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S.A.S. MEETINGS

17th June: S.A.S. and Bourne Society Joint Outing.

29th July: Visit to Fordingbridge and Rockbourne.

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

EXCAVATION NOTICES

LONDON BRIDGE APPROACH: SOUTHWARK

(N.G.R.: TQ 328803)

Excavation will probably continue at this site at weekends for an indefinite period, but not beyond August. Work will be carried out between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The site lies astride the projected line of Stane Street as it approaches the river. It is hoped to recover evidence to show whether the Thames was embanked in Roman times, and to provide more information about the Roman suburb, especially its early phases and origins.

All volunteers are welcome and are asked to bring a trowel: beginners will be given necessary instruction.

Enquiries to G. J. Dawson, Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, London, S.E.17. (01-703 3324, Ext. 3).

RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA

(N.G.R.: TQ 08044152)

Excavation will be continuing to 11th June, and from 15th to 30th July. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 28 (April).

Enquiries to Viscountess Hanworth, Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Cranleigh. (Ewhurst 420).

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: L.B.A., NEOLITHIC AND
MESOLITHIC SETTLEMENTS

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Excavation will continue on the following dates:

June: 3rd/4th and 10th/11th

On Sunday, 4th June, there will be a demonstration of the casting of a bronze axe between 12.30 and 2.30 p.m. Recent finds from the site will be on display. Bring picnic lunch.

It would be appreciated if excavators could bring their own tools when working at this site.

Enquiries to Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.
(Telephone: 01-636 3644, ext. 330).

**COURT LODGE FARM, HORLEY: SITE OF MEDIEVAL
MANOR HOUSE
(N.G.R.: TQ 273431)**

Excavation of this site is continuing on Sundays. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 27 (March).

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

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

Excavation of this site is continuing on Sundays. Details were given in *Bulletin* No. 27 (March).

Enquiries to Mr. I. G. Dormor, 28 Bridgefield, Farnham.
(Farnham 5491).

NOTES

Local Secretaries: Corrections to list in Annual Report.

Compton, Puttenham, Wanborough, Worplesdon, Ash and Normandy.

A. J. Clark.

Farnham, Frensham, Docketfield, Tilford, Seale.

Mrs. W. O. Manning.

Horley, Charlwood.

D. J. Turner.

Blackfriars: Roman amphorae (TQ 31677969).

Three Roman amphorae have been discovered by workmen on a building site in Blackfriars Road. The information given by the site agent is that the amphorae were lying on gravel about nine feet down below a black earth layer. There was other pottery with them but this was thrown back by the workmen. The amphorae are now with the G.L.C. These finds are significant in that they go with other finds of R-B pottery and building materials in the St. George's Fields area in the 19th century, especially opposite Bethlehem Hospital. Until now these have been dismissed as rubbish tipping from the City of London after the Great Fire, but the amphorae seem to be well stratified, so they are presumably in situ. This suggests that there were R-B buildings on St. George's Fields, though they can hardly be part of the Roman suburb of Southwark.

(G. J. Dawson).

Caterham : The Rowed Map 1736.

This, probably the earliest detailed map of Caterham, has returned to England from Canada after some 130 years. It is an estate map of Court Lodge and Red Hall Farms owned by Henry Rowed whose direct descendant, Henry N. Rowed (seventh in succession of the name) living at Jasper, Alberta, has sent it to the Bourne Society. The map gives the names and acreages of some 140 fields and extends from Ninhams to Harestone and from Tillingdown to the "Manor of Willy". Adjacent land-owners, hedging rights, a scale in perches, roads and houses, a windmill and a pond are marked. Apart from its documentary interest, the Rowed map has the most beautiful colour, and little decorations of fruit, flowers, birds, a rabbit, a lizard and a red squirrel give this first map of 'Caterham in the County of Surrey' a pleasant rural appearance.

(J. C. Batley).

Cheam : Excavations in the grounds of Church Cottage (TQ 243639).

In view of the possibility of future development in this area, the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society cut a series of exploratory trenches in land adjoining this cottage. Church Cottage, which is a medieval building, and is thought to be the original rectory, stands adjacent to the Parish Church, on the Thanet Sand. The trenches revealed the foundations of outbuildings of several periods.

