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Gill Drew, retiring Hon. Librarian, receives a painting of Castle Arch from the President, Audrey Monk.

MAMMOTH TUSK FROM FARNHAM

David Graham

The manager of the Hanson sandpit at Badshot Lea, just east of Farnham, has recently reported the discovery of a well-preserved mammoth tusk to the town museum.

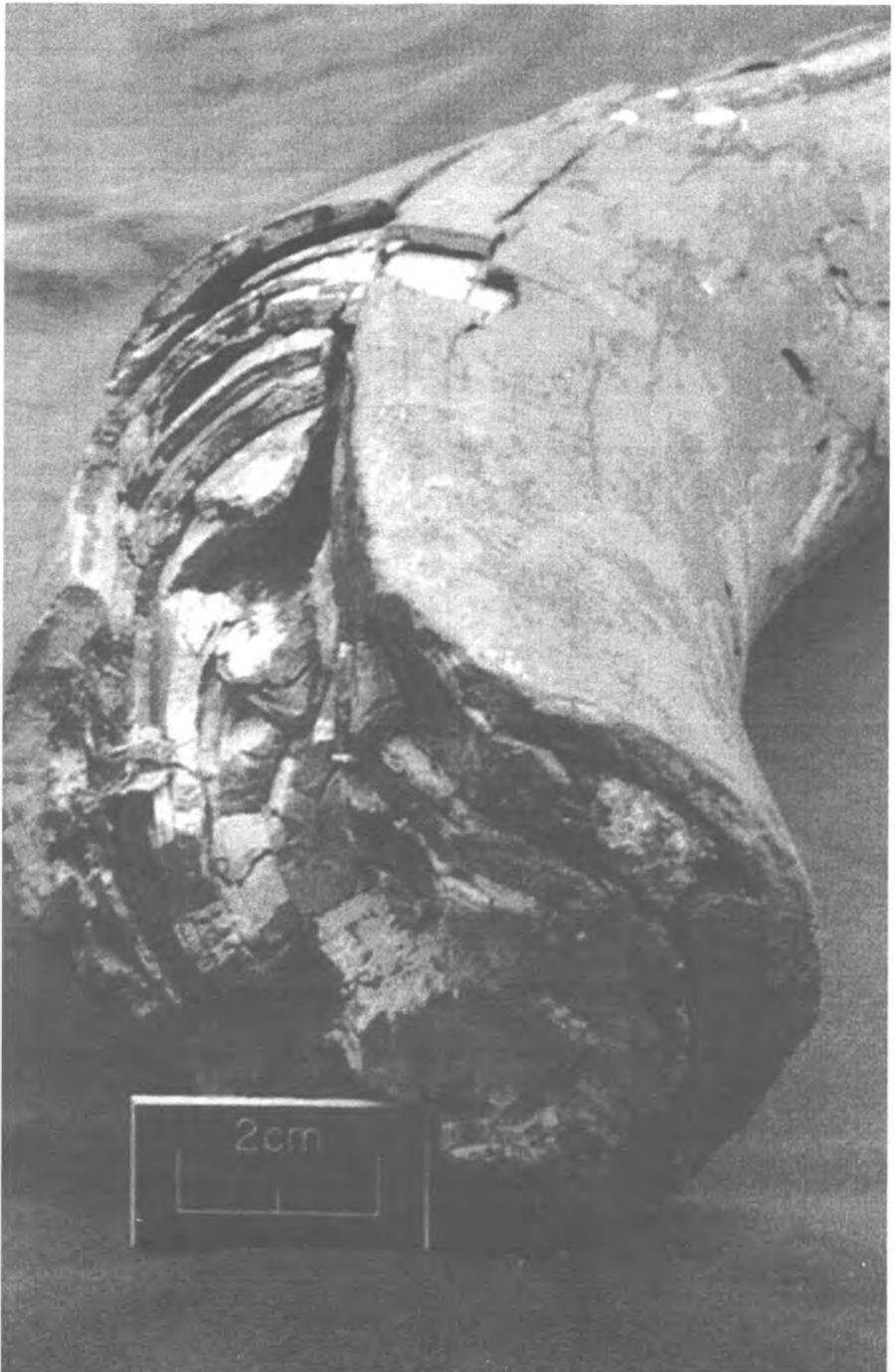
Finds of mammoth tusks, teeth and bones, and the teeth of woolly rhino and of other extinct species that bear witness to a cold climate are, or were, quite common from the river gravels of Terrace D, one of a series of terraces long recognised in this part of the Wey valley. These gravels survive in parallel strips lying either side of the River Wey and form the ground on which Farnham is built to the north of the river. The southern part of the terrace was extensively quarried in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when quantities of mammoth and woolly rhino remains were recovered and reported in the 1939 SyAS publication *A Survey of the Prehistory of the Farnham District*.



Mammoth tusk from Badshot Lea

While most of the gravels are now built over, they do extend some distance to the north-east and south-west of the urban area and it is from this extension that the latest find has come. While the date of the latest tusk is still uncertain, a similar find from the Alton Road pit to the south-west of the town in the 1980s, was radiocarbon dated to 36,600 +/- 2400/1800bp (though a TL date was somewhat earlier).

