A Flint Axe from Wallington
A NEOLITHIC FLAKED FLINT AXE FROM WALLINGTON

Jonathan Cotton

The axe figured here was passed to the writer for recording in May 2002. It had been found by John Erwood some ten months prior to this, during the construction of a rear extension to his house at 12 Leechcroft Road, Wallington (TQ 2835 6513).

The axe was located while digging a small soakaway 1.2m square connected with the building work. It had been placed edgeways in the ground with its blade orientated to the east at a depth of 500mm from the surface; it lay some 200mm into ‘disturbed clay’ beneath 400mm of topsoil. The geology hereabouts comprises the sands and clays of the Woolwich and Reading beds and small patches of sandy yellow-brown clay still adhere to several of the flake facets. The finder also noticed some animal bones at the same time as the discovery of the axe, though not apparently in direct association. It is possible that these were of recent date.

The axe was located in one corner of the soakaway and the act of prising it out of the section with a metal pickaxe slightly damaged the edge lying uppermost. (The position of the modern damage is marked by an asterisk on the drawing.) Given its recorded depth it is conceivable that it was originally deposited in a shallow pit, though none was detected by the finder.

The axe is a handsome, heavy, Neolithic flaked flint preform of opaque pale honey coloured flint shot throughout with translucent orange-brown highlights. The modern damage reveals that the parent flint is an opaque mottled grey colour. Two small patches of smooth thin buff cortex, one on each face, suggest that the raw material had been obtained from a secondary source such as the local river gravels.

The piece measures 228mm in length, 84mm in width at the blade, and is 48mm in thickness at its midpoint. It weighs 1114.5g. It has been radially flaked across both faces and particular attention has been paid to the butt and to the cutting edge. The symmetry of the slightly convex lateral edges has been enhanced by deliberate abrasion using a hard, probably stone/quartzite, hammer. The axe is lenticular in cross-section, with a slightly asymmetric long profile. Recent damage aside, it is in pristine ‘as knapped’ condition. For whatever reason, it was deposited before the final process of grinding and polishing took place.

The findspot lies on a low ridge overlooking the confluence of the eastern and western headwaters of the river Wandle, and the axe joins a growing number of sites and finds of prehistoric date recorded from the same general locality. The size and obvious quality of the piece, the nature and location of its findspot together with its careful orientation in the ground, strongly suggests that its deposition represented a deliberate act rather than a casual loss. Whether this act was motivated by utilitarian or spiritual reasons, however, remains debatable.

Thanks are due to John Erwood for reporting his find, and for his close attention to detail in so doing, and to Jeff Perry of Sutton Archaeological Services for drawing it to the writer’s attention. The axe has been returned to the finder pending a final decision as to its future.

DOODS FARM, REIGATE: Further Roman Discoveries

David Williams

While builders were extending a cellar at 80 Doods Road, the owner of the flat, Steve Lee, noticed a number of fragments of pottery protruding from the newly exposed section, which he recognised as Roman. He subsequently contacted the Priory School Museum curator, who passed the information on rapidly. A visit to the cellar the next day produced the curious sight of large pieces of Roman pottery protruding at eye level from a vertical face below the living room floor! Later that day the exposed section was cleaned and the remaining visible pottery removed. This could only be
achieved using hammers and chisels as the soil had dried our in the ensuing 120 years since the house was built.

The pottery appeared to derive from a length of ditch, about 4m of which was exposed. The ditch sloped down to the north and was aligned approximately north/south. It had been sectioned along its length by the cellar wall, its profile being visible where the section turned at right angles. The pottery, which was recovered from beneath a discontinuous layer of charcoal, largely comprised the remains of two vessels. The first is a narrow-mouthed jar, c28mm tall, with a band of chevrons running around the shoulder between grooves; and the other is a whiteware mortarium, c330mm in diameter, of which about 75% survives. Also present were fragments of two or more smaller jars and a sherd from a plain Samian dish. A date in the late 1st or early 2nd century AD seems likely.

The site is only some 200m from the tileworks that was trenched last Easter and it is very probable that the two sites are connected, although no tile was found with the pottery. A building is likely to have stood in close proximity, and to this end it is hoped to carry out further trenching in the New Year in the vicinity of the ditch, providing permissions are forthcoming.

COUNCIL NEWS

THE SOCIETY AND CASTLE ARCH    Audrey Monk, President

The Society moved to Castle Arch in 1898 where it established its Headquarters, Library and Museum. Over the years the Society's museum collections were swelled by objects collected by Guildford Borough Council and, in 1933, management and responsibility for the museum passed from the Society to Guildford Borough Council, the Society's collections remaining on loan to the Museum as they are to-day.