The earliest feature was a small wall, about 1 ft. thick and 1 ft. 6 ins. high, constructed from chalk blocks and tiles, resting directly upon Thanet Sand. This was rendered on the top and sides with mortar. The wall was traced for 17 ft. and was probably a dwarf wall on which a timber building would have rested.

This wall was surrounded by a dark sandy layer containing much domestic refuse and pottery, notably many sherds of 'Cheam Ware', which probably represents the levelling of the site, prior to the construction of a later building whose rammed chalk floor seals both this layer and the wall. Besides this floor, post-holes, beam-slots and footings of the same building were found. This complex may be dated to the 17th century. A further chalk floor extending this building was added early in the 18th century.

The most important find from this site is undoubtedly the pottery, for, although there was no stratification in the material sealed below the floor, a wide variety of types were recovered. A few sherds of blue tin glaze found in this layer indicate that some of the Cheam ware may well be 17th century in date. Apart from the excavation of one of the 'Cheam-ware' kilns, this is the only assemblage of medieval pottery to be obtained from the source of the ware.

(D. R. Cousins).

Croydon : Excavations in Surrey Street (TQ 325655).

Emergency excavations have recently been carried out at the corner of Middle Street and Surrey Street, prior to re-development. The work was undertaken by members of the West Kent Border Archaeological Group, Croydon Natural History Society, and the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society. It was hoped to find traces of medieval Croydon but most of the early levels had been destroyed by

Saturday, 17th

S.A.S. AND BOURNE SOCIETY JOINT OUTING

2.30 p.m. Meet at Epsom Parish Church, St. Martin of Tours, Church Street, Epsom. (A241).

By rail: From Guildford 1.20 p.m. arrive Epsom 2.5 p.m. (Change at Effingham Junction).

By Bus: No. 408 from Guildford 1.22 p.m. arrive Epsom 2.25 p.m.

By Green Line Coach: No. 712 from Dorking 1.32 p.m. arrive Epsom (Clock Tower) 1.59 p.m.

Mrs. Pamela Burgess will lead the churchyard walk originally arranged by her husband, the late Mr. Frederick Burgess. No tickets required.

Some car parking facilities are available in front of and behind the church; also large car parks are in the town itself. The church is ten minutes walk from the station. Cafés and restaurants are mainly in the old part of the Town, near the Clocktower and near the station.

Monday, 19th. 8.15 p.m. **WEYBRIDGE MUSEUM — PAST AND FUTURE.** A talk by Brian Blake, Curator of the Weybridge Museum, at Westward School, Hersham Road, Walton. Arranged by the **WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

JULY

Wednesday, 5th. 6.30 p.m. Marking and sorting work on material from the excavations at 199 Borough High Street, Southwark. As on 7th June.

Saturday, 29th

S.A.S. VISIT TO FORDINGBRIDGE AND ROCKBOURNE

8.30 a.m. Coach will leave Guildford Park Road, behind B.R. main line railway station. There is a public car park in Guildford Park Road, about 300 yards beyond the station.

11.00 a.m. Arrive Fordingbridge. Interval for coffee, etc.

11.30 a.m. — 12 noon. Fordingbridge Church.

12.10 p.m. — 12.30 p.m. Breamore Church.

12.45 p.m. — 1.45 p.m. Lunch.

2.00 p.m. — 3.45 p.m. Roman Villa excavations at Rockbourne.

4.00 p.m. — 4.30 p.m. Tea.

7.00 p.m. Coach arrives at Guildford Park Road.

There is a very good café in Fordingbridge where refreshments can be obtained at reasonable prices. But as facilities are limited will members when applying for tickets please say if they will be taking morning coffee, lunch or tea. The proprietor will then prepare accordingly to give quick service.

Tickets: Members 3/-. non-members 4/-. Coach fare 14/-.

Entrance to Rockbourne 1/- to be paid at the site.

Apply to Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

18th and 19th century intrusions. Apart from a quantity of 18th and 19th century pottery, a small amount of 17th century pottery was also recovered and a 15th century German Stoneware (Sieburg) drinking jug. The jug, which is almost complete, stands 6 ins. high and has a small handle. A few fragments of stratified Roman pottery were found including a stamped amphora handle. Associated with these were two flint hammerstones.

