THE PAST AND THE PRESENT: Becky Lambert of SCAU showing visitors part of the North Park Farm, Bletchingley site

Photo: Jane Robertson
TRIAL WORK ON A ROMAN BUILDING COMPLEX AT CHIDDINGFOLD

David Graham

Excavations in the 19th century in a hilltop field at Whitebeech, Chiddingfold uncovered the largest Roman building yet known in Surrey. While nothing was published at the time, the site notes were written up by John and Marian Gower (Cooper et al) and described a long building on an unusual north/south alignment. In 2002 a gridded field survey on the site of the Roman complex gave a strong indication of the position of the buildings, the exact location of which had previously been uncertain, given the standard of the excavation records. While the position of most of the surface material recorded during the survey fitted well with the published plan of the buildings, a separate and distinct scatter of tesserae was noted some 30m to the east of the main north/south building.

In order to test whether this scatter of tesserae, which lay outside the scheduled area, represented a previously unrecorded Roman building or not, a small team from the Society spent two days at the end of August this year opening six small trial trenches over the relevant area. All the trenches produced tesserae from within the plough-soil level, but most were otherwise completely sterile of finds below this level, coming down onto what appeared to be a hardpan layer at a depth of about 45cm. However one trench was more productive in that it revealed, at a depth of about 45cm, a stone-packed post-pit with an internal posthole about 45-50cm in diameter and about 45cm deep. The backfilling of the posthole contained yet more tesserae, a fragment of imbrex and three sherds of grey ware, one of which was typically Roman, possibly from a small beaker, while the other two were much cruder sand-tempered ware and might either have been residual prehistoric or post-Roman in date. The post-pit itself lay imbedded in the edge of a layer of flints which, almost certainly, represents the remains of a floor, though whether internal or external remains uncertain. There is a faint possibility that the hardpan layer and occasional scatter of small flints found in several of the other trenches at a similar depth might also represent a working surface, but the complete lack of finds again makes this uncertain.

The general conclusion from the exercise is that the scatter of tesserae, visible on the surface, does not relate to any underlying building. The fact that the tesserae are, with the exception of the backfill of the posthole, restricted to the plough-soil perhaps indicates that they were re-deposited during the 19th century excavations. Indeed, Cooper mentions discovering 'red tesserae almost by the spade-full' at the north end of his wall GG, which probably lies close to the trial trenches (Cooper et al 1984, 63). While these tesserae were thought at the time not to be related to a building, their discovery may explain the concentration of tesserae now visible in the plough-soil and noted during the 2002 survey.

While too much should not be made of the discovery of one post-pit, it does seem likely that this indicates the presence of a timber building of some substance on the site together with its associated flint floor. This may possibly have been part of an aisled barn, as known from numerous other Roman examples, but the siting here is distinctly odd, being only about 30m from the centre of the eastern face of the main complex. Again the tesserae and imbrex in the backfill, taken together with the pottery, perhaps indicate that the building (?) represented by the post-pit was not contemporary with the main site itself and may have been either slightly earlier, perhaps related to some phase of the buildings works or perhaps, and more likely, later in date. More work would be needed to resolve the issue.

The final trench, the westernmost and therefore nearest to the Roman buildings, revealed a layer of probable building rubble associated with a few sherds of Roman pottery. The trench was not far from a feature (O) recorded as a ‘tank’ in the earlier excavations (Cooper et al 1984, 72) and this would seem to confirm that the position
of the Roman buildings indicated by the 2002 survey, is broadly correct. The trench also indicates that the Roman levels here lie well below the plough-soil and are not being affected by modern agricultural activities.

Thanks are due to Mr Neville Cherriman, the landowner, for giving permission for the trial trenching; to the volunteers from the Society who actually carried out the work; to David Bird of SCC, and Richard Massey and Ann Clark of English Heritage. Finally, and by no means least, to Audrey Monk who very kindly provided choc ices on a hot afternoon.

Reference
Cooper, T S, Gower J L, & Gower M, 1984 The Roman villa at Whitebeech, Chiddingfold: excavations in 1888 and subsequently, Surrey Archaeol Collect, 75, 57-84

TELEGRAPH HILL, CLAYGATE
Rose Hooker
Telegraph Hill, Claygate (TQ 158 647) is an area of open and wooded land surrounded by urbanization, largely owned by Elmbridge Borough Council. Semaphore House (SMR 275) was built by the Admiralty in 1822 as a signal station on the hill and is now in private hands. There are visible earthworks in Hinchley Wood on the hill, which has been designated as an Area of High Archaeological Potential in the Sites and Monuments Records. A team of volunteers from KUTAS, Unisearch and Surrey Archaeological Society have completed the first full survey season of this area.

A 100m wide transect of the hill from south to north has almost been completed and has found slight traces of ridge and furrow, as well as some possible field boundaries, as far as the edge of the scarp slope which has yet to be surveyed. (The 1843 tithe map for Claygate does show that part of the hill to be arable fields.) However, some disturbance of these features has been noted, and in order to gain more information about this and to try to determine if the ridge and furrow overlies any earlier activity in the area, a resistivity survey has been undertaken. A report will be forthcoming when the results have been analysed.