The relationship between the Society and Guildford Borough Council is close, and one which has been mutually beneficial to both parties for nearly a hundred years. However, over the years, circumstances change. The objects acquired by Guildford Museum have inevitably grown, as has the Society's Library and to a lesser extent its Museum collections. Moreover, increasingly, Guildford Borough Council is subject to political and economic pressures, and most recently, the need to demonstrate 'Best Value'. This has coincided with a structural assessment of the Castle Arch and the museum complex which indicated overloading in some areas and structural weaknesses elsewhere.

This has prompted Guildford Borough Council to consider its whole policy towards the Museum itself and the future of the Castle Arch complex. The implications for the Society are potentially serious. An immediate requirement of the Council was that the Society should vacate the classroom where the journals from the Library were stored and to reduce loadings on the floors occupied elsewhere by 40%.

As many of you know this has been accomplished by renting additional off-site storage space at Cranleigh. The Library Committee is keenly aware of the detrimental effect of this on the efficient running of the Library, and Guildford Borough Council and the museum staff are making efforts to identify additional space, where loading is not a problem, to enable us to bring back some material from Cranleigh.

We are very conscious that using the Library is not as easy as it was, but please bear with us. We are doing our best to reduce the problems this move has caused.

The long-term effects of Guildford Borough Council's policy review are unknown, but it is likely that the Society may in turn need to make some far-reaching decisions. To facilitate this process, at its recent meeting, Council set up a working party under the
chairmanship of Chris Odom. Its task will be not only to identify the Society’s accommodation requirements and consider the options which might be available to meet these requirements, but also to take time to consider the future role and aspirations of the Society in the 21st century.

2004 is the Society’s 150th anniversary and we are planning a series of events across the county throughout the year to celebrate our anniversary and to publicise the Society and its achievements. It also gives us the opportunity to emphasise the Society’s objectives and its role as guardians of the county’s rich historical and archaeological heritage by promoting and encouraging research, fieldwork and publication.

The current financial climate necessarily affects the level of the Society’s activity, which is determined by its income. Coupled with uncertainty of the Society’s future at Castle Arch and consequential increased costs, the Finance Committee was asked by Council to consider ways by which the Society might generate additional income to ensure that the Society’s present level of activity can be sustained and, hopefully, increased.

There is one way that will have immediate and beneficial effect, and to this end all members who are eligible, and who have not yet signed a gift aid declaration, will shortly be asked to do so. Please do; it is a small thing, but effective.

In conclusion, as newly elected President, may I say that the Society values the support of all its members. Decisions made during the next few years will be critical in influencing the future direction and policy of the Society to fulfil our aims and objectives. I would welcome views and comments from any member who would like to contribute to the debate.

Young Archaeologists’ Club

We regret that Sarah Ellison has resigned from organising the Guildford branch of the Young Archaeologists’ Club and we now need someone to replace her as organiser, or to help with the monthly sessions and outings. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please phone Rosemary Hunter on 01483 474777.

We are very grateful to Sarah for the time and effort she put into organising the Guildford branch.

New Members

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to the Society:

Miss Zoe Clark 27 Poynes Road, Horley RH6 8LS  Egyptology and digging
Mr R Gadd 12A Poplar Road, Burnham on Sea Somerset TA8 2HD  Surrey history
Mrs J Leslie-Smith 24 High Street Rowledge, Farnham GU10 4BT  Medieval and general
Andrew Maggs Heathlands, Blackheath Lane Guildford GU4 8QT  Roman
Miss A Mason 75 Cleaveland Road Surbiton, KT6 4AJ  general
Miss L O’Sullivan 86 Birchwood Close Morden, SM4 5NH  general
Mr P Smart White Beech Cottage White Beech Lane Chiddingfold, GU8 4XX  Roman Britain
Mr I Stewart Oaklands, 26 Harriotts Lane Ashtead, KT21 2QH  general
Clemmie Twiggs 19 The Fairfield, Farnham, GU9 8AJ  Digs and Romans
Subscriptions
Susan Janaway

A reminder to those of you who do not pay your subscription by standing order. Subscriptions for the coming year will be due on 1st April at the following rates:

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- Associate Member: £2
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- Student Member aged 21-25 (with Collections): £12.50
- Institutional Member (Inland): £30
- Institutional Member (Overseas): £40

Please send your subscriptions to me, Susan Janaway, at Castle Arch. I am here on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am-2.45pm (Tel/fax: 01483 532454). There is a flyer enclosed with this Bulletin that includes a return form for you to use. If you decide not to renew your subscription, would you please let me know? Thank you.