While further finds are by no means unlikely, the majority of the terrace gravels are now inaccessible and perhaps the great days of mammoth and woolly rhino hunting in Farnham are over.



Mammoth tusk section from Badshot Lea

COUNCIL NEWS

AGM

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archaeological Society will be held at 2pm on Saturday 26th November 2005 at Carew Manor School, Church Road, Wallington.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To read, and if approved, to sign as correct the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 20th November 2004.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Auditors' Report for the year to 31st March 2005 and, if approved, to adopt them.
4. To elect the President for 2005-2006.
5. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents for 2005-2006.
6. To elect Vice-Presidents for 2005-2006.
7. To elect Honorary Officers for 2005-2006.
8. To elect six Ordinary Members of Council to retire in 2009 under Article 21a.
9. To appoint Auditors for 2005-2006 and to authorise Council to determine their remuneration.
10. Any other business.

(NOTE: Nominations should be sent to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days before the meeting. Nominees under Item 8 should be ordinary members of the Incorporated Society and their nominations must be accompanied by a signed statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. All nominations require a Proposer and Seconder, who must be members of the Incorporated Society. Institutional Members are not eligible for election to Council).

JULY 2005 COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of Council at Ashted on 15th July 2005 was more than usually important. The main item on the agenda was the future management of the Society's substantial investments, which provide the major part of its income. The firm that previously managed the Society's portfolio had given notice that it could no longer do so and papers before Council set out an Investment Policy for the Society and made proposals for the appointment of a new manager. The aim is to ensure that the investments continue to provide the income required whilst at the same time, subject to the market, showing capital growth.

These are issues vital for the future of the Society and Council approved a proposal that the bulk of the investments should in future be managed by the Charity Investment Services Division of the HSBC Bank. The Society may, however, in the not too distant future be faced with the need for major capital expenditure on new accommodation for its library and offices, whether at Guildford or elsewhere. The balance of the investments will therefore be deposited in an account with the Charity Aid Foundation from which funds can be withdrawn, if required, at short notice.

Before these issues were discussed the President opened the meeting by recording, with regret, the death of Ernest Crossland, a long-standing Honorary Member of the Society, and the sudden and tragic death of Chris Currie, an archaeologist with whom members of the Society have worked on a number of projects. On a happier note, Gillian Drew, the Honorary Librarian who is resigning following her marriage, was presented with a cheque, with the good wishes of Council for her future (see front page photo).

The Honorary Treasurer presented the draft annual accounts for 2004/5. In this connection the Honorary Secretary reported that the Society's AGM, to which all members of the Society are invited, will be held at the Carew Manor School, Wallington on 26th November 2005. Further details will be given in a future *Bulletin* report.

Various other matters were discussed during a lengthy meeting, including a report on the very successful events marking the 150th anniversary. The present membership of the Society was reported as 946.

NEW MEMBERS

Susan Janaway

A warm welcome to our new members. I have again included principal archaeological interests where they have been given on the membership application form. I hope this will be useful for the Society's Local Secretaries and Committee Chairmen.

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| Allen, Miss S | 68 Pollards Oak Crescent, Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 0JQ | Everything! |
| Bailey, Ms C | 25 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CRO 2UD | History of Croydon, Landscape and Industrial Archaeology |
| Bryson, Bob | 24 Rodney Way, Boxgrove Park, Guildford, GU1 2NY | Industrial Archaeology |
| Clark, Ms A | Belmont, Maidstone Road, Hadlow, Kent TH11 0HR | |
| Costenbarder, Mrs M | 18 West Drive, Cheam, SM2 7NA | |
| Eyre, Mr R | 63 George Road, Guildford, GU1 4NR | Roman architecture and technologies |
| Fauconnier-Bank, Miss E | 6 Lime Tree Walk, Virginia Park, Virginia Water, GU25 4SW | Local History of Virginia Water |
| Favell, Mr A | 32 Chester Close, Dorking, RH4 1PP | Roman Archaeology |
| Greenwood, Dr P | 7 Coalecroft Road, Putney, London SW15 6LW | Prehistoric and Roman periods |
| McNeill, Ms H | Woodcote, Chertsey Meads, Chertsey, KT16 8LL | Anglo-Saxon grave goods and cemetaries. Portable Antiquities Scheme |
| Payne, Mr A | 14 Melrose Avenue, London SW19 8BY | The Classical World, particularly Imperial Rome |
| Pegram, Mrs E | 62 Dinorben Close, Fleet, Hants GU52 7SJ | Lower Palaeolithic |
| Simmons, Miss R | 1 Forman Cottages, Harpers Road, Ash, GU12 6DA | The Cistercians at Waverley Abbey and in Surrey general |
| Smith, Mr M | 18 Baird Drive, Guildford, GU3 3EF | |
| Swallow, Miss F | 32 Long Mickle, Sandhurst Berkshire GU47 8QW | Zooarchaeology |
| Wedgwood, Sir Hugo Martin | Pixham Mill, Pixham Lane, Dorking, RH4 1PQ | |
| Wiltshire, Mr M | 49 Molesworth Road, Cobham, KT11 1BA | Roman Studies, Roads/Religion, Public Archaeology/Interpretation |
| Wright, Mr H | Caesar's Cottage, Camp End Road, Weybridge, KT13 0NR | St George's Hill Iron Age Fort |
| Wyatt, Mr J | Coombeside, Upper Street, There, GU5 9JA | Palaeolithic to Neolithic and Roman History |