Documentary research has been carried out by members of the team, and summarised by Jo Richards (Bulletin 384). Further documentary research will take place this autumn. The survey will recommence in September when it is planned to measure in the large earthworks of the northern scarp slope. Anyone interested in joining the survey team should ring Chris and Gay Harris on 0208 390 1000 for further information.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
Saturday 25 February 2006, 10-5
Talks will include reports on various projects in the County, including Hawks Hill, Stane Street, Manor Farm and Bletchingley North Park Farm with recent finds. There will be a talk on human presence in the Pleistocene, with particular reference to Surrey, and on the Whittlewood Project, which should inform on our planned Three Parks Project.

As usual, an important part of the day will be the displays of work by groups and individuals and the Margary Award will be made to the best of the amateur displays. Anyone who would like to put on a display who has not already received an invitation should contact Mrs Alison Gaitonde, 7 Ashurst Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5ET, 01737 812646; email gaitonde@ukgateway.net

Tickets will be £10 for non-members of SyAS and on the door, £7.50 in advance to members. Full details and a booking form will be included in the next Bulletin.
SURREY HISTORY CENTRE

SELECTED ACCESSIONS TO REPOSITORIES 2004

Sutton Heritage Service
652: Archives of Watch on Wallington (WoW), 1981-1998 (organisation has ceased to exist)
663: Documents and plans concerning railways in Sutton 1867-1938 deposited by the Railways & Canal Historical Society

Southwark Local Studies Library
Records of the Peckham settlement 1940s-c1989
Records of the Dulwich Forum 20th C
Enrolment registers 1st (London) Cadet Battalion, The Queen’s Royal Regiment (West Surrey), A and B Companies, Southwark 1931-1945, 1948-1955
Further records from Network Rail, re property in Southwark of the London, Chatham & Dover Railway; the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway; the South-Eastern Railway and the Southern Railway 1865-1896, 1909 and 1936
Further records of Club land (the Walworth Methodist Church) 20th C

Kingston upon Thames Museum and Heritage Service
KX400 Network Rail tenders for stations and tracks 1930’s
KX402 Kingston deeds 1540-88
KX403 Kingston properties, contracts and specs 1875-1900
KX405 Malden and Coombe RAF Association scrapbooks
KX407 Farebrothers funeral ledgers 1870’s-1960’s
KX408 Samuel Levermore mss of religious verse
KX409 Deeds of estates in Surbiton and Chessington 19th and 20th C.
KX410 Records of Kingston Chamber of Commerce
KX411 Deeds re land at Beverly Cottages, Kingston Vale
KX412 Kingston/Elmbridge Mens Circle Minute Book 1933-1936
KT242 Registers of Kingston and Surbiton cemeteries 1855-1965
KT244 Scrapbook on education in Kingston 1934-45

Surrey History Service (selected items only)
1463add Dennis, specialist vehicle manufacturers of Guildford: certificate from The Automobile Club To Dennis Bros Ltd, 1903; promotional booklet entitled ’Fifty Years Young’, 1914-1964
6536add Bagot family of Powick, Worcs: letters to Miss Mary Bagot from Mde Louise Bonaparte and other members of the Bonaparte family, c1812-1818
7047add Pyrford Woods Estate: photographs of estate under construction, c1956-1957
1932-1971; personal correspondence, 1938-1940; correspondence, articles of agreement and colour plans re to proposed house for Mrs Mallet, Plot 7, Snowdenham Links Estate, Bramley, 1934-1935

7396add HL Lacey (Leatherhead) Ltd, builders: additional records including customer ledger, 1934-1936, and papers of the Mid-Surrey and District Local Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Building Industry, 1946-1962

7415add Dear family of Chertsey: apprenticeship indentures of Charles Dear, 1879, with related letter, Reginald Dear, 1916, and Laurence Dear, 1918

7446add Surrey County Football Association: additional records inc Tillingbourne Valley League handbooks and rules, 1947-1961; Kingston and District Football League 1913-1914 and 1953-1954; and Thornton Heath and District Football League handbook, 1952-1953,

7459add Property In Connaught Road, Brookwood: deeds, 1892-1907; Woking County Grammar School for Boys: magazine, play programmes and exam papers, 1949-1953; cuttings, postcards and photographs of Surrey people and scenes, early 20th cent

7473add 'The Family of Mellersh', compiled by Henry C Malden, Godalming, 1904.