GUILDFORD MUSEUM EXCAVATION UNIT

Reports on Recent Archaeological Work
81 High Street, Guildford (Salsbury's jewellers) SU9963 4944

An informal inspection of this building was carried out in 1995 after the discovery of an intact medieval undercroft beneath no. 83 on the opposite side of Swan Lane. There is a possibility that the Swan Inn, at no. 83 had extended across the alley that is now Swan Lane. No photography was allowed. The cellars of 81 are mostly of brick, however, with some bits of chalk. The main feature is the remains of bread ovens. A passage runs west from the cellar. It has been blocked up by Salsbury's, but is said to extend to no.73. No evidence for this was seen in no. 73 in 2002, but there are also stories about tunnels at no.73.

Much of the building above ground is timber-framed. Some walls are clad in brick and plaster board. A 19th century extension at the back along Swan Lane encases part of the timber-framed building. A room upstairs at the front called the "Queen's Room" has panelling of an unknown date on the east wall. The panelling in the western half was removed when the room was divided into two.

The building has been a jewellers since 1848 and Salsbury's since 1870. It was known as "the county jewellers" and although taken over by a chain retained the old name until c2001. It is now called Ernest Jones, but the old glass panels with gold lettering have been retained. Major alterations to the shop were, happily, prevented by Guildford Borough Council's Planning Department.
121 High Street, Guildford SU 0074 4947
In 1991 a watching brief was undertaken during a major re-fit for the shop River Island. It was clear that major alterations had been carried out previously, when it was a branch of Timothy Whites and then Boots, up until 1987. A medieval stone doorway had been observed at the back of the cellar in the later 1970s (see map in Guildford Museum files), but it is not known whether it is still there. In 1991 a few sections of chalk blockwork were seen, especially in the front wall of the large cellar area. It is very likely that there was once a medieval undercroft there. Some timber beams were seen on the first floor, but these were removed due to their bad condition. The building had been a large coaching inn, the Red Lion, from the 16th or 17th century, but after a fire the present building was built in the earlier 19th century.

Corner of Onslow Street and Bedford Road (old Iceland site). SU 9942 4967
A watching brief was undertaken during the demolition of the Iceland shop in 1996. The Surrey County Archaeological Unit were officially investigating the site but were happy to let the Museum Unit visit daily. After the demolition 1m of material were removed, but no significant finds or features were seen. The old town gas works was just north of Bedford Road and this caused problems with contamination. We were told that a further 3m of material would be removed, but as far as we know, no features were revealed. The area was just on the northern border of the land around the Dominican Friary.

Chapel Street, Guildford SU 9970 4935
In 1995 CableTel excavated a 1m deep trench the whole length of Chapel Street. It was only 0.23cm wide so it was very difficult to see any stratigraphy. Several site visits found that the ground had already been badly disturbed and consisted mainly of hardcore and brick rubble. There were no finds. In 1998 granite setts were laid, showing again that the ground was badly disturbed. No original layers were seen and there were no finds. In 2002 a new 9" gas relief valve was put in, and a 4’6” square hole was excavated. Natural was not found, and there were no finds.

58 Quarry Street SU 9964 4934
The cellar under this shop was investigated in 1994, and was found to have been built of chalk blocks. The front wall (on the west) has a lintel about 2’ above floor level in the central section of the wall, similar to a central door of an undercroft. It has now been filled with concrete, so no evidence of the original entrance can be seen. On the north wall, near to the front wall, is a feature that could be a window or recess. It has been filled with chalk blocks, with a surround of modern bricks. The south wall appears to have been constructed of a double layer of chalk blocks with a chalk, flint and soil fill. The back wall has been covered with a new wall of thermalite blocks, but where the joists rest on the blocks the original chalk blocks can be seen behind. Chalk walls are found in many Guildford cellars, and are thought to be medieval because chalk seems to have been used only rarely above ground after the Middle Ages. On the other hand, chalk was easily available in quarries, and from the abandoned castle from the late 14th century, so the cellars could be later. The house above the cellar of no.58 is of 17th century date with a 19th century brick façade. The house is a narrow property, and looks from maps as if it had been built within the grounds of the much larger no. 59 to the north, unless that house had acquired the gardens of no. 58 at some date. No. 59 was the rectory of St. Mary’s church,
which is opposite, until 1866. It was built in 1825, replacing a strange-looking building painted by John Hassell in 1822 (SHC 4348/3/64/4). The building appears to have a large open area in front of it, with high walls to the left, and behind. It is not possible to tell from the picture how the building was orientated. If it was on the site of no.58 then the cellar might be related to the rectory. This is pure guesswork; it is more likely that the rectory faced the church, rather than having its gable-end to it, given that the plot of land was a large one.

Plans and elevations of the cellar walls are held at Guildford Museum.
61 Quarry Street SU 9963 4936
The shop was visited because of a planning application, and the opportunity was taken to look at the cellar, which is small and at the front of the shop. Traces of chalk wabling were seen at the bases of the back and side walls. No structural alterations were carried out.

Guildford Old Bakery, off Castle Street and to the rear of
90 High Street SU 9974 4936
During demolition three test pits were excavated by the contractors.

