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**S.A.S. MEETINGS**

21st October: Visit to Ockley and Newdigate.  
18th November: Lectures at Guildford.  
7th December: "Treasure Trove" at Purley with the  
Bourne Society.  
Details of these and other meetings are given elsewhere  
in this *Bulletin*.

**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

**Tools.**

It is thought that some members may be selling their houses and going to live in flats. If YOU are doing this, have you considered donating your garden tools to the Society to supplement our stock of excavation equipment?

Wheelbarrows, spades, turf cutters, saws, buckets, secateurs and forks (but not your lawn mower) can all be used. Please write to N. P. Thompson, 78 Hillview Court, Woking.

**WOODLANDS PARK, LEATHERHEAD: ROMAN BUILDING  
POSSIBLE TEMPLE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 151587)**

Excavation will commence after the harvest at week-ends only. The excavation of the ditch discovered last season will be continued and a resistivity survey will be carried out to try to locate the site of the building. Volunteers should contact Mr. Hastings and they will be notified of the starting date. See *Bulletin* No. 33 (September), for directions to site.

Enquiries to: Mr. F. A. Hastings, 47 Kingsmead Avenue, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey. (01-399 9774).

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

Excavation on this site will continue on Sundays throughout the Autumn. Volunteers are urgently needed to help complete this work before the bulldozers move in. Extensive remains of 13th. to 15th. century structures are being uncovered.

All helpers are welcome. Please bring personal excavation tools.

Directions: From Farnham – Guildford road (A 31) turn at the traffic lights at Runfold railway bridge onto the A 324. Bear right. The site is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on the left behind a high, red brick wall. Entrance across cattle grid. Car parking on the site.

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

### RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA

(N.G.R.: TQ 08044152)

Excavation will take place on 11th/12th November and possibly 18th/19th November from 10 a.m. – dusk. Enquiries to: Viscountess Hanworth, Folley Hill, Ewhurst, Cranleigh (Ewhurst 420).

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## NOTES

### C.B.A. Summer Meeting.

The forty-sixth meeting of the Council for British Archaeology was held on the 6th July in London.

The C.B.A. is constantly concerned with the fate of our historic towns in this age of wholesale rebuilding, and the meeting was glad to hear the announcement that a conference, to which the C.B.A. will contribute, on Historic Towns and Cities is to be held in York in the spring of 1968 under the auspices of the York Institute of Architectural Studies.

There was a discussion on safety precautions on excavations, and it was agreed that the C.B.A. should draw attention in various ways to its memorandum on this subject.

It was announced that, as a result of the Conference on the Countryside in 1970, fourteen county councils had set up countryside committees, but it was apparent that the archaeological interests are not adequately represented on all of them. It was consequently resolved that county archaeological societies be urged to take the initiative in approaching their county councils to offer assistance in the compilation of lists of "county treasures." It was also agreed that in the future local government departments should be allowed to become affiliated to the C.B.A.

(A. J. Clarke).

### Frank Jenkins.

Members of the S.A.S. will wish to congratulate Mr. Frank Jenkins, the well known Kentish amateur archaeologist, who is to be awarded the honorary degree of Master of Arts by the University of Kent.

(A. S. Gilbert).

### Blackheath : Bronze flanged axe. (TQ 030461)

A bronze axe just over 5½" long was dug up last year in the garden of a new bungalow, *Jalna*, Blackheath, and has been given to Guildford

Museum by the owner, Mrs. H. Beasley. The axe has cast flanges and low stop ridges, and is generally of Arretton Down type but the blade appears to have swept-back points, anciently broken off. The axe is otherwise in very good condition.

(F. Holling).

#### **Caterham : Early Maps.**

The return from Canada of the Rowed estate map of Caterham reported in *Bulletin* 30 (June) is a news item of outstanding interest, but it is probably going too far to say that this is 'the earliest detailed map of Caterham'. Though undated, the map of Porteley Manor in Caterham, described as *Porteley Farm being the Manor of Catherham, Farlee, Salmons and Waringham*, is likely to be of 17th century date. This is deposited in the Surrey Record Office at County Hall, Kingston (S.C. 7/3/1) and measures 24 ins. by 28 ins., being on a scale of 17 perches to 1 inch.