7502add Private Harry Appleton Lee, 2/22nd (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (The Queen's): transcript of World War I diaries, 1916-1917, with explanatory notes, 2004

7502add 1/5th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment: photocopy of war diary, 1917-1919

7502add Privates CJG and SFP Weston, 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: postcards announcing battalion parades and camp, 1894-1901

7522add Coin Group of Companies: additional records, including brief history of the firm, newspaper cuttings, staff handbook and advertisements (1963)-c.2003

7532 Guildford Rural District Council: ARP and Civil Defence personnel identity register, 1940-1943

7534 JW Lindus Forge, architect and historian of Weybridge: additional records including relating to work on Oatlands Palace, early 20th cent-1980s

7536 CJ Norrington, later CJ Norrington and Son Ltd, builders of Epsom: additional records, c.1917-1980s; E Norrington, butcher of Epsom and elsewhere: additional records comprising inventory of premises and photograph; early 20th cent

7541 Kingswood Farm and manor of Kingswood, parish of Ewell: lease, 1806; chalk pits and limestone mines at Merstham: lease and partnership articles, 1805-1806

7542 Cottage at Thames Ditton: conveyance, 1681

7543 Case for counsel's opinion relating to rights in the manor of Ashtead, 1886; conveyance of turnpike toll house at Horley, 1882; Poyt's Estate properties in Ash, Seale and Worplesdon, and the will of Frederick James Chester: deeds and papers, 1854-1949; papers relating to Defence of the Realm Act and special constables in Ashtead, 1914-1916

7546 Land to form Stoneleigh Drive, Cuddington: conveyance, 1905

7547 Doods, Wray Common, Reigate: abstract of title of George Edwin Pym, 1863

7550 Reigate Borough Council: advertising hoarding photographic survey, c.1950

7551 St Mary, West Horsley, additional parish records, including church charities trustees' minute book, 1942-1989; 8 watercolour views of the church and village by John and Edward Hassell, 1823-1830
7552 Christ Church, Woking: additional parish records inc volume of sermons by the Rev J Clifford Banham, 1914-18, and presentation volume 1952; papers re parish boundary changes, 1953-1959, papers re new church porch, 1961-62, photographs and plaques
7553 University of Surrey, Department of Educational Studies: Collection of Reports on the Black and Minority Ethnic Community in Woking, Jan 2003
7554 John Broadwood & Sons Ltd, piano manufacturers of London: catalogue for the International Exhibition, 1862
7556 Alfred Wells (1852-1941), superintendent of Surrey Industrial School, Byfleet: scrapbook of newspaper cuttings relating to industrial schools in Surrey and elsewhere, 1873-1884
7557 Margaret Le Fevre: diaries, 1939-1945; photograph album relating to her service with Women's Junior Air Corps and her husband Tony's with MEF in North Africa, 1941-1945
7558 Bletchingley and Horne enclosure award, 1810 (in original drum case); Lingfield parish tithe map (copy), c.1850
7562 Walter C Slocock, Goldsworth 'Old' Nurseries; Knaphill Nursery Ltd and Siococks Nursery: records, 1774-2000
7564 Heathside Kindergarten and Allen House Preparatory School, Hook Heath, Woking: annotated group photographs, 1928-1932
7565 Pim family of Woking: household papers including accounts and photograph of Greythorn, Knowl Hill, the Hockering, 190 1-c.1924; also sale particulars of Snowdenham Hall, Bramley, 1938-1968
7566 St Mark's, Reigate: parish records, 1853-1999, including baptism and marriage registers from 1860
7568 John Broadwood & Sons Ltd, piano manufacturers of London: additional pictures, photographs, prints, publications, articles and related ephemera
7569 Guildford Register Office: marriage registers of St Oswald RC Church, Deepcut; St Anselm RC Church, Hindhead; United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham; St Mark's C of E Church, Wyke, 1935-1999
7572 Nutfield Manufacturing Company Ltd, Kingsmill Works, South Nutfield: records, including minutes, accounts, brochures, publicity material and photographs, c.1925-2003
7573 The Good Shepherd, Tadworth: parish records, including baptisms, 1912-53, marriages, 1912-80, photo albums, films, and scrapbooks and papers of Ted Andrews relating to Tadworth
7574 DR Ricketts, employee at Sutton Place, Woking: photograph albums and loose photographs of alterations to Sutton Place house and estate, and of the pets of John Paul Getty, 1975-1982
7575 Copy and original photographs, deeds, plans, sale particulars, glass negatives, theses, library books and other publications relating to Walton on the Hill, including Frith Park, Walton Oaks and The Hermitage, 19th-20th cent
7578 Fred Smith and Sons, builders of Tadworth, formerly Ross and Smith: contracts account book, 1927-1934
7579 Tadworth Home Guard: marked up Ordnance Survey maps, and photographs, c.1940-1942
7581 Guildford Borough Council Planning Department: planning application registers and other records, c.1948-1980s
7582 Paice family of 'The Limes', Egham: deeds and papers, 1883-1905
7583 All Saints with St Margaret, Upper Norwood: parish records, 1830-2002, including registers, record of monumental inscriptions
7587 Properties at Wells Bottom and near Baldwins Hill, Lingfield: deeds, 1838-1937
7591 Coulsdon National School: conveyance of land for the site, 1845, and letter concerning grant, 1860
7592 Premises in Bramley, Stoke next Guildford and Wotton: deeds, 1793-1883
7597 The Anchor Hotel, Ripley: cyclists' visitors books, 1883-84, 1887-88, 1890-91, and photocopies of books for 1881,1882 (2 parts) with odd entries for May-Aug 1883,1885,189295; single original sheet for Dec 1882, found in the 1883 volume
7601 Property in Wimbledon and Frensham: deeds, 1867-1874
7602 WJ Bridgeman of Horley Grammar School: glass lantern slides of people and views of Horley, 1898
7604 West Park Hospital, Epsom: additional records, staff employment records, 1956-1972, visitors' report book, photographic plates
7608 2/4th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment: copy of photograph of troops in [?Strood, Kent], c.1914
7610 Bletchingley (Afternoon) Women's Institute: records, including record books, 1917-1975, and minute books, 1925-1976
7611 Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, Godstone Court: minute book, 1874-1876
7612 Christ Church, Esher, additional parish records: photographs of church interior from the nave, c.1896-c.1938, and of communion, 1950s; photograph album of the Bourne family showing buildings and scenes in Esher, 1890s-1900s
7613 The London Necropolis Company Ltd, Brookwood Cemetery: photographs of stonemasons at work, views of cemetery grounds and staff outing, nd [?1950s]
7615 HM Customs and Excise: licensing and other bonds, relating to. Surrey, 1820-1856
7616 St Thomas-on-The-Bourne parish records: marriage registers, 1875-1991, burial register, 1875-1967
7619 Land at Aldershot Road, Woodbridge, Guildford: 3 conveyances to William Stevens, 1911-1917
7620 Grove House and lands, Weybridge: abstract of title of Mr William Berrall, 1846, reciting from 1760
7622 County Sound Radio: audio cassette tape recording of news re to disruption to roads and schools due to winter weather conditions, 1987
7624 Estates of the Leigh Bennett family in Thorpe, Addington, Stanwell and Staines: deeds and papers, 1600-1950; scrapbooks of news cuttings about local Liberal and Conservative political association meetings, 1897-1900
7625 Mr J Chinn: slides of Surrey, especially Holloway College and places in the Runnymede area, taken 1980s-1990s,
7627 Railways at Wimbledon and Merton: plans, photographs, specification and financial estimates, 1881-1927, records re railways in Richmond borough and at Dorking, 1844-1946
7628 Dorking Greystone Lime Company Ltd: file of correspondence relating to the supply of
7629 [?Farnham Grammar School]: notebook, containing historical and geographical information, mid 19th cent
7630 Riding School and Cicero Stable at The Durdans, Epsom: architectural drawings by Ron Martin, with explanatory notes, 2004
7631 Christ Church, Lower Nutfield: parish records, 1889-1999, including baptism


