Towards a Research Agenda for the 21st Century:

ARCHAEOLOGY IN SURREY 2001

Weekend Conference 2nd and 3rd June 9-5.30
University of Surrey, Guildford

Seventeen years ago the last major conference of Surrey’s early past led to the publication of *The Archaeology of Surrey to 1540* (1987). Since then new fieldwork and research, allied with a new range of analytical approaches, have reshaped the ways in which we view our past. This conference will provide an opportunity to hear about new theories about the historic county in thematic and cross-curricular ways. The intention is not to attempt a complete overview, or even an of the 1987 volume, but to offer new perspectives for future archaeological work at both professional and amateur levels.
Saturday Morning
A Future for the Past: Priorities in English Archaeology. David Miles, English Heritage.
“....creberrima aedificia...” Peter Reynolds, Butser Ancient Farm Project.
Perception and Sequence in the Prehistoric Landscape of Southern Britain. David Field, English Heritage.
Settlement Patterns and the Landscape of Surrey in the Early to Mid Saxon Period. Martin Welch, University College, London.

Saturday Afternoon
The Archaeology of Industrialisation. Marylin Palmer, University of Leicester.
6000 Years of Pottery. Phil Jones, Surrey County Archaeological Unit.

Sunday Morning
Society and Settlement in the Iron Age. Rob Poulton, Surrey County Archaeological Unit.
Roman Religious Sites in the Landscape. David Bird, Surrey County Council.
The Impact of Royal Landholdings in Surrey During the 16th and 17th Centuries. Simon Thurley, Museum of London.

Sunday Afternoon
Manors and Other Settlements. Dennis Turner, Surrey Archaeological Society.
In the City's Shadow? Surrey as Part of London's Hinterland c1300-1600. James Galloway, Centre for Metropolitan History, Institute for Historical Research.

Fees: £35 both days; £20 one day (including tea/coffee) for Surrey and Sussex Archaeological Society members, as well as for full-time students; £45 and £35, respectively, for others. Buffet lunches available at £5.50 per day. Booking forms and enquiries Tel: 01483 532454. Details of hotels and guest houses Tel: 01483 123456.

COUNCIL NEWS

Council Members
At a meeting of Council on Friday, 27th April 2001, David Bird, Principal Archaeologist, Surrey County Council, Matthew Alexander, Curator, Guildford Museum, and Pat Reynolds, Museum Education Officer were invited to become co-opted members of Council.

Grants
On the recommendation of the Grants and Special Projects Committee, Council approved the following grants:

(a) A grant of £1000 to the City of London Archaeological Trust towards the cost of producing a monograph on early post-medieval (1500-1700) unglazed wares from London. The study, one of a series, is intended to provide a corpus of the major types of pottery used in London.

(b) A grant of £500 to Nicholas Riall towards the costs of preparation for publication of data from 1985-6 excavation at Borelli Tile Yard, Farnham. The roof tile kiln is possibly the earliest known medieval example in Britain and the only one to have been excavated as a research project. It is anticipated that matching funding will be provided by Waverley Borough Council.

(c) A grant of £700 to Peter Hopkins who has undertaken the preparation for publication of a corpus of medieval documents relating to Westminster Abbey's manor of Morden. Account and Court Rolls have been microfilmed and a facsimile of an Extent obtained. These will be printed in parallel with a translation. The grant represents a contribution to the costs which already exceed £2300.

Annual General Meeting
The date of the AGM will be Sunday, 2nd December at Painshill, near Esher. Full details will follow.