*Pit 1:* excavated to a depth of c1.75m, revealing a thick layer of made-up chalk. Natural was not reached, and no archaeology was found.

*Pit 2:* excavated to a depth of 1m. At 0.45m a chalk block wall was seen on a north-east/south-west alignment.

*Pit 3:* At c0.25m black soil was reached. Work stopped, as this area appeared to be undisturbed archaeology. During a later visit a large section of chalk wailing was found towards the east boundary, at the north end of the site. It was c2m thick, and similar to a section of wall found at the rear of nos. 84-86 High Street. We heard later that this wall was removed. It was presumably a property boundary, but of heroic proportions. It was behind the present High Street buildings, so was some distance away from the street, but may have related to a building. Photographs and drawings are held at Guildford Museum.

The site was subsequently excavated by the Surrey County Archaeological Unit.

Orlandos Jewellers, 1 Sydenham Road SU 9985 4937
The cellars of this house were investigated after chalk walls were seen in a gas pipeline in South Hill outside the shop (Bulletin 283). The walls of the cellar were made of large chalk blocks, but no photographs were allowed.

The house is Grade II listed and described as 17th century, with 19th century additions. It was, in fact, built for the waterworks behind in 1701. The reservoir was replaced by a larger one just uphill in 1853, and the space it occupied is now a car park for the shop. The junction of South Hill and Sydenham Road outside the shop was originally a much sharper angle containing land and buildings. This was cut off c1970 to make a rounded corner more suitable for motor traffic. The chalk wall seen in the gas trench does not, apparently, link in with structures in the angle seen on maps, so could be a lot earlier.

ROMAN STUDIES GROUP

Winter Lecture Series

The group’s winter series has been continuing with a very well supported talk by David Rudling on recent work on the Roman villas in Sussex and a little further afield a talk on Hadrian’s Wall by our own Rosemary Hunter just before Christmas.

David’s talk covered many of the villas in Sussex, ranging from Fishbourne, Chilgrove 1 and 2, Batten Hanger, Bignor, Beddingham, and his recent work at Barcombe. The evening raised many thought-provoking moments and questions, and judging from the audience’s reaction it ended much to soon. Surrey should mirror Sussex and there are many parallels, so where are all our missing sites? David has a great way of getting information across and I would recommend anyone if they get the chance to attend one of his talks. Following on from the talk we are hoping to arrange a site visit to this seasons’ excavations at Barcombe, details to be announced later. Thanks again to Rosemary and David.
Apologies to any one who was inconvenienced by the forced cancellation of Rob Pouitons’ January talk. It is hoped that it will be rescheduled in our next winter series. The final talk of the winter Is once again at Dorking Christian Centre, Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm, where Richard Abdy will be discussing Roman Coinage.

ROMAN ROADS: Half-Day Conference
Saturday 12th April, 2pm.
Follett Hall, United Reform Church, West Street, Dorking
This subject has proven to be very popular with group members and it is hoped to encourage them to start their own research. Please note that the venue is not where previous meetings have been held, but is just a short walk away. Some of the topics being covered are:

What makes a Roman road and how to find them
Winchester to London
Ewell and the route of Stane Street

There will also be time for attendees to put forward any ideas they may have or work they have already undertaken and would like to contribute. Admission free to group members; £2 for non members.

Annual Subscriptions
Subscriptions for the group will be due as from 1st April and will cost £5. For further information contact Gary Readings 01483 834348 or g.readings@ntlworld.com

COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY

WITLEY COMMON SURVEY  Chris Currie
A new study of an Area of Special Historic Landscape Value will be starting in the spring/early summer centred on the ironworks and barrows on Witley Common, Thursley. The project is to be led by the author.

Would any members wishing to take part please e-mail me at CCurrie260@aol.com. A circular e-mail has already been sent out to more recent participants but I have lost a number of past participants’ e-mail addresses since updating my computer. I would like to apologise if anyone of my earlier team members might have felt left out, particularly those on the former Mickleham, Chelsham, Puttenham and Banstead projects; could they resend their e-mail addresses to me so they can be put back in the system.

All are welcome. There is already a good core team in the area working on the Frensham ASHLV project, which, it is hoped, will be completed by the end of March. A meeting date for sometime in April 2003 will be circulated to all those who log on to the e-mail system. Those without e-mail should try to link up with someone who has this facility or contact the Society office at Castle Arch where all circular e-mails will be sent.

LIBRARY NEWS

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. 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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SOUTHWARK OR SOUTHBURGH

I read with great interest Stewart Lyon's note on the Crux issue of Aethelred II (Bulletin 363).