7637 Brooklands Automobile Racing Club, Weybridge: official race card, 1937

7639 The Royalty Theatre, Farnham: petition to Farnham Urban District Council that the theatre should be continued, 1905

7640 Wimbledon County School for Girls: school magazines, 1920-1962, and three photograph albums, 1920s-1940s

7641 Knights Farm belonging to Joseph Whitfield: map by Matthew Richardson, surveyor, nd [before 1751]

7642 Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashtead: deeds, inc conveyance of land – 1880; abstract of title, 1880; and land transfer, 1913,; with transcripts of Charitable Trust deed, 1926; Constitution, 1962

7643 Dorking District Naturalists' Society programmes, site visit reports, photos, publications, correspondence, 1949-c.2000


7653 All Saints, South Merstham: parish records, inc baptism registers, 1898-1972; marriage registers, 1900-1987; scrapbooks, 1940s-1990s

7654 55-56 West Street, Dorking: photographic survey, 2004

7655 Olosters Limited of Woking: business records, 1903-1968, correspondence re purchase of Drake and Mount Ltd [Depot, Woking], 1920; and report on the Town Mill, Chobham, Feb 1960

7656 Marden and Godstone mine, Godstone: two plans of abandonment, 1946, showing location and section layout

7658 Barrow Green Estate, Oxted: volume of plans of the Barrow Green and Heathenden Estates, Oxted, 1809; map of the B G E Co based on 1912 OS; conveyance from C Masters to the B G E Co, 1926; Manor of Oxted: court book, 1816-1806

7660 Westcroft Park, Chobham: photographs of construction of clock and bell tower, 1922


7665 Wimbledon High School (Girls' Public Day School Trust): school photos, 1922 and 1928

7666 Ford Farm, Lingfield: map, 1728; Dodes, Burntpit and Ribben, Lingfield: maps, 1777; Great Ford, Little Ford, the Hole, Lady Cross and Burntpit, Lingfield: map, 1802

7667 Clandon Home Guard: 16mm cine film of Home Guard Stand Down, 1942, with accompanying group photograph and list of No. 10 Platoon members

7669 Redhill Methodist Circuit: baptism registers, 1865-1947; Wesleyan Methodist chapels (Horsham, Dorking and Redhill) baptism register, 1841-1880; Wesleyan Methodist chapel, Redhill: baptism register, 1880-1935; Redhill and East Grinstead Methodist circuit: compact disc containing baptisms

7670 Woking Grammar School for Boys: photo, 1947; Woking Football Club: photo, 1949; Mr F Osbourne, Woking milkman: photo, c.1960