New Members
We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society:

Boddy, Mrs AM, 12A Wey Close, Ash, Aldershot, GU12 6LY
Branch, Dr N, Royal Holloway Geography Dept, Egham Hill, Egham, TW20 0EY
Burwell, Mr C P, 4 Knightsbridge Crescent, Staines, Middx. TW18 2QR
Butler, Mrs B J, 126 Fleetside, West Molesey, KT8 2NQ
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Insurance and Indemnities

Excavation Directors and Diggers please note:

Excavation Insurance: Directors of excavations are reminded that for insurance purposes it is essential that notification be given of any forthcoming excavation, whether or not involving mechanical diggers. ‘Fieldwalking’ and ‘surveying’ must also be notified. Notification must be given to Mrs Rose Hooker, Hon Secretary of the Committee, at 59, Thornton Place, Horley, Surrey RH6 8RZ Tel: 01293 411176, who will send you the appropriate form for completion. Please remember that COVER AFTER THE EVENT IS TOO LATE!

Personal Accident Insurance: All volunteers on excavations, including fieldwalking, measuring and other connected activities should be fully aware that the Society’s insurance policy does not cover them for injury or sickness and, thereby, loss of earnings, should that injury be self-inflicted or the result of their own neglect. All volunteers should, therefore, arrange for PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE through their own insurers before they engage in excavation activities. Remember please that if you accidentally put a pickaxe through someone else’s foot, or if they do it to you, that will be covered but if you put it through your own foot then that will be your own responsibility and nobody else’s! Directors of excavations please bring this matter to the attention of all your volunteer diggers.

Loss and breakage of equipment: As the Society bears the first £50 of any claim there is no use making a claim for anything less although the circumstance should be reported to the Archaeological Research Committee. For losses over £50 full details of the equipment and circumstances should be reported as soon as possible. Where theft is suspected the matter must be reported to the local police at once.

Other activities such as visits and conferences: If any Local Society or Group operating under the Society’s insurance cover wishes to insure a specific event or
visit, then it is necessary to complete the appropriate form, obtainable from Castle Arch. This is particularly important when non-members are participating. In addition strict hiring conditions may sometimes be imposed which need to be submitted with the above form.

**Indemnities:** Some indemnities required by landowners and contractors go beyond the acceptable liability of Surrey Archaeological Society and its insurance cover for excavations. All indemnity forms MUST be signed by one or other of the OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY who have been appointed by the Council of the Society to act in this matter. In the first instance a copy of every indemnity required must be forwarded to the Hon Secretary, Rose Hooker at the address shown above. A further copy should, at the same time, be sent to the Society’s Hon LEGAL ADVISER (c/o Castle Arch, Guildford GU1 3SX).

LOCAL SOCIETIES or GROUPS excavating under Surrey Archaeological Society’s insurance cover MUST COMPLY with this procedure. Other excavators would be well advised to take legal advice before signing any form of indemnity. The following honorary officers of the Society have been authorised by Council to sign indemnities on behalf of the Society: The President, The Secretary, The Treasurer.

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**FIELDWORK BY SURREY COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL UNIT DURING 2000**

**Introduction**

The number of sites investigated by the Surrey County Archaeological Unit in 2000 was at a slightly lower level to the previous three years, although several larger sites kept the amount of time in the field at a similar or slightly higher level. As always (see Bulletin 336) the distribution of sites on the map reflects development pressures rather than archaeological significance.

It is hard to discern any particular pattern to the archaeological results when 2000 is looked at in isolation. Set against the results of the last few years, however, it does seem to confirm a number of the general trends remarked upon last year (Bulletin 336). There can be no doubt that a number of these suggested trends will receive more extended consideration at the June conference organised by the Society (Archaeology in Surrey 2001, 2-3 June). When next year’s round-up appears it may be appropriate to measure the results of 2000 and 2001 against the new ideas that will have emerged.

The whole team was involved in carrying out this work. Many of the excavations and evaluations were directed by Graham Hayman. Others were directed by Mark Dover and Jim Stevenson, as well as Giles Pattison, Rob Poulton, and Jane Robertson, and the second and last named were also responsible, together with Nick Marples, for many of the watching briefs. Further assistance with fieldwork was given by Simon Hind. Finds work was undertaken by Phil Jones, Kathy Ayres and Nick Marples, while Giles Pattison was responsible for all of the illustration and design work, except for pottery by Phil Jones. Nowal Shaikhley was responsible for much of the organisation of the work, and also assisted with and carried out a number of fieldwork projects. 

