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**S.A.S. MEETINGS**

- 29th July:           Visit to Fordingbridge and Rockbourne.  
23rd September:   Walk in S.E. Surrey.

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

**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

**RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA**  
(N.G.R.: TQ 08044152)

Director: THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH.

Excavation will continue at this site from 15th to 30th July. All volunteers, including beginners, welcomed. Work will begin at 10 a.m. daily. It would be of great assistance if some volunteers could bring their own spade, bucket and pointing trowel.

Access to the site is via Coneyhurst Lane.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Ewhurst turn west down Coneyhurst Lane. Rapsley is the last house along the lane. Cars may be parked outside the site.

It is hoped this year to finish the plan of the boundary wall, to examine a possible northern building, which would complete a courtyard, and to delimit the shrine enclosure.

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

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

Excavation of this site is continuing on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. It is now threatened by builders at the end of this month and so volunteers are urgently needed. 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).

## SOUTHWARK

Directors: G. J. DAWSON, M.A., and B. BEEBY, M.A.

The Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee and the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society will excavate on a number of mediæval and post-mediæval sites in the Southwark area from 17th July to 26th August, every day except Wednesdays but including Saturdays and Sundays. From 14th August to 9th September excavations will also continue on the site at London Bridge at the same times.

For further details apply to Hon. Sec., S.A.E.C., c/o Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, London, S.E.17.

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## NOTES AND QUERIES

*Most members will have read in the press of the tragic fatal accident during an excavation at Addington on Whit Monday. Christopher Jones was an enthusiastic archaeologist and talented draughtsman — his excellent drawing of the Finglesham buckle on the cover of the Kent Archaeological Review is well known. Our deepest sympathies are offered to his parents and to his fellow members of the West Kent Border Archaeological Group.*

*All persons supervising or taking part in archaeological excavations should familiarise themselves with the C.B.A. memorandum. Safety Precautions in Archaeological Excavations, copies of which may be consulted at Castle Arch or obtained from C.B.A. Site directors and supervisors should be familiar with Safety in Construction work — Excavations published by H.M.S.O. at 1s. 3d. It is impossible to remove all risk, but steps should always be taken to minimise whatever risk there may be.*

### Visits Committee.

There is a vacancy on this committee, caused by the death of Major Patrick. Will any member who is willing to help with the work of arranging visits let Miss Smith know, at Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming. There are usually two committee meetings in the autumn of each year to arrange the coming year's programme, and members usually make themselves responsible for arranging one visit.

(Miss C. Smith).

### Industrial Archaeology: Formation of a section within T.B.A.O.G.

Last year a section was formed within the T.B.A.O.G. to deal with this aspect of archaeology. Its general aims are to encourage people to carry out some practical work, either individually or in small groups, and

to achieve this the section has undertaken various group projects and visits. Practical work has so far been undertaken at St. Katherine Docks; Broad Street Railway Goods Depot; and a cattle-food mill at Battersea. Visits just to look and learn have been made to Kew Bridge Pumping Station; Brentford Dock; and Tower Bridge.

The main group project for 1967 is to compile and publish a list of Industrial Monuments of Greater London. This will be revised annually. Other activities hope to include a preliminary visit to London Docks (1968 project); tours of some of London's Industrial Monuments; and a practical look at development along a waterway.

For further information please apply to Paul Carter, 20 Chestnut Grove, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex.

(Paul Carter).

### **Cobham : Dr. Trusler at Cobham.**

The *D.N.B.* describes John Trusler (1735-1820) as an eccentric divine, literary compiler, and medical empiric, the eldest son of John Trusler, proprietor of the Marylebone tea-gardens. From the Westminster School young John proceeded to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, later taking Holy Orders, and assuming the title of "doctor" after study of medicine. He set up an academy for teaching oratory mechanically, and established a profitable printing and bookselling business. He printed the sermons of eminent divines in imitation of handwriting, an enterprise welcomed by parochial clergy though not by their bishops. The *D.N.B.* (often unreliable on topography) sets out some of Trusler's Surrey associations, saying that he lived at Rotherhithe, was curate of Ockley, and also had an estate of his own at "Englefield Green, Middlesex." But not a word about Cobham, where he added to his other accomplishments a career as a practical and theoretical farmer.

On 4th June, 1774 Emily Bertha, daughter of the Rev. John Trusler and Elizabeth his wife, was christened at Cobham. The Land Tax returns at the Surrey Record Office show Trusler renting a house and small farm at Downside from 1748 to 1800. No. 63 of Mr. Charles Combe's title deeds, in private hands, is a lease of 5th June 1801. This contains a reference to 'a . . . dwelling house, garden, outbuildings and premises, and a piece or parcel of meadow land called Pond Close, containing altogether . . . fourteen acres, one rood, and twenty-one perches . . . lately in the tenure or occupation of the Reverend Doctor Trusler, lately one Jay Gardener, and now of the said Earl of Carhampton.' Manorial maps show Pond Close opposite Chilbrook Farm, and a Trusler's Meadow between Halfpenny Cross and the River Mole.

On 10th January, 1786 'the Cobham vestry that, the officers do as soon as convenient execute the warrant that they have got upon Dr. Trusler, for a bastard sworn to him by his maid . . . ' Trusler says in his Memoirs that 'the profligacy of woman is in great measure owing to the men. Great allowances ought to be made for female frailties.' An advertisement in the 16th edition of his *Principles of Politeness* states that

'Dr. Trusler has published *Six Transparent Prints*, highly coloured beautifully executed; the Subjects, FEMALE VIRTUE REWARDED, with a moral description in letterpress. They serve as Blinds or Sunshades for two windows and are readily converted into an elegant Lanthorn for a ceiling to light a room without candles. Price 31. 3s. complete; sold at No. 101, Strand.'