It is hoped to undertake further excavations in about 18 months time under the adjacent Royal Oak public house which is shortly to be demolished.

(J. K. Horne).

Southwark : Processing material from S.A.E.C. excavations.

Since 1962 the Southwark Archaeological Excavations Committee has sponsored a series of excavations in Southwark and Lambeth which have produced an enormous amount of material — pottery, metal, coins, clay pipes, animal bones, etc., etc. Before these important excavations can be published considerable work has to be done on this material from washing and marking to classification and drawing. The quantity is far too great for the individual directors concerned or the available museum staff to do all the processing that needs to be done. Volunteer groups organised by the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society and the London Natural History Society are at present working on the task in a depot in Southwark. Work is carried out every evening except Thursday and more volunteers are urgently needed. If you work or live near central London and could spare a few evening hours every week, or even once a month, YOU could help. Experience is not needed as there is training provided and some of the necessary tasks are completely unskilled. Please contact Brian Bloice, 94 Hubert Grove, London, S.W.9, or Peter Pickering, 01-346 8437 (evenings).

(D. J. Turner).

Thames Ditton : Monumental Brasses.

Recently the monumental brasses in St. Nicholas, the parish church of Thames Ditton, have undergone slight restoration. In removing the three coats-of-arms that surmount the Blakeden-Boothe brass, 1580. (S.A.C. XXVII, 75) from the wall, Mr. B. S. H. Egen of the Monumental Brass Society found that two of them have engraving on the reverse side showing previous use in earlier memorials.

The centre one is Flemish, c. 1380, part of a word reading MACHI. On the verso of the one on the right is old English engraving c. 1420 - 1440. Letters can be read N. CURT. Photos and rubbings have been taken.

(T. S. Mercer).

Wandsworth : List of R-B Finds.

The card index prepared by the Archaeological Section of the Wandsworth Historical Society records sufficient finds from Wandsworth to suggest that a Roman settlement might have existed there at the same time as the Putney settlement was flourishing. Its exact location can

probably only be determined by excavation, but to encourage members to keep a lookout for traces of the settlement in builders trenches and holes in the ground generally, and as a guide for future work, a list of probable Roman objects found in Wandsworth is reproduced. It should be stressed that some of the objects listed have not been examined since they were first deposited in museums, up to 70 years ago, and some re-dating may be necessary.

1. A Cremation Urn Burial of 2nd Century. Found 'on the site of temporary school', St. Ann's Hill, prior to 1920. Illustrated in Royal Commission on Historical Monuments report *Roman London* (1928), fig. 69. London Museum acc. No. A20902.
2. Bronze knife with ring at butt. Found in the Wandle, Wandsworth. Illustrated in the London Museum Catalogue No. 3 *London in Roman Times*. plate XXXV: acc. No. A15446.
3. Iron Knife? Roman? Found in R. Wandle, Wandsworth. Illustrated in *London in Roman Times*, plate XXXIV: acc. No. C729.
4. Bronze Spoon, with 'rat-tail' and offset bowl. Found in or near High Street, Wandsworth. *Victoria County History of Surrey* IV, 370. British Museum acc. No. 1889.2-1.6.
5. Bone Game Piece. River Thames, Wandsworth. London Museum acc. No. A6489.
6. Four sherds of pottery. Wandsworth foreshore, 'below the peat'. British Museum acc. No. 1906.5-30.3.
7. Silver armlet. River Thames, Wandsworth. London Museum acc. No. A2576.
8. Bronze Head. Ornament from furniture? River Thames, Wandsworth. British Museum acc. No. 1880.11-24.54.
9. Pottery Bottle? River Thames, Wandsworth, London Museum acc. No. P51.
10. Bow Brooch. River Thames, Wandsworth. *Proc. Soc. Ant.* XXI, 116 and fig.

(Wandsworth Historical Society News Sheet).

FUTURE MEETINGS

JUNE

Wednesday, 7th. 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. 01-346 8437.

Tuesday, 13th. 6.30 p.m. Recent Excavations — a symposium with slides. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). To be held at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17.