**NSFF** indicates that no significant finds or features were identified at a site. The consecutive numbering of the sites relates to the centrefold map.

**Elmbridge**

1. **Esher**, Sandown racecourse (TQ 1389 6512). Evaluation April: **NSFF**
2. **Weybridge**, 12 Beechwood Avenue (TQ 0924 6470). Evaluation October: **NSFF**
3 **Weybridge**, Atlantis, St Georges Hill (TQ 0886 6290). Watching brief February: NSFF

**Epsom & Ewell**

4 **Epsom**, Epsom Racecourse/Walton Downs (TQ 218 576 to TQ 218 571. Watching brief September: Some evidence for make up of earlier course of track from Walton to Epsom but otherwise NSFF

5 **Ewell**, 121 London Road (TQ 2240 6332). Watching brief August: NSFF

**Guildford**

6 **Guildford**, Castle Hill (SU 9973 4924). Watching brief February to April: A trench to underpin and strengthen a post-medieval wall revealed parts of medieval walls, probably belonging to the Great Hall of the Royal Palace (Poulton 1998). The larger foundation may be the west wall of the Hall, and a slighter, parallel foundation may belong to a pentece. A number of these are known from documents to have linked buildings in the palace complex, including the nearby King's Chambers, with the Hall. Other features seen included levelling layers, a possible pit, and a possible floor surface, but the small area precluded definite interpretation.

7 **Guildford**, 10 Guildown Avenue (SU 9833 4876). Watching brief July to November: NSFF

**Mole Valley**

8 **Leatherhead**, 7-11 Bridge Street (TQ 1654 5639). Evaluation June: NSFF


10 **Cudworth**, Water Main (TQ 1985 4170 to TQ 2175 4175). Watching brief June to August: NSFF

**Reigate & Banstead**

11 **Banstead**, Weston Acres, Woodmansterne Lane (TQ 2721 6008). Watching brief February: NSFF

12 **Banstead**, Holly Hill Drive (TQ 2540 5990). Evaluation November: NSFF

13 **Reigate**, Emmott House, Chart Lane (TQ 2583 5039). Evaluation April: NSFF

14 **Reigate**, Reigate Priory Car park (TQ 2531 5002). Watching brief July: NSFF

15 **Reigate**, Reigate Castle (TQ 2530 5035). Watching brief November: NSFF

**Runnymede**

16 **Chertsey**, Two Bridges (TQ 0402 6667). Watching brief April: NSFF

17 **Chertsey**, 15, London Street (TQ 0435 6697). Evaluation January: NSFF

18 **Chertsey**, 16 Gogmore Lane (TQ 0410 6690). Watching brief January: NSFF

19 **Addlestone**, Marconi site, Station Road (TQ 0553 6503). Evaluation November: The great majority of the area had been heavily disturbed and produced NSFF. A small ditch, tentatively dated to the prehistoric period, was identified in the only intact area.

20 **Addlestone**, Wey Manor Farm (TQ 061 632). Watching brief September: Ditches, probably belonging to a field system were traced in several locations. Pottery recovered was of later Bronze Age date, and in one area was of a sufficient quantity to suggest a settlement site in the near vicinity.

**Spelthorne**

21 **Staines**, Lovett Road (TQ 0187 7147). Evaluation December: NSFF

22 **Laleham**, Home Farm (TQ 055 687). Evaluation January: Evaluation of phase 8 of the extraction area completed the archaeological fieldwork in this large mineral extraction site. It was consistent with earlier work in that most or all of the ancient features identified belong to the later Bronze Age. The features included a number of ditches, perhaps parts of a field system, a cremation, three pits, and a
waterhole, but none of these widely scattered contexts could be related to a
definite occupation area.