7671 Lovelace Bridges Project: black and white photos of 10 bridges (built by the earl in the West Horsley area in the 1860s)
Westbrook Manor and Westbrook Place, Godalming: deeds, papers and sale particulars, 1788-1889
John Sherwill of [?Chipstead]: farming accounts, 1899-1906 and 1914-1929
Manor and parish of Pirbright: map, 1805-7
Williamson & Sons, antique furniture dealers, Guildford: stock records 13 ledgers, numbered 21-35 (lacks 31-32), 1914-1955
Deeds and papers relating to Milton Heath house, Dorking, 1858-1920, and to land in Buckland, 1896-1898; family papers of James Carr Saunders of Milton Heath, 1860-1934
Central Road Girls' School, Morden: survey of Morden, geographical, historical, statistical and social, compiled by Nth form pupils, especially relating to the St Helier estate, 1942
Mavis Swenarton, author of Weybridge: research papers relating to Walter George Tarrant, builder of Surrey, photographs, correspondence, sale particulars, copies of plans, newspaper cuttings, leaflets and display material
Motor Station at Virginia Water: glass slide negative, 1940s
Charles Clifford (1840-1925) of East Sheen Cricket Club: photograph and bowling averages, 1890-1899; with copy print and historical notes
Manor of Ripley and Send: copy surrender of land in Send by Joseph Fardoe to Robert Dawes, 6 April 1838
St Peter's, Old Woking: baptism registers, 1906-1968; marriage registers, 1924-1980
St Paul's, Addlestone: parish records, 1908-1995
St Matthew's, Redhill: faculties and correspondence, 1902-1929
All Saints, Warlingham, St Leonard, Chelsham, and St Mary, Farleigh: parish magazines, 1893-1896, 1913-1920; history of the parishes, compiled 1898-1925, apparently by CH Goodman
Deeds relating to properties in Surrey: Alfold, 1336; Witley, 1533; Woking, 1657; power of attorney, Guildford, 1667
St John the Baptist, Puttenham: registers of baptisms, 1861-1944, marriages, 1837-1989.
Surrey Association for Visual Impairment, formerly Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind: records including minute books, annual reports, magazines and other publications, 19222004
Lanadron House, St John's Hill Road, Woking: photograph album, 1913
St Mary, Chiddingfold: records inc copy article on chandeliers at the Society of Antiquaries, feattirng Chiddingfold chandelier of 1786, 2002
Sale particulars abstracted from historic buildings files, 1936-1979; various items (brochures, postcards and photographs) also abstracted from files, 1905-1982
Norbury Park Estate: map produced by Surrey County Council Agricultural Department, nd [71930s]
Surrey County Council: montage photograph of Council in the Great Hall at County Hall, Kingston, 1897
Records loaned for copying

Z/409 Gryphon, Ditham L, Effingham, formerly part of the Home Farm Estate of the Earls of Lovelace: deeds and plan, 1929-1964

Z/410 Leatherhead Fire Brigade: copy photographs and newspaper cuttings, 1904-1911

Z/411 Chertsey Abbey: map of desmesne lands, c.1432

Z/413 Knight family of Woking: digital scans of photographs of the Knight family and shop premises of S C Knight, High Street and Goldsworth Road, Woking; Woking Football Club and Woking Brownies, early 20th cent

Z/414 Francis Jekyll, of Munstead Wood, Godalming: Munstead Wood Nursery catalogue, nd [c.1930s

Z/416 Italian community in Woking: photocopies of papers, newscuttings and historical notes, 1970s-2004

Z/417 Hook Heath Garage, Woking: photograph showing Vauxhall cars outside, c.1913

Z/418 Manor of Cobham and Cobham Manor Farm: farm accounts, 1789-1841, and copyhold survey, c.1780-1820s

Z/420 Joseph Harrison (1856-1947), builder: transcript of his diaries relating to his time as a pupil teacher at Westcott School and his apprenticeship as a builder in Englefield Green, 1874-1878

Z/421 Terry O'Kelly of Abinger: letter describing a fire on Abinger Common during World War II, 1942

Z/423 The Rev Thomas Bund (c.1703-1783), Vicar of Woking: portrait and copy of warrant of appointment as chaplain in ordinary to Prince Frederick, mid 18th cent

Z/424 Tutte family of Epsom: recipe book, 1832-1844

Z/425 Tollemanche family of Ham: album given to Ada Sudeley 1916. Family particulars, photos [19th cent], also letters and papers 17th-18th century, written by ancestors of Ada Tollemanche [of Ham House], including letters, 19th cent, between Algernon and Frederick Tollemanche, while the former was in New Zealand.

Z/428 Houses in Staines adjoining churchyard: deed, 1829

Z/430 Thomas Houchin, private in 2nd Battalion, Queens (Royal West Surrey) Regiment: photographs of battalion while serving in North-West frontier region and India, 1918-1922

Z/432 GQ Parachute Company Ltd, Woking: black and white photos of factory and staff; press cutting re the closure of factory 1986; audio cassette of interviews with Miss Higgin's mother and friend who both worked at the factory during the war

Z/434 West Hall Estate, Byfleet: black and white photographs, nd [mid 20th cent]

RECENT WORK BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL UNITS WORKING IN THE LONDON BOROUGHS OF SURREY

The fieldwork projects listed below were undertaken by archaeological contractors operating mostly during the middle part of 2005. A key to the acronyms is provided below, and, where given, the bracketed letters and numbers at the end of each entry is the site code.