There is no evidence, either archaeological or documentary, for two burghs on the South Bank in the late Saxon period, though there is very little evidence for late Saxon Southwark of either sort. Borough High Street is a comparatively modern name; Southwark was sometimes called a borough in the Middle Ages and was held, so it was claimed, by burgage tenure, but there is little evidence for borough institutions though they managed to return two MPs. It is difficult to see where a second burgh could be situated and it seems much more likely that they are two names for the same place and this would be supported by the fact that five of the moneyers use both forms and sometimes the same obverse die is used with both forms of the name.

Southwark is first mentioned in the early 10th century Burghal Hidage when its name is given as Suthriganagewereorch, the fort of the people of Surrey. When it next appears in documents it is called Southwark, though in a variety of spellings. Tony Dyson (London Journal 15 (2) (1990) p99-110) has suggested that its appearance in the Burghal Hidage is strange, partly based on its name, and that it did not actually exist then, but was an aspiration, not being founded, he suggests, to c1000. I have argued elsewhere for the traditional view (Review of 'London Bridge: 2000 years of a river crossing' SyAC 89 (2002) 291), and suggested that the change of name occurred because of Southwark's changing relationship with London. When it was founded its relationship with Surrey was the important factor, London having only recently been resettled. By c1000 London had become one of the leading towns in the country, as shown by the part it played in the wars of Aethelred's reign, and Southwark's relationship to it would have become more significant than its relationship to Surrey (a tug-of-war that was to continue for centuries); a similar change in the name of Southwark Priory occurred in the 14th century for the same reason (see Lond Arch 9 p144). That there should be some uncertainty about the name for Southwark in the late 10th century does, I feel, support that suggestion.

According to Place Names of Surrey there is one reference to Southwark c1100 where the form is given as Suthlngweorh, which, I suppose, would mean 'the fort of the south people', and it gives Cotton Charters (British Library) as the source for this, but I have not been able to find the charter in which this occurs.

In the middle ages Southwark was divided into five liberties, but before 1100 four of these belonged to the king; the other belonged to the archbishop of Canterbury, but it is not known when he acquired it but it might have been before the Conquest. These two holdings formed roughly half each of the borough; is it possible that one name applied to each? It seems unlikely.

HERITAGE RESEARCH AWARDS 2003

The Royal Archaeological Institute, English Heritage, Cadw and Historic Scotland are jointly sponsoring a competition, now in its second year, at the British Association's Festival of Science, to be held this year at Salford between the 8th and 12th September 2003. Its purpose is to encourage a new kind of presentation, more suitable for this wider audience, of recent research into British archaeology, historic buildings and heritage conservation.

Two open awards are offered, of £1500 and £500, and an under-30 award of £500. Entrants are asked to submit a written summary of their presentation by 15th May 2003. Short-listed finalists will be invited to speak at the awards session at the
Festival of Science. The judges will place particular weight on the clarity of presentation to an informed but non-specialist audience, and on the interest and quality of the underlying research.

Is your research buried? Too much fascinating research into our heritage is buried in specialist journals that the people we do it for don’t read. It is vital that we do more to present and explain our work to the wider public, to increase their understanding and enjoyment and the value they place on the heritage.

For further details and an entry form, please contact: Sebastian Payne, English Heritage, 23 Savile Row, London W1S 2ET; or email: sebastian.payne@english-heritage.org.uk

The competition is open to all, whether professional or amateur.

BATTLE OF ACLEA
Thank you for printing my item on the Battle of Aclea, but my email address was given incorrectly. It is: eforster@keswitley.fsnet.co.uk – just in case anyone enquires!

HOG’S BACK WORLD WAR DITCH
Richard Whaley
With respect to your piece on the Hog’s Back World War Ditch by Chris Shepherd in your Aug/Sept 2002 edition, where he said he was unaware of the April and May digs and would be pleased to hear of any others. We will be returning to this site over 18th-21st April 2003. The object will be to see if the flat area in the section south of the ditch, shown in your July 02 edition, follows the course of the Ditch. Since it has sub-soil over it, which takes a long time to form (the ditch has none), it may be of an earlier date. The Surrey Defences Survey Group is very welcome to join us, or anyone else. Please let me know on 01252 548115, email btl.pcil@ukonline.co.uk. We may return on 2nd-8th May, depending on what we find.

FARNBOROUGH HILL POTTERY
An invitation to volunteers
There is an opportunity for volunteers of any age, with or without experience, to help with the processing of finds from the excavation at Farnborough Hill, before they are transferred to the Museum of London for further evaluation. Jackie Pearce, who will be producing the final report, will be present some of the time, providing a rare opportunity to work alongside an expert.

Work will take place in the Classroom at Guildford Museum throughout March and the first week in April, Monday to Saturday between 10am and 4 pm.