23 Staines, 30-38 Church Street (TQ 0331 7165). Evaluation July: NSFF
24 Staines, Old Police Station & 10-16 London Road (TQ 0399 7175). Excavation
July and August (with follow up work in January 2001): The latest in a series
of excavations in the London Road area of Staines (REF) revealed evidence of
Roman ritual activity, including human inhumations and cremations, and an
animal burial, and pits and ditches which may belong to later, 4th century,
settlement. Interpretation is tentative as work is in progress, and no finds analysis
has taken place.

25 Staines, Hengrove Farm (TQ 0528 7209). Watching brief October to November:
An 80m long stretch of ditch was observed which probably relates to the possible
Bronze Age field system identified here previously (Bulletin 336)

26 Sunbury, Turret Works, Fordbridge Road, Sunbury-on-Thames (TQ 0973 6776).
Evaluation and Watching brief March and May: A single pit of probable prehistoric
date was found, otherwise NSFF

Surrey Heath/Runnymede
27 Chobham/Ottershaw, Queenwood Farm Golf Course, Chobham Road (TQ
0080 6359). Evaluation/Watching brief March and May: NSFF from the golf
course proper, but immediately adjacent to it fieldwalking by Anthony Allen
recovered a late Roman domestic pottery assemblage, an interesting and rare
discovery in this area

Tandridge
28 Betchingly, Hillview, Threeways Builders Yard, Castle Street (TQ 3277 5079).
Watching brief August: NSFF
29 Limpshfield, St. Peter’s Church (TQ 4053 5324). Watching brief April: NSFF
30 Haxted, Haxted Mill (TQ 4182 4551). Watching brief July: A buried wooden
beam, perhaps related to control of the water flow to the 16th century
predecessor of the present mill, was found

Waverley
31 Farnham, 11 Nutshell Lane (SU 905 328). Watching brief August: NSFF
32 Haslemere, Georgian Hotel (SU 9119 3310). Watching brief October: NSFF
33 Runfold, Farnham Quarry (formerly referred to as Runfold Farm Pit) (SU 875
485). A Watching brief in January was followed by an excavation March to
October, which extended considerably the area of excavation in September-
December 1999. The archaeological work has revealed a variety of features of
Late Iron Age and early Roman origin. These features include numerous ditches,
which form parts of field systems and settlement enclosures, with evidence for
trackways with ditches to either side. A total of eighteen round houses have been
identified, all with entrances to the south-east, where identifiable. Other features
include the expected range of pits, and post holes, as well as several substantial
waterholes (wells). The development of the settlement over several centuries is
implied, and it is hoped that analysis of the finds and features will enable the
sequence to be sorted out. Similar enclosed settlements were found a short
distance to the north east during the construction of the Runfold Diversion
(Blackwater Valley) road system. There were few finds apart from the pottery,
which includes interesting assemblages of Iron Age and 1st century Roman
material. The latter is almost exclusively of Alice Holt types, and there are a
number of definite wasters, although no kilns or kiln debris were found in the
excavations.

34 Tilford, Tilford West Bridge (SU 8717 4351). Survey June of the fabric of the
medieval and later bailey bridges, prior to proposed repairs
35 Wrecclesham, Weydon School (SU 8297 4540). Evaluation November. NSFF
Recent Accessions to the Society's Library

Excavations and evaluations carried out by units working within the County, which are reported periodically elsewhere in the Bulletin, are omitted here. As before, each entry includes the author, title, publisher and date of publication, followed by the four-digit accession number, and classification number indicating the shelf location of the book.

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Farnham and the Winchester Pipe Rolls Project