(J. H. Harvey).

#### **Ewhurst : Rapsley Roman Villa. (TQ 053485)**

No new building has been found this year, either across the north of the site, nor in the south-east corner, the area previously covered by a soil dump. Here, instead, runs a fairly sophisticated drainage system of the Period 3 Bath House, which was filled in when the latter was converted into a dwelling house in Period 4. One drain was sealed by a very thick layer of stone and opus signinum; another had a clay seal, and south of this one an extensive area was laid with hardcore mostly brick rubble, presumably to dry the ground out.

The Boundary Wall does not continue to the eastern half of the site, it is not seen again after the Shrine (Though a short length of wall running north and east, demolished to its foundations, may have been connected with the Boundary Wall in Period 3). Instead along the same alignment, partly overlapping the hardcore, there is a double row of 11 or more post holes and bases. So far their proper interpretation has evaded solution, and more work is being done in this area on some weekends.

The northern part of the long-suffering house-owner's garden has been extensively trenched. The only continuous wall here is one which leaves the Boundary Wall before the Shrine and runs due north, cutting the site in half, so that the Shrine and Bath Block/Dwelling House are separated from the other buildings. This wall is very slight and has stake holes in it. It looks like the foundation for a garden fence while the Boundary Wall, which is altogether a more solid piece of work, might have served to keep farm animals from straying. But this is only at the moment a hypothesis.

It is hoped that the excavation will be concluded very shortly.  
(Rosamund Hanworth).

#### **Godstone : Finds of worked flints. (TQ 364488 and 352517)**

The discovery of two small groups of worked flint in Godstone parish has been reported by Mr. H. G. Darby of Lagham Park, South Godstone.

It was necessary to cancel the March lectures because of lack of support. Will members intending to be present at the November lectures please apply for tickets by 1st November, stating whether they will be present in the morning or afternoons, or both. No tickets will be issued before 1st November, and the position will be reviewed after that date, and if it is decided to cancel the lectures, any money sent will be returned.

Tickets from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.  
Member 3/-, Visitors 4/-.

**Saturday, 18th. 3.0 p.m.**

**CONTINENTAL CONNECTIONS OF THE WESSEX CULTURE.** A lecture by MISS G. GERLEFF to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY at the University of London Institute of Archaeology.

**Thursday, 23rd. 6.30 p.m.**

**THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY.** A lecture by MR. J. L. NEVINSON to the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION) in the Childrens Theatre of the Holborn Central Library, Theobalds Road, W.C.1. Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

## **DECEMBER**

**Saturday, 2nd. 3 p.m.**

**MONUMENTAL BRASSES.** A lecture by DR. H. K. CAMERON to the BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Lane, Carshalton. Visitors fee 1/-.

**Wednesday, 6th. 6.30 p.m.**

Marking and sorting material from the excavations at 199 Borough High Street, Southwark. Details as for 4th October.

**Thursday, 7th. 7.45 p.m.**

### **JOINT S.A.S. AND BOURNE SOCIETY MEETING TREASURE TROVE**

At Purley Junior Library. Similar but improved arrangements to the 1966 meeting.

**Friday, 8th. 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.**

**READING OLD DOCUMENTS.** A 'crash course' by MRS. COTTRILL, Hampshire County Archivist. To be given to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY at the temporary Council meeting hall, behind the Farnham Council Offices in South Street. Members of the S.A.S. welcome. but a fee of 2/6 will be charged to those who are not members of the Farnham Museum Society. Applications to Mrs. Manning, 18 Upper South View, Farnham (Farnham 4061).

**Wednesday, 20th. 5.0 p.m.**

**THE DUAL ORIGINS OF EUROPEAN FIBULAE.** A lecture given by Dr. J. A. ALEXANDER to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House.