**2005/6 WINTER TALKS**

- 4th October **Mithraic Ritual and the Use of "Special Effects"** *Joanna Bird* and the AGM
- 1st November **The Roman Cemeteries of London** *Jenny Hall*
- 6th December **Roman Gold-Mining in North-West Spain and Wales** *David Bird*
- 3rd January **Roman Heating, Hypocaust and Roofing Tiles** *Ian Betts*
- 7th February **Eye Medicine in the Roman Empire** *Ralph Jackson*
- 7th March **How the Portable Antiquities Scheme is adding to our Knowledge of Roman Surrey** *David Williams*

This is a varied series of talks given by experts in their field and anyone with an interest in the Roman period is urged to attend. All talks will be in Dorking, usually at the Christian Centre next to the parish church, starting at 7.30pm. There is a small entry charge for non-Group members. Ralph Jackson's talk on 7th February is intended for a wider audience and the location will be advertised in due course.

OTHER NEWS

The Group is developing a programme of wider activities through its sub-groups. This includes work on finds from poorly reported past excavations, collating earlier work on Roman roads and carrying out test excavations, and preparing for work that will improve the understanding and management of some of Surrey's important Roman sites.

NEW MEMBERS

Members of the Society interested in the Roman period are welcome to join the Group, which has an annual subscription of £5. This entitles you to take part in Group activities and attend the talks. You could also join one of the three sub-groups on Roman settlements, roads or villas. If you are interested contact either Alan Hall, Secretary, 24 Windfield, Epsom Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8UG, or Frank Pemberton, Treasurer, 347a Ivydale Road, Nunhead, London SE15 3ED (subscriptions payable to Roman Studies Group).

SURREY INDUSTRIAL HISTORY GROUP

FARNHAM POTTERY RECEIVES CONSERVATION AWARD *Alan Thomas*

The 2005 Conservation Award of the Surrey Industrial Group has been presented to the Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust for the restoration of the kiln and associated buildings of the Farnham Pottery at Wrecclesham. The award was commemorated by the presentation of a plaque, at a ceremony on 16th July, to Mr David Graham (Chairman, Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust) by Prof Alan Crocker (President, Surrey Industrial History Group).

The Trust purchased the Pottery, including the one remaining kiln, in 1998 from the Harris family who had owned it since 1872. Since then the kiln and its surrounding building have been restored and accommodation created for the craft group the West Street Potters. Much work remains to be done to restore and convert the other buildings to provide accommodation for craft activities.



This kiln is a rare, possibly unique, survival of a type of kiln similar to the medieval pattern, without the enveloping brick structure found in Staffordshire brick kilns. The other buildings are constructed of bricks and tiles made in the pottery itself, and although strictly utilitarian show ingenuity in making use of the materials at hand at a particular time, including those surplus to customers' orders. The restoration preserves a rare example of a Victorian country pottery.

For further details see www.farnhamtrust.org.uk or contact Denise Todd on denise.todd@btopenworld.com or 01252 715807.

The Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust (Registered Charity no. 940781) was founded in 1968 and has restored a number of buildings in the town. The restoration of the Farnham Pottery is its largest project, and will take a number of years to complete. For further details, contact as above.

25th ANNIVERSARY MEETING: A REMINDER

The 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Surrey Industrial History Group will take place on Saturday 8th October at the Dorking Christian Centre, Church Street, Dorking. There is no charge for attendance at the meeting, details of which, including speakers, were circulated with *Bulletin 386*. Further information, if required, may be obtained from David Evans, Tel. 01483 833023 or email sihg.letter@ntlworld.com.

SURREY HISTORY CENTRE

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

*Maggie Vaughan-Lewis
County Archivist*

The third occasional update on what is happening in the world of online archives.

HELP WITH OLD HANDWRITING

Wonderful sites now exist to teach yourself palaeography. TNA's website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk has a splendid interactive tutorial for 1500-1800 scripts plus date explanations and tips. Click on *Research, education and online exhibitions*, then on *Research Guides*, then on *In-depth-Learning Guides* and choose the palaeography tutorial.

For help with Scottish writing try www.scottishhandwriting.com which the Scottish Archive Network has devised to help with Stuart and Hanoverian periods. It's updated weekly with new tests to keep you on your toes (or fingers!)

If you're keen to do some mediaeval (from 600AD) and have some Latin try Dr Tillotson's entertaining and informative site www.medievalwriting.50megs.com. She has an excellent reminder about respecting the copyright of website material and of the images of texts which she (and others) have been allowed to use by the British Library and The National Archives.

INTERESTED IN INCLOSURE?

The new Parliamentary Archives (the old House of Lords Record Office) website, www.portcullis.parliament.uk, gives a quick way of checking the date of the act for your local parliamentary inclosure (assuming your parish had one). Just type in the place name (not lower than parish level or manor if large) and see what comes up. Remember that the date of the Act will often pre-date the inclosure itself by several years—in the case of Kingston about 30 years! Lots of other fascinating information comes up as well. It's great for trade and industry—I put in "tanning" and "tanners" found all the acts relating to that business. Leather, though, also finds all the library book descriptions ("leather-bound" etc) as well!