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### JULY

Wednesday, 5th. 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.

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.

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 23rd

#### **S.A.S. WALK IN SOUTH EAST SURREY**

To be lead by Mr. K. W. E. Gravett, F.S.A.

Details will be announced later.

It seems probable that Trusler was sounder as a practical farmer than as a practical moralist, and his justly famous farming book ran into five editions. It lists the equipment needed to farm 150 acres, the labour required, the crops to grow, the amount of seed needed, and the yield to expect. It is dated "Cobham, Surry, Jan. 1, 1780," and the title page reads:

*Practical Husbandry, of the Art of Farming with a Certainty of Gain, as practised by judicious farmers in this country.* The result of experience and long observation. By Dr. John Trusler of Cobham, Surry. In this work is contained all the knowledge necessary in the plain business of farming, unincumbered with theory, speculation or experimental enquiry; also a number of estimates of the expenses and profits of different crops in the common way, taken from minutes kept; and a variety of useful remarks not to be met with in any books of agriculture. Together with directions for measuring wood. London. Printed for the author, and sold by R. Baldwin, Paternoster Row MDCCLXXX.'

*Chronology or the Historian's Vade-Mecum* was dedicated to the 'Rising Generation' from Cobham in 1786, and various works were dedicated to Lord Ligonier of Cobham Park. A slip in *Trusler's Country Almanac* informs us that Dr. Trusler,

'Having retired to his house in the country, unwilling to lead an inactive life, proposes to apply his long and extensive reading, his application to men and things, and the general knowledge he has acquired, to the service of the public. He conceives himself well able to give a satisfactory opinion in almost any case of Criminal, Civil, Ecclesiastical, or Military Law. He is now conversant in Accounts, Trade, Commerce, and Calculation, and flatters himself is adequate to the arrangement of any of the greatest intricacy; has frequently been employed as an Arbitrator to settle differences, and by his advice has saved many a man from ruin. He thinks he could be particularly useful in arranging the affairs of gentlemen of fortune, putting them in a mode of proper economy, and disposing of their income to their credit and advantage. But in thus devoting his abilities to the public, he expects to be rewarded in proportion to his services and the circumstances of his applicant, and that all letters to him are freed from postage.

His house is only 20 miles from London, where, if necessary, he may be personally consulted on previous notice. Address to him at Cobham, Surry.'

(T. E. C. Walker).

#### **Caterham: Unusual Lintel. (TQ 323550).**

An interesting stone, possibly the lintel of a door or fireplace has been unearthed by Mr. Gates while clearing a site between 69 and 71 Harestone Valley Road. Some five feet long, it bears a three branched carving of foliage in the centre under a gable-shaped moulding. On either side of this are arms. To the left the shield has a simple chevron. The right hand shield is divided vertically; its left half has a chevron bearing a small crescent in its centre, and the right has one-and-a-half chevrons with two oak leaves above and one below. The stone has also the initials J.C. and the date 1787. The stone was found in what was once the grounds of 'Harestone', near a 130 foot well, and within a few yards of the former site of the Hare Stone.

Three problems arise from this discovery:

1. Whose arms are represented on the stone?
2. Who was J.C. and what is the significance of the date 1787?
3. Where was the original home of this stone — a predecessor of the present 'Harestone', once the home of Mr. Soper? An earlier house elsewhere from which this trophy was taken? A Victorian summerhouse which this old world decoration ordained?

Heraldic information would be welcome.

(J. C. Batley).

#### **Godalming: Arrowheads (SU 95384520 and SU 95484486).**

Both finds were made by Mrs. R. Bailey, who has presented them to the Charterhouse Museum. The two find spots are close together in the Charterhouse grounds on a promontory bounded on the south by the valley of the River Wey. Both finds were made on the surface of ploughed fields. The first is a leaf-shaped arrowhead of light grey flint, 3.2 cm. long. The second find is a small barbed-and-tangled arrowhead of darker grey flint: the barbs are rudimentary, one being no more than a shoulder. The length is 2.4 cm. but part of the tang may be missing.

(E. E. Harrison).

#### **Guildford: St. Mary's Church.**

The only detailed description of this church appeared in *Archaeological Journal*, XXIX (1872), and recent restoration gave an opportunity to examine some of the foundations. The church has a Saxon tower and a late 12th century nave with aisles which were widened to their present extent in the mid 13th century. A fuller note will appear in the *Collections*, but the main results are that a beam slot was found in the floor of the tower, supporting the suggestion that the present church replaces an earlier timber building. In wall footings of the tower there was a small sherd of pottery of a type not current before 1050, which confirms the view that the tower was built not long before the Norman conquest. Sufficient evidence was found in the nave to suggest that this was originally built without aisles, and that the aisles added in the late 12th century were approximately eight feet wide.

(F. W. Holling).

#### **Weybridge Church: The Duchess of York's Monument.**

As the result of a single handed campaign waged over many months, by Miss Luxford, secretary of the Walton and Weybridge Historical Society, the Duchess of York's Memorial in Weybridge churchyard, marking the site of the chancel of old Weybridge church, has now been renovated and even the ducal coronets on the railings are gleaming with gold.

(Dial Stone).