Mark Page

Readers may be interested to learn that the latest phase of the Winchester Pipe Rolls Project, based at Hampshire Record Office, started in October 2000. This is a three-year project, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, in association with the University of Durham. The project is led by Dr John Mullan, formerly of the University of Wales, Cardiff, and supervised by Professor Richard Britnell and Professor Paul Harvey, both of the University of Durham. The project is entitled 'The Transfer of Customary Land on the Estate of the Bishopric of Winchester, 1350-1415', and seeks to identify changes in the relationship between the bishops of Winchester and their customary tenants in the wake of the population collapse caused by the Black Death.
The Winchester Pipe Rolls Project has now entered its eighth year. It owes its existence in large part to the efforts of Hampshire's County Archivist, Rosemary Dunhill, and Chairman of the County Council, Freddie Emery-Wallis, in the early 1990s, and to the generosity of Hampshire County Council, which funded the first project between 1993 and 1996. This led to the translation and publication of editions of two of the Winchester pipe rolls: The Pipe Roll of the Bishopric of Winchester 1301-2, ed M Page (Hampshire Record Series, 14, 1996), and The Pipe Roll of the Bishopric of Winchester 1409-10, ed M Page (Hampshire Record Series, 16 1999).

The Winchester Pipe Rolls Project entered its second phase towards the end of 1996 thanks to a grant made by the Economic and Social Research Council. This project, led by Mark Page, and supervised by Professor Britnell and Professor Harvey, investigated the landholdings of customary tenants on the manors of the bishopric of Winchester between 1260 and the outbreak of plague in 1349. Some of the findings of this research are to be published shortly in a forthcoming collection of essays based on work into the Winchester pipe rolls and in a Hampshire Paper about the estate and archive of the medieval bishopric. The customary tenants of the manor of Farnham proved to be of particular interest because many of them adopted a particular strategy to deal with the increasing land hunger of the late 13th and early 14th centuries, the period during which the population of England reached its medieval peak. The peasantry of Farnham, a vast manor which included the settlements at Badshot, Churt, Compton, Dippenhall, Dogflood, Elstead, Frensham, Runfold, Runwick, Seale, Tifford, Tongham and Wrecclesham) were fortunate in that they were able to colonise land that previously had not been ploughed. This land was often referred to in the documents as purpresture. Over the course of the first half of the 14th century, an increasing amount of purpresture was acquired by the customary tenants of the manor and added to their virgates or half-virgates (a virgate at Farnham being equal to 32 acres).

It was common for the peasantry in many parts of England during this period to try to acquire additional land to supplement their customary holdings (usually measured in virgates in southern England). This land (often called assart or purpresture) was frequently used to provide a dowry for a daughter on her marriage, or as the means to establish a non-inheriting son with a smallholding. There was too often an active market in assart and purpresture, allowing non-customary tenants of the manor access to relatively small plots of land. At Farnham, however, purpresture tended to 'stick' to the virgates and half-virgates of the customary tenants, which usually remained within the family and descended by inheritance. Once bought, therefore, purpresture was only occasionally sold. This stifled development of an active inter-vivos land market on the manor and prevented the growth of a large class of tenants holding purpresture alone. An indication of this development is the relatively small number of distress sales caused by the Great Famine at Farnham, which on the Winchester estate appears to have hit hardest in 1316-17. Had there been a large number of independent smallholders, it is likely that the shortage of grain would have forced them to sell their land in order to raise cash to buy food at the prevailing inflated prices. This occurred on many manors throughout England at this time. This is not necessarily to claim that there were no smallholders at Farnham in the early 14th century (there may have been numerous sub-tenants), but that their land transactions were rarely recorded in the Winchester pipe rolls.

The customary tenants of Farnham may have escaped the worst excesses of the Great Famine, cushioned as they were by their relatively large holdings of land. There was no escape, however, from the effects of the Black Death of 1348-9, which ravaged the manor as much as any other on the Winchester estate. The effects of population decline, as a result of continuing outbreaks of plague in the second half of the 14th century, changed the relationship between lords and peasants and provided
customary tenants with more freedom in their choice of landholdings and the opportunity to improve their standard of living. The current phase of the Winchester Pipe Rolls Project will seek to discover exactly how these changes affected the lives of the bishop’s tenants in Farnham and elsewhere. In particular, evidence will be sought to assess whether the attachment of certain families to particular parcels of land continued to persist in the new post-plague conditions, whether the peasant land market remained as active after 1350 as before, whether there were changes in the role of women in the land market, whether the bishop lost the ability to exercise control over his tenants and their land, whether the size of peasants’ landholdings grew, whether land was withdrawn from agricultural use, and whether the land market contributed to a growing social stratification among the peasantry. The detailed evidence provided by the Winchester pipe rolls promises to yield much useful information about the lives of medieval villages in Hampshire, Surrey and elsewhere which can be used to answer these and other questions.