KINGSTON

The Kingston University site www.localhistory.kingston.ac.uk now has the LifeCycles database online. A fantastic example of what can be achieved (over many years of labour-intensive inputting) by entering a variety of 19th century sources for one area. To see it click on *Search the records*.

(Remember if you do not succeed in viewing the address given, try the main part only – the part before the /. This takes you to the home page and is usually successful. Then work through the site to find the page you wanted.)

www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice

MISCELLANY

FARTHING DOWN

Amy Gray Jones and Barry Taylor

This year we have undertaken the first stage of a project to understand the history of settlement and land use on Farthing Down. The Down itself is a steep sided chalk ridge that overlooks the modern settlement at Coulsdon. Along its length the banks of a late Iron Age and early Roman enclosure system, with a central

track or driveway, still survive as earthworks and two discrete Anglo-Saxon barrow cemeteries lie on top of these in both the centre and the north of the site.

The Anglo-Saxon archaeology of the Down is relatively well known. All sixteen of the barrows were excavated in 1871 by John Wickham Flower and again in the 1940s by Brian Hope-Taylor who discovered a number of satellite burials around at least one of the barrow groups. Less well known is the earlier system of enclosures, dating for which is based largely upon residual late Iron Age and Roman pottery and a handful of features recorded by Hope-Taylor in the course of his investigations. Unfortunately Hope-Taylor died before he was able to publish fully the results of his work on Farthing Down.

The aim of this project, undertaken by staff from MoLAS and English Heritage, is to bring together the results of all the previous investigations and observations from the area and to undertake a series of surveys and excavations to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the site. Our first task was to recover Brian Hope-Taylor's excavation archive which we achieved with financial assistance from the Corporation of London. Using some information from his notes we targeted a series of trenches across some of the earthworks in the north of the site in order to determine the nature of the surviving archaeology and to help develop a strategy for investigating larger areas in future.

Excavation of one of the enclosure boundaries showed that it had been constructed by scraping up loose chalk into a bank along a natural ridge which may have been consolidated and heightened by laying turves over the top. The eastern side of the driveway was constructed in a similar manner whilst along the western side a ditch had been dug and material cast up to form a more substantial bank. Unfortunately no finds were recovered from these features but an unexpected discovery was the remains of cart ruts which ran along the alignment of the driveway.

The Anglo-Saxon barrows appear to have been built up in much the same way. In the one barrow that was excavated a grave had been cut into a natural rise in the chalk and covered with a mound of loose chalk rubble which was then topped with turf. It is possible that this rubble was robbed from the earlier enclosure boundaries as these are much lower in the vicinity of the barrows.

In two of the barrows the nineteenth century excavation trench was located and re-excavated in the hope of finding the human remains that Wickham Flower was thought to have reinterred. Although no complete skeletons were found some disarticulated bone was discovered in both trenches.

Now this phase of the project has been completed our next objective is to produce a single report on the Anglo-Saxon burials using radiocarbon dating of the material from the 2005 excavations and from Hope-Taylor's archive along with a reassessment of the known finds to establish a firmer chronology of the funerary activity on the site. We will also undertake a programme of topographic survey and remote sensing to develop a better understanding of the Iron Age and Roman activity associated with the enclosure system ahead of a more extensive excavation next year.

This project has been supported financially by the Corporation of London and English Heritage – London Region, and with the agreement and support of English Nature. We are particularly grateful to the members of the Corporation of London Open Spaces Department for all their assistance and encouragement and to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to undertake the excavations.

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SOME PHOTOS FROM NORTH PARK FARM, BLETCHINGLEY

I've been too busy on site to prepare a second field report (see *Bulletin 386* for the first), but below are a few photos of some of us on Press Day, when the heavens opened and we were besieged by reporters, photographers, councillors and other local worthies. Thanks to the Surrey Mirror for being able to reproduce them.



Trainees Clara Lowry and Holly Durant sieving the soils from the site, looking for microliths, amongst other things



That's me, the site director, under interrogation from the Surrey Mirror reporters



Trainee Lisa Brundle studying sieved material from a buried soil at North Park Farm



Trainees Ailsa Johnson and Katie Squire cleaning the causeway found on site

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY *Peter Tarplee*

This society was formed in 1946 when a small group met to form a local history society with the backing of the Leatherhead & District Countryside Protection Society. The intention was to research the history of the Leatherhead Urban District and to publish their findings. Of the original members the only survivor is Stephen Fortescue who was for many years legal advisor to Surrey Archaeological Society and is a vice-president of the society. I am grateful to Stephen for much of the early history of the society as recorded in his article in *L&DLHS Proceedings* Volume 5, No 9.

The first chairman of L&DLHS was A W G Lowther, also a prominent member of the Surrey Archaeology Society, who had been responsible for the excavation of the Roman Villa on Ashted Common in 1926. Lowther arranged for the Leatherhead society to carry out a number of archaeological excavations but groups were also researching historical records, architecture, buildings and surveying, photography and cartography, natural history and arts, crafts, folklore and dialect.

