S. LECTURES AT GUILDFORD

To be given at the Brew House, North Street, (Near the Library).  
11.00 a.m. THE STORY OF BRIGHTON FROM ITS STREET NAMES by  
Miss L. Candlin.

2.30 p.m. PETRA, by the Rev. Leslie Jollie, M.Th.  
Tickets: Members 3/-, non-members 4/-, from Miss C. Smith, Elyots,  
Minster Road, Godalming.

Wednesday, 22nd. 8.15 p.m. RECOLLECTIONS OF OLD MERTON at Morden Library, London Road, Morden. Arranged by the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.