AOC AOC Archaeology
AS Archaeological Solutions
ASE Archaeology South-East
CA Compass Archaeology
GCMS CGMS Consulting
MoLAS Museum of London Archaeology Service
NSFF No significant features or finds
PCA Pre-Construct Archaeology
SuAS Sutton Archaeological Services
WA Wessex Archaeology

CROYDON

Croydon, 164, Gloucester Road (TQ 3300 6700). Watching Brief by PCA. NSFF (?)
Croydon, 13-15 Wandle Road (TQ 3230 6514). Evaluation by ASE. Unstratified 17th and 18th century finds. (?)
Croydon, Old Palace School, Old Palace Road (TQ 3199 6507). Watching Brief by PCA. NSFF. (OPE 05).
Croydon, Overtons Yard (TO 3221 6546). Building Recording by MoLAS. Ancillary buildings, including lean-to sheds, stabling areas and two-storey structure associated with the Royal Oak Brewery (date not provided). (OVY 02).
Croydon, 23-31 Lower Coombe Street and 17 St Andrew Road (TO 3226 6488). Evaluation by PCA. 'Possible evidence of prehistoric activity' (what?); Roman features in east of site; medieval/post-medieval ploughsoils. (LCS 05).

KINGSTON UPON THAMES

Kingston, 11 Eden Street, United Reformed Church (TQ 1799 6916). Watching Brief by MoLAS. NSFF. (ESK 05).
Kingston, The Ivy Conduit, Holy Cross School, George Lane (TO 2016 7009). Evaluation by SuAS. Late 17th/early18th century brick culvert with a sheet lead base. (IVC 04).

LAMBETH

Brixton, corner of Crowhurst Close and Fir Grove Road, Angell Town (TQ 3138 7630). Evaluation by AS. Much modern disturbance; 19/20th century buildings, otherwise NSFF (FGR 05).
Lambeth, 37 Old Town (TO 2927 7556). Evaluation by MoLAS. NSFF (OTW 05).
Lambeth, Water Tower between the Royal Festival Hall and Hungerford Bridge (TO 3074 8039). Building Recording by PCA. (site code not provided).
Lambeth, London Nautical School, 61 Stamford Street (TO 3142 8034). Evaluation by MoLAS, involving two trenches, each with three augur holes that went deeper. Shepperton floodplain gravels at 6.7m below modern ground level; basal deposits of Mesolithic to Bronze Age date; fluvial depositional and erosional processes throughout prehistory and into the historic period; substantial path or trackway made from re-used 17th century boat timbers ran north-south; 18th century buildings fronting Broadwall, which had previously been the medieval river defence; 19th century buildings including the Unitarian Chapel that fronted Stamford Street. (NAU 04).
Tulse Hill, St Martin’s Estate (TQ 3087 7340). Evaluation by WA. NSFF (RSM 05).

MERTON

Colliers Wood, land bordered by Bennett’s Ditch, River Wandle and Merantun Way (TQ 5265 6984). Excavation by MoLAS. Two 12th century fishponds and an associated ditch within the eastern part of the Merton Priory complex; 12-13th century monastic mill building with internal oven and possible drying room, and with large stone tank inserted later into the walls of the building that was rebuilt in brick in the 16th century and survived as a mill until the early 18th century; alluvial deposits associated with the early river channels and mill leat; later Bennett’s Mill
with its entire range of workshops including the water-wheel headrace and tailrace that ran through the middle of the building. Within the western part of the trench were four brick furnaces used for the production of dyes. These furnaces were fuelled with coal, the ash of which was found to include fragments of madder, indigo and woad dyes. A dye mixing paddle and a copper strip from a print block were also found. To the east of the water-wheel race was the washroom for the washing of excess dye from the calico. Here was revealed a brick wash tank and drains that expelled excess water. Several brick machine bases were also revealed that may have housed a mechanical washing machine. Further east again were three furnaces, and to the south was a cellar with another three. A leather apron and many bottle stoppers found in the cellar suggests dye mixing was carried out there. In the east of the site are a series of buildings that probably contained the steam engine known to have been on site since 1802. (MMY 99).

**Colliers Wood**, land bordered by Bennett’s Ditch, the Wandle and Merantun Way (TQ 5264 6972). Part of the preceding excavation by MoLAS. A 9m wide river channel containing early medieval timber posts; flint-walled buildings, at least one of which floored with crushed Reigate Stone; flint and chalk walls of monastic buildings; iron-working debris from a smithy; 18th and 19th century buildings (MMY 99).

**Colliers Wood**, same site as above (TQ 5264 6983). Evaluation by MoLAS. Medieval road constructed from layers of crushed Reigate Stone and possibly associated east-west ditch; another ditch possibly associated with supplying the reredorter of Merton Priory with water; iron-working debris; two 12th century Reigate Stone voussoirs appear to have been reused in the structure of a kiln or furnace, (MMY 99).