After a few years these groups were discontinued, but the society continued to have a wide range of activities, including what early copies of our *Proceedings* refer to as 'lantern lectures'. We still hold lecture meetings in Letherhead Institute on the final Friday of each month from September to May, details of which are publicised in the *Bulletin*. The society has published books on the history of Ashted, Fetcham, Headley and Bookham, as well as books of archive photographs of Leatherhead and Bookham & Fetcham and smaller publications on specific subjects such as the Swan Hotel and Brewery. Stephen Fortescue has also produced books on the history of Bookham and Denbies. Most of these books are still available either from the museum shop or the sales secretary at 64, Church Street, Leatherhead.

Members have access to the society's library as well as its collection of historical documents and they receive a quarterly *Newsletter* and an annual *Proceedings* which contains articles of local historical interest by members and others and which forms a useful resource for research, a complete set of which is in the Library at Castle Arch.

A major activity of the L&DLHS is the running of Leatherhead Museum. This is housed in a small 17th century cottage in Church Street which opened in October 1980 after considerable renovation by society members. The museum is open on Thursday and Friday afternoons and all day Saturday and contains displays relating to the social history of the Leatherhead area, archaeological activity and industries of the locality, especially of Ashted pottery and Ronson and Goblin products. We have an active body of *Friends of Leatherhead Museum*, most of whom are also members of L&DLHS, who provide stewards and operate the museum shop during its opening times, as well as raise funds for improvements to our facilities. In 2005 we will be celebrating the museum's silver jubilee and there will be many special activities through the year. Anyone with an interest in the history of Ashted, Bookham, Fetcham, Leatherhead or Headley and their surroundings is invited to visit the museum, but you should bear in mind that we are closed between December and April.

NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK AT LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

David Hartley

A combination of good weather and the fact that Leatherhead Museum was open for three whole days from the 21st to the 23rd July, contributed in part to the success of this event. This was the first year that the Leatherhead & District Local History Society and the Leatherhead Museum had participated in marking this event, which

was sponsored and promoted by the Council for British Archaeology, and supported by English Heritage. We had 92 visitors to the museum including 25 children.

The museum curator, Graham Evans, delved into the store to recover artefacts that would provide an archaeological theme to the window display and make space for a large reconstructed pot from the Pachenesham site known as The Mounts.

David Hartley, the archaeology secretary, also prepared several themed presentations to exhibit and demonstrate human ingenuity and technology. The first, 'Man the Tool-Maker' illustrated early flint tools and was accompanied by a video demonstration by John Lord, one of this country's leading flint-knappers, who started with a large flint nodule from which he selected a large flake that he further reduced to a fine barbed and tanged arrowhead worthy of our ancestors.

Other demonstration boards reflected some of the Roman villa types and their mosaic floors that have been found in Surrey, together with known bath-houses with their under-floor heating and box flue tiles that provided ducted heating.

The villa and tile works on Ashted Common and the tile kiln sites at Horton and Wykehurst Farm were singled out as examples of Roman manufacturing, producing a range of building materials used in the construction of local villas and bath-houses. Examples of these products were found during the excavation of these sites in the last century by AWG Lowther and other archaeologists. A practical demonstration was also given by David Hartley, showing the use of patterned rollers and dies, replicating some of the original box flue patterns identified by Lowther. Several children had the opportunity to use these rollers and dies for themselves, especially the famous 'dog and stag' pattern, and they were able to take their samples home.

A special I-Spy picture quiz was compiled specifically for children aged 5-12 years visiting the exhibition. It involved the identification of pictures of exhibits and artifacts displayed in the museum and there were prizes of £5 book tokens for each of the first three winners and correct entries drawn from a hat; the winners have yet to be notified.

Some children had the opportunity to practice Roman writing and numerals on pre-prepared beeswax writing tablets in the Roman manner. Others used dipping pens with the old-fashioned nibs and black ink to write on since no papyrus was available. Two bright scholars – a girl and a boy on different days – demonstrated their knowledge of the Latin they had learnt at school. Both spoke fluently and one wrote a Latin text in the Roman way on one of the wax tablets.

On the Saturday, to conclude the event, we all had the opportunity to sample some pre-prepared recipes for Roman food which involved the considerable use of honey and an anchovy sauce as a substitute for a rather lethal fish stock known as garum.

Our menu comprised:

Gustatio – Conditum paradoxum (spiced wine)

Sala Cattabia (bread and chicken salad)

Honeyed mushrooms

Epityrum or Olive relish

Celery Puree

Savoury Cheesecake

Sweet Cheesecake

Finally, we all had the opportunity to meet Justine Monson, a well-known potter, who gave us a demonstration of wheel-thrown pots, having produced in advance, for our exhibition, a copy of a Roman funerary jar, based on an original design with a

humorous face, together with a wine flagon. It is hoped that both pots will be put on show at the museum, following firing, later in the year, together with a replica of a box flue tile demonstrated at this event. Several children were also given the opportunity to raise a pot on the wheel with guidance and assistance from Justine.