BYFLEET CHURCH: HELP NEEDED
Is there anyone out there who is, or could become, interested in the local history of Byfleet, in particular the history of the church fabric and contents? I am involved with the NADFAS recording, in which we are struggling to get information about the dedications of various objects, including the 19th century stained glass. We also believe that there was once a Book of Hours and some Chertsey tiles, but can find no recent records of them. We would appreciate the help of somebody used to researching archives. The Public Records Office, Winchester and Duchy of Cornwall records may contain references.

On a personal note, I am also interested in relations between Byfleet and Pyrford/Wisley in periods when the churches were linked.

If there is anyone interested can they contact me, Brian Wilson, at Lady Place Cottage, Church Hill, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey GU22 8XJ, Tel: 01483 772619, email: B.Wilson@surrey.ac.uk
“The Wey Navigations, an Historical Guide” by Alan Wardle
ISBN 0 9538122 2 7

The latest publication by the Surrey Industrial History Group has been researched and written by our member Alan Wardie. The book gives a detailed history of the navigations from the Thames to the limit of navigation at Godalming Wharf, covering over 300 years of commercial operation.

Much use has been made of the archives of the Wey Navigation, the Godalming Navigation and William Stevens and Sons. The book contains a number of illustrations as well as 37 pages of maps that are spread throughout the book to correspond, as far as possible, with the text. These are taken from archive maps held by the Surrey History Centre; that for the Wey Navigation was produced in 1823 by R H Jago and that for the Godalming Navigation produced in 1834 by John Perry.

The book will be on sale from early May and we will be holding a launch on Thursday 8th May at the Surrey History Centre between 6.45pm and 8.45 pm where everyone will have an opportunity to see the book, copies of which will be on sale at £11.95. The Surrey History Centre is at 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, and everyone will be welcome at this event. There will be no charge for admission and complimentary wine and soft drinks will be served.

We are very grateful to the Surrey History Centre for hosting the launch and for allowing their archive maps to be used in the book. We also acknowledge generous grants from Guildford, Runnymede and Woking Borough Councils without which we would not have been able to publish the book with the maps and photographs in colour.

Following publication, copies of the book will be available, post free, from John Mills, 35, Trotsworth Avenue, Virginia Water, GU25 4AN.

Peter Tarplee
I hope the launch is well attended. The publication coincides with the 350th anniversary of the opening of the Wey Navigation.

VISITS

TRIP TO CANTERBURY
Sunday 6th April

Full details of the coach day trip to Canterbury can be obtained from Liz Whitbourn, Tel: 01483 420575 or email: liz.whitbourn@btinternet.com

COURSES

KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL
Spring and Early Summer Courses 2003

5th/6th April  Field walking and Historic Maps
12th/13th April  Archaeobotany, the Science of Analysing Archaeological Weeds and Seeds
3rd-5th May  Discovering and Excavating Archaeological Sites
17th/18th May  Prehistoric Flints
24th-26th May  The Iron Age in Kent
31st May/1st June  The Past From the Air
7th/8th June  Bones and Burial
DAYSCHOOL

AERIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DAYSCHOOL
15th March 2003
The notice in the last issue of the Bulletin omitted the following paragraph:
'This dayschool has been arranged with leading air photo interpreters in English
Heritage. There are up to a maximum of 15 places, at the cost of £20 per person.
Applications by letter, with cheques (payable to J N Hampton) should be sent as soon
as possible (final deadline 28th February 2003) to Mr J N Hampton, 5, Lindsay Close,
Epsom, KT19 8JJ, Tel: 01372 728704…'
Please note that at the time of writing (mid February), it is uncertain whether this
dayschool will take place. Please ring the telephone number quoted for latest
information.
Sincere apologies to John Hampton.

EXCAVATIONS

ROOKERY FARM PALAEOLITHIC SITE
Provisional Dates 11th-25th September 2003
Following last year’s excavation at this important site, the area has been subjected
to fieldwalking throughout the winter and a further 60 palaeoliths have been
recovered. It is now hoped to return for a further season of excavation later this year,
and the provisional dates are as given above.
Enquiries to Peter Harp, 5 Green Curve, Banstead, Surrey SM7 1NS, Tel: 01737
356039. Further details will be issued in due course. There will also be a lecture
about last years excavation on April 10th at the British Museum (see Conferences,
this Bulletin).