**RICHMOND**

**Barnes**, St Michael and All Angels Church (TQ 2144 7606). Building Recording of 19th century boundary wall by PCA (ELB 05).

**Barnes**, 31 The Terrace (TQ 2120 7600). Building Recording by AOC of this Grade 11 listed building, built before 1741 (no site code).

**Richmond**, Montrose House, 186 Petersham Road (TQ 1807 7324). Watching Brief by AOC. NSFF (MHU 04).

**Kew**, Jodrell Laboratory, Royal Botanical Gardens (TQ 3223 7967). Watching Brief by MoLAS. 19th century landscaping and drainage features. (RGB 90).

**Richmond**, former United Reformed Church and hall, Little Green and Quadrant Road (TQ 1794 7509). Watching Brief by CGMS. Possible palaeochannel; late post-medieval made ground (QLG 05).

**SOUTHWARK**

**Camberwell**, 319 Camberwell New Road (TQ 3248 7677). Watching Brief by MoLAS. 19th century features (CBB 02).

**Southwark**, 221-223 Old Kent Road (TQ 3335 7859). Watching Brief by PCA. NSFF (OND 05).

**Southwark**, 5 Morocco Street (TQ 3329 7965). Watching Brief by PCA. 18th century made ground; 19th century industrial or warehouse building; Wood-lined lime pit (MCO 05).

**Southwark**, 55 Leroy Street (TQ 3316 7905). Evaluation by AS. NSFF (LYS 01).

**Southwark**, 67-77 Marlborough Grove (TQ 3422 7825). Evaluation by AS. NSFF (MGV 03).

**SUTTON**

**Beddington**, 154A Beddington Lane (TQ 2960 6695). Evaluation by SuAS found
20th century rubbish tip. Later map regression exercise showed that the area had once been a gravel quarry (BEB 01). "Cannot help wondering why a desk-top assessment that would have revealed the existence of the quarry was not done before the evaluation."

**Wallington**, Coniston Court, Harcourt Road (TQ 2878 6471). Watching Brief by CKC. NSFF (site code not provided).

**WANDSWORTH**

**Wandsworth**, 2-6 Hardwick’s Way (TQ 2548 7462). Evaluation by SuAS. Four pits and a brick wall of 18th century date; 16th to 18th century finds; 19th century pit. (HKW 04).

**Wandsworth**, Point Pleasant (TQ 2525 7515). Watching Brief by PCA. 18th century watercourse (MTP 04).

**Wandsworth**, 84-86 Deodar Road (TQ 2456 7534). Evaluation by CA. 19th century gravel Quarries (DDR 05).

**Battersea**, Battersea Power Station. Building Recording by CGMS.

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**MISCELLANY**

**COUNTY COUNCIL HERITAGE TEAM RESTRUCTURING**

As part of a much wider process of restructuring of the Planning & Countryside Service, the Countryside & Heritage Division led by Mike Dawson is being reorganised. After a long period of consultation it was agreed that as part of this process the heritage conservation team led by David Bird (at County Hall) and the Surrey County Archaeological Unit led by Rob Poulton (at the Surrey History Centre) would be amalgamated and based at the History Centre. The move of the Heritage Conservation Team to the History Centre is to take place at the same time as Planning & Countryside move to Quadrant Court in Woking, likely to be in the spring of 2006.

The new structure is to come into effect on 3rd October when some current members of the team will move to take on new short-term roles prior to leaving the County Council at an agreed future date. This will include David Bird’s move to concentrate on the Surrey Archaeological Research Framework and Brenda Lewis’ move to complete the lists of historic parks and gardens for all Surrey District Council areas. In the interval up to spring 2006 it is not proposed to appoint immediately to the post of Manager Heritage Group, but Tony Howe will be temporary team leader of the Heritage Conservation Team while Rob Poulton will continue as Archaeological Unit Manager. In this period a business plan for the longer term development of the Heritage Group will be prepared.

For any further details please contact Mike Dawson (email: mike.dawson@ surreycc.gov.uk; telephone: 020-8541 9404).

**SURVEY OF BLACKHEATH COMMON, GUILDFORD**

Waverley District Council, Surrey County Council and the Surrey Archaeological Society have commissioned a study of Blackheath Common to ensure that archaeological features are not damaged by site management operations.

We would be grateful to hear from members who would like to help with the survey or the documentary research or who would just like to pass on knowledge that they have about the common.

Please contact: Philip Masters, ACTA, 112 Malling St, Lewes. BN7 2RJ, Tel: 01273 897315; email: mastersacta@aol.com
WHEN IS AN ARCHAEOLOGIST NOT AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

Charles Abdy

In the context of the point I am about to make, the answer could be when he, or she, is an historian. Back in 1854, when SyAS had its inaugural meeting, the word 'archaeology' had a broader scope than that commonly understood today, and the society was concerned with the investigation of subjects connected with the history and antiquities of the county of Surrey.

Many of the activities would today be considered history rather than archaeology, ie archaeology is now regarded as normally related to digging. In practice, SyAS does still indulge in matters of history as well as archaeology in the restricted modern sense, as reference to the Collections will show. The modern perceived distinction between history and archaeology is illustrated by the many local societies that include both history and archaeology in their titles.