To all our guests and visitors, those stewards on duty on the three open days and to all members of L&DLHS and the Friends of Leatherhead Museum who encouraged and supported this event, I would like to thank you one and all.

From the August 2005 Newsletter of the Leatherhead and District Local History Society with many thanks.

ROMAN SCEPTRE HANDLE FOUND AT GODSTONE

A small sceptre handle has been found by David Hunt whilst undertaking a metal detector survey. He reported the find to David Williams, the county's Finds Liaison Officer under the Portable Antiquities Scheme. This is a rare item, comparable to the regalia found at Wanborough in the west of the county. Mr Hunt has donated the item to the society, and the President has written to thank him on behalf of members.

EDITOR'S NOTES

CHANGES TO BULLETIN COPY DATES

Council has requested some alterations in the timing of the last few Bulletins this year. They will now be as follows:

BULLETIN 388: copy date 7th October

BULLETIN 389: copy date 11th November

BULLETIN 390: copy date 16th December

BULLETIN 391: copy date 20th January

EMBEDDED PICTURES

I am being overwhelmed with the complexities involved in unscrambling pictures from text in emailed contributions. They overwhelm the capacity of my wee laptop, and, quite often, it is impossible to separate them. In other words, I can't edit them. In future will contributors please send text and pictures on separate attachments to Maureen or myself.

PUBLICATIONS

"A MEDIEVAL ROYAL COMPLEX AT GUILDFORD Excavations at the Castle and Palace" by Rob Poulton

A4, xiv + 155pp (plus index), 79 illustrations including 20 in colour.

This is a detailed report on the 1990-4 excavations at the medieval royal castle and palace at Guildford, Surrey. It includes an account of all archaeological work there from 1887 to 2000 and a summary of its extensive documentary history. The 1990s work showed the small size of the original castle bailey, and revealed how its expansion caused an early 13th century tile kiln to be covered over and survive in an

unusually complete state. The enlarged bailey provided accommodation for the royal household and family, and the buildings identified included a chamber built for Lord Edward in 1246. Small finds and building materials are described in detail (*as is the pottery, and I should know*); the animal and fish bones give evidence of high-status living, and a new picture of medieval deer hunting practices in England is presented. The entire story of the castle and palace from their origins until the present is set in its local and regional context.

Special price for SyAS members until November 2005: £12 + p&p (£2.50 UK; £4 overseas). Thereafter £14.50 (members); £17 (non-members) + p&p.

Send cheques, payable to Surrey Archaeological Society, to Castle Arch, Guildford, GU1 3SX.

**“Surrey Place-names”
by Gavin Smith. 130 pp.**

£6.95 from good bookshops or the author at 32 Langton Court Rd, Bristol BS4 4EH. £6 to SyAS members (Tel: 0117 977 4252).

The English Place-Name Society’s standard volume on Surrey place-names was published in 1934. Since then there have been various innovatory re-examinations of the data, notably Dodgson’s work on *ingas* (eg. Dorking), Cameron’s on *walh* (eg. Walton on Thames), Gelling’s on *dun* (eg. Wimbledon), and Coates’ on the Celtic linguistic roots of Leatherhead and Merrow. Not until now however, has a comprehensive overview been attempted.

Surrey Place-names draws upon the disciplines of economic history, ecclesiastical history, anthropology and ecology to re-evaluate a wide range of familiar Old English place-name elements. The author being a geographer by training, particular emphasis is laid on the observable distributions of significant elements: notably the *ham*, *dun* and *tun* estate names of north Surrey, *stede* in east Surrey, *ingas* in the south-west half of the county, and *feld*, *wudu* and *falod* in different parts of the Weald. These non-random distributions are related to the shifting political influences of Kent, Wessex and Mercia during the newly literate seventh century. The whole is set within the context of a Celtic-speaking population gradually adopting a new *lingua franca*, assisted in this by a vigorous system of social class, a strong element of Germanic *foedorati* communities (in John Morris’ terms) initially in the Croydon/Mitcham area, and the re-emerging cultural influence of London as an international trading port. The role of the Church and its early bishops and minsters is considered. The result is not a place-name study as we know it, and hopefully will prove of use to both archaeologists and local historians.

Particular insights include Albury as “old minster” relating to a probable former site at Sherbourne Spring (the Silent Pool) of Blackheath Hundred’s sub-minster of Shere, and Croydon (“Britons’ saffron valley”) as a parallel to Saffron Walden an equivalent central-place in the north of the Thames Basin. *Crichefeld* (“Celtic-barrow field”) is proposed as a major pagan cult center associated with a lost barrow at Burstow/Thunderfield/Lowfield Heath in the River Mole flats in the south of Reigate Hundred. This cluster of relict central-place names is recognized as rather typical of Surrey hundreds, though a particularly good example. Send in west Surrey (“sandy place”) is proposed as a direct translation from Celtic, equivalent to the formulations Sanderstead, Sandown, Santon in east Surrey whose linguistic dates probably straddle that of Send. Englishification is seen as proceeding by a series of irregular waves across the county; underneath, many of the organizational forms of the Iron Age are still discernable. The author welcomes scholarly comment.

Your first comment comes from the editor of this Bulletin, and it is this – why no bibliography?