EASTER EXCAVATION AT THE MEDIEVAL PALACE OF TEYNHAM
Kent Archaeological Field School
18th- 27th April 2003
Our fourth season at the Archbishop of Canterbury’s summer palace will concentrate
on excavating the kitchen areas and middens of the manor house and the newly
discovered buildings close to the church and farm. We will also survey and excavate
parts of the medieval, and possibly even Roman, harbour. Beginners should book for
the first five days, experienced students may choose any days.
Fees: £35 per day
For further information contact the Field School at School Farm Oast, Graveney
Road, Faversham, Kent ME 13 8UP, Tel: 01795 532548 or 07885 700 112 (mobile),
email info@kafs.co.uk Website: www.kafs.co.uk
CONFERENCES

RECENT WORK IN PALAEOLITHIC AND MESOLITHIC STUDIES

Stevenson Lecture Theatre, British Museum
10th and 11th April 2003

Thursday 10th April

10am  The Earliest Human Presence in Britain – Current State of the Evidence
       John Wymer

10.20  Mapping Raised Beach Deposits in West Sussex – Implications for
       Palaeolithic Research  Mark Roberts and Matt Pope

10.40  Recent Work at Hoxne  Nick Ashton, Simon Lewis and Simon Parfitt

11.00  Questions

11.10  Coffee

11.40  The Lower Palaeolithic Site at Lower Kingswood, Surrey  Peter Harp

12.10  The Beeches Pit Bifaces  John Gowlett

12.30  Dunbridge: A Reassessment of Secondary Context Assemblages
       Jenni Chambers

12.50  Questions

1.00   Lunch

2.30   Priory Bay, Isle of Wight: Recent Research  Francis Wenban-Smith

2.50   Luminescence Dating: Recent Advances, New Results  Ed Rhodes

3.10   Questions

3.20   Tea

3.50   Late Stage 8 OSL Dates: Implications for Lower Palaeolithic
       Geoarchaeology at Broom  Rob Hosfield, Jenni Chambers, P Toms and
       Chris Green

4.10   The Levallois Debitage Site of Sains-en-Amienois, Somme, France
       Agnes Lamotte

4.30-40 Questions and Close

Friday 11th April

10am   A Late Middle Palaeolithic Site at Lynford, Norfolk  Nigel Larkin

10.20  The Lynford Flint Assemblage  Mark White

10.40  Coygan-type Handaxes  Roger Jacobi

10.50  Questions

11.00  Coffee

11.30  Leaf Points and Landscape in the Middle Palaeolithic of the Altmuhl
       Valley, Bavaria  Terry Hopkinson

11.50  Early Upper Palaeolithic Finds from Heathrow  John Lewis

12.10  Radiocarbon Chronology and Late Glacial Expansion in Western
       Europe  Clive Gamble, William Davies, Paul Pettit and Martin Richards

12.30  Recent Work on the Collections from Gough’s Cave, Cheddar
       Roger Jacobi

12.50  Questions

1.00   Lunch

2.10   Early Mesolithic Environmental Impact in the Kennet Valley
       Catherine Chisman

2.30   Cultural Formation and Natural Transformation Processes on a
       Mesolithic Site in South-east Surrey  Nick Branch and Rob Poulton

2.50   Mesolithic Settlement at Howick, Northumberland  Clive Waddington

3.10   Questions

3.20   Tea
3.50 Excavations at the Early Mesolithic Site of Burry Holms
   Elizabeth Walker
4.10 The Ardmillan Bay Project: Mesolithic Settlement and Environment in Strangford Lough, Co. Down Thomas McErlean and Sinead McCartan
4.30-40 Questions and Close

Cost: £17.50 per day, both days £25; £25 per day with lunch, £40 both days with lunches.

Ticket enquiries to Nick Ashton, British Museum, Franks House, 56 Orsman Road, London N1 5QJ.

NB: Note that Peter Harp of Plateau is speaking on the Thursday, and Rob Poulton on the Friday.

RECREATING AND PRESENTING OUR ARCHAEOLOGICAL PAST
Crofton Halls, Orpington
Saturday 5th April 2003

A one-day conference organised by COUNCIL FOR KENTISH ARCHAEOLOGY.

Representation – Bringing the Iron Age to Life Christine and Joseph Toomey and Carol Wigley of the Cantiaci Iron Age Living History
Roman Britain for all Ages at the British Museum Sam Moorhead and Katherine Wiltshire of the BM
Presenting Roman Kent to the Public Brian Philp of the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

Tickets: £3, available from CKA, 7 Sandy Ridge, Borough Green, Kent TN15 8HP. Cheques payable to CKA, s.a.e. please.
Crofton Roman villa will be open especially for conference goers from 11am to 12.30pm. Entrance 80p, concessions 50p.

CROSSINGS – THE PREHISTORY OF THE CHANNEL REGION
University of Sussex, Brighton
Saturday 20th September 2003

This conference, held jointly by the Lithics Studies Society and Sussex Archaeological Society, will review the development and significance of the English Channel throughout prehistory as a topographic and cultural boundary. Speakers will consider the archaeology of south-east England and European coastal regions, from the initial colonisation of Britain prior to the formation of the Channel half a million years ago, through to patterns of established cross-channel contact in later prehistory.

Speakers will include Mark Roberts, Mark White, Nick Barton, Alastair Whittle, Julie Gardiner, Peter Clark and Sue Hamilton.