The current project is expected to continue until October 2003. If you are a member of a local history society and would like to learn more about the Winchester Pipe Rolls Project or about the history of the medieval bishopric of Winchester in general, a member of the project team would be happy to give a talk to your society. For more details, please contact Dr John Mullan, Hampshire Record Office, Sussex Street, Winchester SO23 8TH.

From the March 2001 Journal of the Farnham & District Museum Society (Vol 12 no 9), with many thanks.

Flushing out more Warrens

Brian Wilson

Charles Abdy’s recent note (Bulletin 348, 14) reminded me that another possible location of a rabbit or hare warren still exists on the site of the old Warren Farm in Pyrford, now a wilderness on the right of the lane leading to Walsham Lock from Warren Lane. (TQ 579 048). Although there is no evidence, this may have been connected with Pyrford Place when it was owned by the Onslow family. Warren Farm appears to have dated from the late 17th or early 18th century. This land is currently the subject of a Planning Application for a Marina.

A further location may have been in Decoy Wood, Wisley (TQ 592 058). This wood was almost certainly the site of the Duck Decoy associated with Pyrford Place. An estate map of c1620 shows the water outlines of the decoy along with warrens with rabbits or hares emerging and fish jumping out of the water. The land surrounding is indicated as a hunting area with deer (Deer Farm still exists nearby) and a pigeon house. The outlines of the duck decoy and possible warren remains existed in Decoy Wood until Wisley Golf Courses was built. Decoy Wood had a large hare population until they were wiped out by shooting in the 1980’s.

Finally, a hare warren may have existed south of Walnut Tree Bottom at the base of Merrow Down (TQ 497 029). The property is labelled on the map as Harewarren and was possibly originally part of the large Warren Farm to the north and west of St Martha’s Hill. The property has a tall flint wall and what was originally a small cottage. Again, there were many hares in the area until 20-30 years ago.

Hare and rabbit were important supplementary sources of meat for many centuries and taking them controlled by harsh laws. The practice of artificially housing or introducing hares became deemed as ‘unsportsmanlike’ in the 19th century and coursing tended to give way to hunting on foot or on horseback. Hares were still plentiful in the county into the 19th century and early 20th century. There were dozens of packs of beagles and harriers privately maintained by the larger families until WW1.

In France rabbit warrens are still maintained for hunting. The last one I saw was in the Vendee. It was a fenced area of about 5 acres with several artificial mounds and
hutches. It was next to an abattoir, the owner of which was the leading breeder of Petit Basset Griffon Vendee, a small rough-coated hound breed of ancient origin especially prized for hunting rabbits to this day.

From time to time bassets have been imported from France for hare hunting. The first recorded pack of smooth-haired Basset Hounds was acquired by the 4th Earl of Onslow in 1872 and kennelled in Clandon Park until about 1882. The first rough-coated basset pack was established at Sandringham in 1883 by Queen Alexandra from stock imported from France and disbanded in 1925. Both were used for hunting hares.

What Shall I Do With My Records?  
Alan Gillies

The half-day conference organised jointly by the Society and the Surrey History Service, which took place at the Surrey History Centre at Woking on the 7th of April, was a repeat of the highly successful meeting held in October 2000 (see Bulletin 343), which had been unable to accommodate all those who had wanted to attend. Eve Myatt-Price took the Chair. A variety of topics were covered including those of interest to professional archivists, to representatives of local organisations, and to family historians, for instance: as was shown by the lively and wide ranging discussion at the close of the meeting.

Catherine Carey of the Surrey History Service stressed the importance of storing archives under the correctly controlled conditions. She gave illustrations of the damage which could result from fire, water, incorrect temperature, lapses of security, and even from the handling and use of the material. Advice was given on the packaging, protection and storage of the items.