COURSES

DISCOVERING LONDON'S LOCAL HISTORY

Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road

Wednesdays 2-4pm.

Tutor: Brian Bloice

Topics to include Wandsworth, Putney, Battersea, Richmond, Streatham, the Crystal Palace, Great Exhibitions, Bloomsbury, William Morris, Hampstead, Highgate, London's architecture.

For enquiries Tel: 020 7928 8501

WEA FETCHAM & BOOKHAM

Letherhead Institute

SOME SIGNIFICANT AVIATION MILESTONES

Thursdays, 29th September to 8th December, 10am-noon

Gordon Knowles will be tutoring ten lectures, to include the Wright brothers, Cody and Farnborough, Sopwith, Hawker & Vickers at Brooklands, the de Havilland Dragon Rapide, Supermarine and the Schneider Trophy, Shorts of Rochester, the Tri-Motors and Concorde.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

12th January to 23rd March

Gordon Knowles will be tutoring ten lectures to include Cornish clay and copper mining, Yorkshire alum, Kent copperas, Welsh slate, coal, mineral and precious metals mining in Spitzbergen, gunpowder manufacture at Chilworth and Ardeer and iron and steel in the Ruhr.

For further details of both courses contact Joy Tapping, Tel: 01372 457259.

CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

ON THE ROAD IN SURREY

Surrey Local History Committee

Saturday 22nd October 2005

Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Chertsey

10.30am Coffee

10.55 Morning session chaired by *Alan Crocker*, Chairman Surrey Local History Committee

11.00 **Roman Transport in Surrey** *David Bird*, Principal Archaeologist Surrey County Council

11.45 **On Horseback** *Peter Edwards*, Roehampton University

12.30pm lunch

2.10 Afternoon session chaired by *Derek Renn*, Vice-President SyAS. Presentation of the Gravett Prize for the best local history display.

2.15 **Waggons and Packhorses to London c1680-1840** *Dorian Gerhold*, Wandsworth Historical Society

3.00 **Early Cycling on the Surrey Roads** *Les Bowerman*, Send and Ripley Local History Society

3.45 Tea

- 4.15 **Early Cars in Surrey** *Gordon Knowles*, Surrey Industrial History Group
 5.00 General discussion
 5.30 Close

Tickets: £9 for members, £10 visitors; from Alan Crocker, 6, Burwood Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2SB. Enclose a cheque made payable to Surrey Archaeological Society and send an SAE.

SURREY INDUSTRIAL HISTORY GROUP

25TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Saturday 8th October 2005

Dorking Christian Centre, Church Street

10am Coffee

Morning Session: **THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS** Chairman *Bob Bryson*

10.30am **The Way We Were – Industrial Archaeology Then and Now**
Marilyn Palmer, Chairman Association for Industrial Archaeology

11.15 **SIHG – Successes and Failures** *Alan Crocker*, SIHG President.

12.00 **Looking Forward to the Next 25 Years** Discussion Session

12.30pm Lunch

Afternoon Session: **SOME INDUSTRIES IN SURREY 100 YEARS AGO**
 Chairman to be arranged

2.00 **Public Transport** *Gordon Knowles*

2.45 **Beer and Brewing** *Ken Smith*, Brewery History Society

3.30 Tea (wot! no beer?)

4.00 **Public Utilities** *Peter Tarplee*, SIHG Vice-President

4.45 Summing up

5.00 Close

There is no charge for attendance at the meeting. The Christian Centre is adjacent to St Martin's Church, just north of Dorking High Street. Please use the Mill Lane car park, which is a short walk from the Centre.

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LECTURE SERIES

GUILDFORD MUSEUM

HISTORY AND ARTS WINTER LECTURE SERIES 2005/6

in collaboration with

ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Thursday evening lectures, starting at 7.30pm in the Guildhall

13th October **H G Wells: A Modern Utopia**

To mark the centennial year of publication of H G Wells' book, Professor of History of Political Thought, *Gregory Claeys* will explore the quest for a new concept of leadership amidst growing fears of the inadequacy of existing democratic mechanisms.

3rd November **The Revolutionary Army: Land and Politics in the Fall of the Roman Republic**

Professor of Roman History, *Richard Alston* looks at the reasons behind the fall of the Roman Republic, considering whether it was the farms and villages that fostered revolutionaries, rather than the greed of soldiers.

12th January **The Fourth Crusade**

Reader in Crusading History, *Jonathan Phillips*, will give an account of the motives, ideologies and pressures of the crusaders and their Byzantine opponents in 1204 and look at relevancies and resonances of the crusade in modern times.

2nd February **1453 – The Fall of Constantinople**

Senior Lecturer in Byzantine History, *Jonathan Harris* looks at the transition from the Byzantine to the Ottoman empire marked by the seizure of Constantinople by Ottoman Sultan Mehmed II.

2nd March **The Revolting French: British Attitudes to the 1848 Revolution in France**

Professor of French History, *Pam Pilbeam* considers the extent to which Britain cared about the problems in France and which groups sought to benefit from French support.

30th March **Pre-Raphaelites and their Impact on Italian art in the late 19th century**

Lecturer in Italian and the Visual Arts, *Giuliana Pieri* explores the complex web of Anglo-Italian patrons and the influence of artists such as Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Edward Burne-Jones on their Italian contemporaries.