Application forms available from the Membership Secretary, Sussex Archaeological Society, Barbican House, 169 High Street, Lewes BN7 1YE (s.a.e. requested), or download information from www.sussexpast.co.uk or www.britarch.ac.uk/lithics

LECTURE SERIES

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT: Aspects of Traditional Building
Upper Hall, Shalford Village Halls, Shalford, Guildford
1st May to 29th May 2003

Surrey has a large number of buildings built using locally available materials by local craftsmen using methods and designs that are traditional to the area. The study of
Vernacular Architecture plays an important part in understanding the past but also in planning the future. The speakers in this series of five lectures are experts on the history of buildings and building techniques in Surrey.

Thursday 1st May  
**Developments in Vernacular Architecture**
Sarah Pearson. Vernacular Architecture Group

Thursday 8th May  
**The Materials with which Jack Built**
Martin Higgins, Historic Buildings Officer, Surrey County Council

Thursday 15th May  
**From Timber to Brick**
George Howard, Domestic Buildings Research Group

Thursday 22nd May  
**Special Purpose Buildings** (church houses, manorial courts etc)
Peter Youngs, Domestic Buildings Research Group

Thursday 29th May  
**The Future of Vernacular Architecture**
Nigel Barker, English Heritage

Tickets: £4 for each lecture, or £18 for the series of five, to be ordered in advance. Each lecture begins at 7.30 for 8pm on Thursday evenings. Tea and coffee will be available before each lecture.

Shalford Village Halls and car park are situated on the south side of Kings Road, A248, just 400m to the east of the junction with the A281 Guildford to Horsham road (TQ005469). The Upper Hall is a new building designed for lectures and similar meetings.

**LECTURE MEETINGS**

12th March
"Windlesham – A Village In View" by Mary Bennett to the Surrey Heath Local History Club at the Adult Education Centre, France Hill Drive, Camberley at 7.30pm.

13th March
"The Watercress Line" by Dave Yaldren to the Farnham & District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

14th March
"London before Londinium" by Jon Cotton to the Richmond Archaeology Society at the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8 pm.

15th March
"The Medieval Tiles of Chertsey Abbey" by Victor Spink to the Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3pm.

18th March
"Comparing Dictatorships: Germany under Hitler and the USSR under Stalin" by Prof Richard Overy to the West Surrey Branch of the Ristorical Association at the Friends’ Meeting House, Ward Street, Guildford at 7.30 pm. Non-members £2.

19th March
"The History of Guildford Castle" by Mary Alexander, to the Send & Ripley History Society at Ripley Village Hall at 8 pm.

20th March
"The Curtis Family of Alton" by Tony Cross to the Farnham & District Museum Society at the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

25th March
"Recent Local Archaeological and Historical Work" by various speakers to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road, opposite Lambeth North underground station, at 7.30 pm (light refreshments from 7). Visitors welcome £1.
2nd April
“Ashtead: Village to Suburb” by Alan Jackson to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary’s Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8pm. Visitors £1.

3rd April
“Old Slides of Sunbury” by Colin Squire to the Spelthorne Archaeological Field Group and Friends of Spelthorne Museum, at Staines Methodist Church, Thames Street, at 8pm. Visitors £1.

5th April
“Hidden Gardens in the City of London” by John Garrod to the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society at Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 3pm.

7th April
“Vaughan Williams and his connections with Dorking” by Tony Richardson to the Woking History Society at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford at 8 pm. Visitors most welcome £2. For further information contact Geoffrey Hancock, Tel: 01483 763600.

8th April
“Wow! We’ve written a book!” by Julie Wileman and Paul Hill to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Lower Hall of the Friends’ Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames at 8 pm.

11th April
“Archaeology and Ethnicity in the Land of the Midnight Sun” by Dr Ingegerd Holand, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage to the Richmond Archaeological Society at the Vestry Hall, Oasis Road, Richmond at 8 pm.

12th April
“The Story of Claremont – The Houses, the People, the Estate” by Christine Dall to the Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3pm.

14th April
“Kew’s Other Gardens – The Story of the Market Gardeners of Kew! By David Blomfield to the Richmond Local History Society at Meadows Hall, Church Road, Richmond at 8 pm (coffee from 7.30 pm). Non-members £1. Further information from Elizabeth Velluet, Tel: 020 8891 3825.

15th April
“Highwaymen of Hounslow Heath” by Andrea Cameron to the Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society in the Theater at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton at 8pm. Visitors £1.

16th April
“Syon House” by Andrea Cameron to the Send & Ripley History Society at Ripley Village Hall at 8 pm.

22nd April
“Excavations at 20-30 Gresham Street – including a Roman Water Lift” by Ian Blair to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road, opposite Lambeth North underground station, at 7.30 pm (light refreshments from 7). Visitors welcome £1.

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