Gillian Drew, Honorary Librarian of the Society, translated the principles given in the previous paper into practice in the context of the Society’s collections at Castle Arch. These were shown to be unique within the county and of national significance, particularly in the case of the material in the research collection, which included working notes for projects, some of which had never reached publication. The collections covered archaeology and local history in general but the emphasis was on works dealing with Surrey as a whole and on its individual parishes and features. It was hoped that further development of the computerised database and of the Society’s web site would facilitate the exploitation of the collections and make their existence more widely known.

In the final paper Mary Mackey of the Surrey History Centre described the background of the Centre, which opened in 1998, and stressed the value of special collections such as the records of the Broadwood piano manufacturing family and the papers of the Loseley estate (dating from the 12th century and deposited in 1950). The importance of archives and of them being readily available was emphasised and it was shown that present day documents of a general nature should be retained because of their potential value in the future. Items were received by deposit (as in the case of county and other administrative records), by gift, on long loan, and by purchase. There had been a legal requirement for more than a century for the deposit of Church records, some of which dated from as early as the 15th century. The Surrey History Centre always respected any restrictions placed on the use of archives, such as the period for which they should remain ‘closed’, no matter from what source they originated.

Park Street, Croydon: the Plan

The interim account of work by Wessex Archaeology that appeared in the last Bulletin was intended to be preceded by a plan on the front page. Unfortunately, I only
received it the day after presses had rolled, which explains why two Saxon axes from Croydon appeared instead. Nevertheless, the plan remains pivotal for any understanding of the site, so I have included it in this issue.

Park Street, Croydon: All features.
COURSES

Pottery Workshop
A practical 'hands on' workshop on potting techniques is planned for Saturday 7th July from 10am to about 3.30pm at the Farnham Pottery at Wrecclesham, just south of Farnham.
The course will be run by professional tutors from the West Street Potters teaching group and the object is to allow participants to learn a whole range of potting techniques and to be able to understand the background to the various types of pottery that they may come across during archaeological field and excavation work.
There will be a break for lunch at mid-day and an opportunity to tour the historic buildings of the pottery itself. Spaces are limited and there will be a charge of £15 per head to cover the costs. If you have ever wanted to try throwing a pot this is your opportunity. Anyone interested should contact me either via the Society's office (address/tel on the front cover) or email: david-graham@msn.com for further details.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL METAL DETECTING SURVEY
Sayers Croft Field Centre, Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst.
Thursday 14th June 7.30 - 9.30 p.m
Thursday 21st June 7.30 - 9.30 p.m
Thursday 28th June 7.30 - 9.30 p.m
Thursday 5th July 7.30 - 9.30 p.m
Thursday 12th July 7.30 - 9.30 p.m
One-day metal detecting Survey.
Sunday 8th July 10.00 a.m - 4.00 p.m
To book a place or for more information please contact Elizabeth Whitbourn. Tel: 01483 - 420575 or e-mail jaw@telinco.co.uk mobile no: 07790 451110

TRAINING EXCAVATION: ROMAN BATH HOUSE
KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL
Kent Field Study Centre, near Faversham
Archaeological survey, Roman pottery identification, context recording, section drawing, excavation techniques, first aid for finds and site photography at this bath house attached to a high status villa complex. Three 7-day courses from 30th June to 20th July.
Fees: £30 per day to include tea/coffee
Local accommodation on request
For further information contact the Kent Archaeological Field School, School Farm Oast, Graveney Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8UP; Tel: 0208 987 8827 or 0585 700 10?

KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL
Kent Field Centre, near Faversham
Saturday and Weekend Courses through May to July
25-28th May Discovering Ancient Sites
9/10th June Stone Tools in Archaeology: Identification, knapping and visits to local sites
21/22nd July  Post-Excavation Analysis
28/29th July  Anglo-Saxon Weekend: Saturday focus on art and especially the symbolism and production of jewellery, led by Paul Cullen. Sunday tuition on place-names and afternoon tour to put them in context, led by Margaret Gelling

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CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION
University of Sussex

Ancient Crafts and Technology Summer School
Iron Age Activity Centre, Michelham Priory, Upper Dicker, East Sussex
Monday July 30th to Friday 3rd August 2001, 10am to 5pm
A week long course giving participants the opportunity to explore ancient crafts and technologies from a practical and hands-on point of view. Subjects to be covered include: pottery, metal-working, wood-working, textiles, building technologies and coracle building.
Tutor: Tristram Bareham
Fee: £140 (£60 concession)
Tel: 01273 678527 for further details (Course no. 8300).

Certificate and Diploma programmes in Archaeology
This autumn sees the introduction of a new two-year, part-time certificate programme alongside the well established and popular ‘Certificate in Practical Archaeology’. The new programme, a ‘Certificate in Archaeology’, will introduce students to a broad range of approaches, methods and theory in archaeology; it aims to explain the history of how people have attempted to reconstruct/interpret the past from archaeological data. The core course is specifically concerned with archaeological theory and includes the historical development of archaeology. A range of option courses enables students to review the known information about, and current and former understandings of, various archaeological periods, topics or places.
Venues: Brighton, Chichester, Fishbourne and Lewes.
For further details about these two Certificate programmes, the individual courses (Archaeological Survey; Archaeological Excavation and Post-Excavation; Maritime Archaeology; Industrial Archaeology; Environmental Archaeology; Archaeology by Experiment; Archaeological Theory; British Archaeology of the First millennium AD, and the Archaeology of Rome - most of which can be taken as ‘stand alone’ modules) and the Diploma in Archaeology, please contact Yvonne Barnes, Award Bearing Office, CCE, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9RE. Tel: 01273 678537 or e-mail: y.d.barnes@sussex.ac.uk

EXHIBITIONS

Surrey History Centre
Finders Keepers? Archaeology Today 1st May - 2nd June 2001
The exhibitions are free of charge and can be viewed during the normal opening hours of the Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 1ND Tel: 01483 594594, E-mail: shs@surreycc.gov.uk, web: http://shs.surreycc.gov.uk

LECTURE SERIES

Open University and Guildford Museum Partnership Lecture Series

Guildhall, High Street, Guildford

21st June 7.30 pm ‘Only a Novel’: Victorian Readers and Modern Critics. Julia Courtney Can we revisit the Victorian reading experience? What did early readers and critics make of the novels which we admire or ignore today? This lecture aims to address these questions and to suggest new ways of approaching old favourites whilst introducing some less familiar works

To book a place please contact Guildford Museum Tel: 01483 444752. All lectures are free but places are limited.

LECTURE MEETINGS

31st May
"Fanny Burney: Pen Portraitist" by Hester Davenport to Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society in the Main Hall, Literary Institute, High Street, Egham at 8 pm.

2nd June
"Henry VIII and Eltham Palace" by Jonathan Foyle to the Kent Archaeological Society at the Ramsey Lecture Theatre, Christ Church University College, North Holmes Road, Canterbury, at 2.30 pm. Tickets: £3 from ground floor counter.

4th June
"Telegraphs and Semaphores - Admiralty Signalling in Surrey" by Richard Muir to the Woking History at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, at 8 pm. Visitors £2. For further information Tel: 01483 763600.

6th June
"The Burial Grounds of London" by Leslie Grant to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary’s Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 7.45 for 8 pm.

12th June
"Looking at Garden Archaeology - the last 20 years" by Lesley Howes to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at the Lower Hall of the Friends’ Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames, at 8 pm.

15th June
"The Military Geography of Waterloo" by Terry Hewitt to the University of Surrey Extra-Mural Archaeological Society at the Christian Centre, Dorking at 8 pm. Visitors £2.

28th June
"The Story of Datchet Bridge" by Janet Kennish to Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society in the Main Hall, Literary Institute, High Street, Egham at 8 pm.

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