Tickets: available from Guildford Museum, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3SX, tel. 01483 444750, price per lecture £6 to include a glass of wine, or £5 each for 3, 4 or 5 lectures, £25 for all 6 lectures. 4 seats for the same lecture £20; under 18s £3 for the lecture only. Cheques should be made payable to Guildford Museum, please do not send cash. Please send an SAE for tickets, or they may be collected from the Museum or from the foyer of the Guildhall before the event.

For further information on the lectures and lecturers, visit www.rhul.ac.uk/history/news-and-events/ or www.guildfordmuseum.co.uk

LECTURE MEETINGS

21st September

“The Development of Houses in Send and Ripley” by John Slatford to the Send and Ripley History Society in the Ripley Village Hall Annexe at 8 pm.

24th September

“George Jackson’s Memories of Bramley in the 1850s” an illustrated talk to the Bramley History Society in the Holy Trinity Church Room at 2.30 pm. Members £1; non-members £2.

27th September

“Heady Days: Brewing History and Archaeology” by Mike Bone to Surrey Industrial History Group in Lecture Theatre F, University of Surrey, Guildford, 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

3rd October

“Leonora Tyson: A Streatham Suffragette” by Anne Ward to the Streatham Society Local History Group at Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Road at 8pm.

3rd October

“The History of Mouchel’s West Byfleet” by Ken Bewsey to the Woking History Society at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford at 8 pm. Visitors welcome £2.

4th October

"Recent Archaeological Excavations in the Dorking Area" by who? to the Dorking Local History Group in the Friends' Meeting House, Butter Hill, off South Street, Dorking at 7.30 pm. Visitors £1.

5th October

"Some Recent Studies in Epsom by the Surrey Industrial History Group" by Alan Thomas to the Epsom & Ewell History and Archaeological Society in St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 7.45 for 8 pm.

5th October

"An Appreciation of Vice Admiral Horatio Viscount Nelson, Duke of Bronte" the Evelyn Jowett memorial lecture for 2005 by Pat and Ray Kilsby at St Mary's Church, Church Path, Merton Park at 7.30 pm.

10th October

"How Bargate Stone for the Castle Building came to Guildford?" by Graham Hayes to the Guildford Archaeology and History Group in the Classroom at Guildford Museum at 7.30 pm. Non-members welcome £2. New members of the recently re-launched group are always welcome. Annual subscription £5.

11th October

"Where there's Muck There's Brass – Doulton and the Sanitary Revolution" by John Brown to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at the Housing Co-op Hall, 106 The Cut, almost opposite the Old Vic, at 7.30 pm. Visitors £1.

13th October

"Community Archaeology – The Shoreditch Project" by Faye Simpson to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the United Reformed Church Hall at the corner of Union Street and Eden Street at 7.30 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome £1.50.

13th October

"Farnborough: the Early Days" by Gordon Knowles to Surrey Industrial History Group in Lecture Theatre F, University of Surrey, Guildford, 7.30pm.

19th October

"The Guildford Workhouse" by Helen Davies to the Send and Ripley History Society in the Ripley Village Hall Annexe at 8 pm.

20th October

"Bronze Age Planked Boats" by Chris Hayward to Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust at the Archaeology Centre, Bagshot at 7.30 pm.

22nd October

"The Arts and Crafts Houses of the Surrey Hills" by Nigel Barker to the Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3 pm. Visitors welcome £1.

25th October

"Sir Henry Bessemer" by Denis Smith to the Surrey Industrial History Group in Lecture Theatre F, University of Surrey, Guildford , 7.30 pm.

27th October

"London before London", the annual Coverdale Lecture by Jonathan Cotton to the Farnham & District Museum Society at Farnham College, Morley Road, Farnham at 7 for 7.30 pm. Tickets, £4 F&DMS members; £5 non-members and students free, available from the Museum of Farnham or at the door, space permitting.

2nd November

"Aspects of the Great Western" by Peter Lugg to the Surrey Industrial History Group in Lecture Theatre F, University of Surrey, Guildford , 7.30pm.

2nd November

"The Evolution of the English Manorial System" by J Molyneux Child to the Epsom & Ewell History and Archaeology Society at St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 7.45 for 8 pm.

5th November

"The 400th Anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot" by Desmond Bazley to the Merton Historical Society, following the Annual General Meeting, at Snuff Mill Environmental Centre, Morden Hall Park at 2.30 pm.

6th November

"Hide and Seek" – Children in Archaeology. An illustrated talk by Julie Wileman to the Guildford Archaeology and History Group in the United Reformed Church, Guildford (entrance by the south door; parking behind the church with access from Portsmouth Road) at 7.30 pm. Non-members welcome £2.

7th November

"Roman Surrey" by David Bird to the Woking History Society at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford at 8 pm. Visitors welcome £2.

7th November

"A History of Ballooning in South London" by Giles Camplin to the Streatham Society Local History Group at Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Road at 8pm.

8th November

"Magic Lantern to Multiplex – London and Local Cinema to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at the Housing Co-op Hall, 106 The Cut, almost opposite the Old Vic, at 7.30 pm. Visitors £1.

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