The larger group was found in Mr. Darby's garden at *Lanreath* where the soil is Wealden Clay. Eight pieces have been found here including five blades or blade-like flakes. Three show retouch and a further two signs of utilization. The character of the material would seem to be mesolithic but the sample is a small one. Interest is centred chiefly round the fact that this is one more addition to the growing number of sites where worked flint has been found on the Weald clay of S.E. Surrey: a number of excavations of medieval sites in the area in recent years have revealed a scatter of worked flint.

The second group is of only three flakes, also of mesolithic appearance. The site of the discovery is near the Bay Pond, Godstone. The soil here is Lower Greensand, a geological horizon on the surface of which worked flint is frequently found.

(D. J. Turner).

#### **Weybridge : Ice House at Ashley Park. (TQ 096654)**

Messrs. Lindus Forge and Martin of the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society have recently surveyed the Ice House at Ashley Park and would be glad of any information about other Ice Houses in the district. Another has been reported from Burhill. They were brick lined pits, covered by large mounds of earth, used in the days before refrigeration for the storage of snow and ice. They were usually sited near lakes or ponds. Unlike so many antiquities they are difficult to destroy and a search may reveal several more in the district.

(*Dial Stone*).

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **OCTOBER**

Wednesday, 4th. 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, 7th.

THE PARLIAMENTARY ENCLOSURES AT COBHAM. A lecture by MISS M.GOLLANZ to the WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY at Brooklands College. Details from Miss E. Luxford, 66 Baker Street, Weybridge, Surrey.

Wednesday, 18th. 5.0 p.m.

A FRAMEWORK FOR THE BRITISH LOWER AND MIDDLE PALEOLITHIC HAND AXE INDUSTRIES. A lecture by DR. D. A. ROE to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House.

Saturday, 21st.

**S.A.S. VISIT TO OCKLEY AND NEWDIGATE**

- 10.15 a.m. Meet at Ockley and Capel Station. Train from Waterloo  
8.44 a.m. (Connections from Victoria 8.36 a.m. and London  
Bridge 8.29 a.m.) Arrives at Ockley 9.56 a.m.
- 10.30 a.m. Oakwood Church.  
11.45 a.m. Ockley Green. Meet by the Well.  
12.15 p.m. Ockley Church.  
1.00 p.m. Lunch. Restaurants and pubs in both Ockley and Capel.  
2.30 p.m. Newdigate Church. Meet by Lychgate.  
3.30 p.m. Cudworth Manor. (By kind permission of C. F. E.  
Shakerley, Esq.)

Tickets from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minister Road, Godalming:  
Members 3/-, Visitors 4/-.

**NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, 1st. 6.30 p.m.

Marking and sorting material from the excavations at 199 Borough  
High Street, Southwark. Details as for 4th October.

Saturday, 4th.

**Surrey Local History Symposium at Dorking**

- Morning Lectures: FARNHAM MANOR by MRS. W. O. MANNING.  
SURREY BRASSES by MR. AUGUSTUS WHITE.
- Afternoon Lectures: A NEW LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY by MR. J.  
BATLEY. THE SURREY LOCAL HISTORY RECORDING  
SCHEME by MR. W. F. EDWARDS.
- Further details in separate leaflet enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

Saturday, 4th. 3 p.m.

MEDIEVAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS. A lecture by MR. J. A.  
GOODALL to the BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper  
Crescent, Nightingale Lane, Carshalton. Visitors Fee 1/-.

Saturday, 11th.

C.B.A. GROUP IIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Maidstone.  
Provisional date.

Saturday, 18th.

**S.A.S. LECTURES AT GUILDFORD**

- 11.00 a.m. SPRAWL AND CRAWL. An account of the spread of London  
into Surrey, by MR. R. C. W. COX.
- 2.30 p.m. HERALDRY by MR. FRANK KEYES of the Heraldry Society.  
Lectures to be held at the Brew House, Guildford (behind the  
Central Library in North Street).