Although I am not sufficiently sanguine to propose that SyAS should change its name to something more in keeping with present day terminology, I would make a plea for a more wide-spread recognition of the separation of the disciplines. In particular, it would be helpful if the list of new members given in Bulletin made reference to their historical and archaeological interests rather than just their archaeological interests.

After I had stopped seething upon reading the above, the glib, but immediately pertinent, response to Charles' question that sprang to mind was 'when he's unemployed'. Members comments on his suggestions will be welcome, but since the letter demonstrates a lack of understanding of what archaeologists do these days, it warranted an immediate response from one who has been employed as such for thirty years, almost all of them in Surrey.

Archaeology is not now, nor has it ever been, only about 'digging', Charles, and the 'broader scope' of archaeology you perceive having occurred in 1854, far from having diminished, is reflected in the explosion of diversity currently practiced under the umbrella of the term; projects that encompass many more interdisciplinary enquiries than were pursued during the first few post-War decades of the profession, and which now readily encompass the skills of historians. In my opinion you are also wrong about what you think is seen as being 'modern', which extends to your belief that SyAS ought to change its name to 'something more in keeping with present day terminology'. Historians and archaeologists are now separated in the name newly-adopted for the Epsom and Ewell Archaeological and History Society. If the same fate that befell the evocatively named Nonsuch Antiquarian Society was ever to be inflicted on that of the Surrey Archaeological Society it would be too much for this editor to accept, and, I suspect, for many other members. Mr Abdy's point about including historical and archaeological interests in new members details, however, is accepted.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A Correction

In the report of the activities of the Leatherhead & District LHS published in Bulletin 387 it was erroneously stated that lecture meetings were held "on the final Friday of each month"; this should read "on the third Friday of each month". Our apologies for the error.

MORE PHOTOS FROM NORTH PARK FARM, BLETCINGLEY

The team is still recovering from the last open day when over 250 people were in attendance and given tours of our Mesolithic site (see the last two Bulletins). I've still not had a chance to prepare any field notes, but here are some photos that give a flavour of the day.
Our Education Officer, Trudie Cole, showing the site to a group of seven-year-old schoolchildren.

Wet-sieving for flints at North Park Farm.

'Square-bashing' through the Mesolithic ground surface at North Park Farm.
EXHIBITION

RECREATING PARADISE AT PAINSHILL PARK
31st October until 3rd December
Surrey History Centre
130 Goldsworth Road, Woking

A display telling the story of how a most important 18th century landscaped park and its unique follies have been restored from neglect and dereliction.

Can be viewed during normal opening times. For information Tel: 01483 518737.

CONFERENCES

A CELEBRATION OF JOHN EVELYN: The Renaissance Man and his Gardens
22nd and 23rd April 2006
The Hayley Conference Centre, Wotton House, Dorking

Surrey Gardens Trust in association with the Garden History Society is hosting a major conference to celebrate the tercentenary of John Evelyn's death.

Speakers will include Douglas Chambers, Gillian Darley, Frances Harris, Sally Jeffery and Mark Laird. There will also be guided tours of Wotton House gardens and Albury Park.

The proceedings of the conference will be published in due course.

For further information, contact Jill Leggatt, The Old Vicarage, Old Woking GU22 9JF; Tel: 01483 763734; or Carol Hill, , 12A St Mary's Close, Ewell KT17 2BA; Tel: 020 8393 0381.

LIFE INSIDE THE TUDOR AND STUART HOUSE
Surrey History Centre
Saturday 19th November 2005, 10am-3pm.

Digging-up Henry VIII's Palace at Oatlands, Weybridge
Rob Poulton Surrey County Archaeological Unit

Domestic Medicine in Ormesby in the mid 18th Century: The Receipt Book of Dorothy Wake
Jonathan Andrews Oxford Brookes University

Housewifery in Early Modern Surrey: Manuscript Receipt Books in the Loseley Collection
Jayne Archer Centre for the Study of the Renaissance, Warwick University.

Tickets: £10 to include morning and afternoon tea or coffee. There are a limited number of places.

To book, contact the Surrey History Centre, 130, Goldsworth Road, Woking GU21 6ND, or Tel: 01483 518737.

PUBLICATIONS

Excavations upstream of the Roman London Bridge in north Southwark uncovered evidence for mid 1st century land reclamation and the establishment of a road and buildings. The waterfront was extended northwards in cAD 80 and new buildings, including rectangular and circular masonry buildings associated with grain storage, were constructed around a newly aligned yard or roadway. In the early 2nd century a prestigious new building complex, established on a different alignment, may have had a military or administrative purpose. Ranges of rooms, some plastered and elaborately painted, enclosed a courtyard bath suite. Some of these buildings continued in use until the late 4th century.

“Prehistoric landscape to Roman villa: excavations at Beddington, Surrey, 1981-7” (ed Isca Howe)

Excavations at Beddington have uncovered a long occupation sequence that includes Late Bronze Age or Early Iron Age fields, a Late Iron Age enclosed settlement and early Roman finds. A villa was established at the site in the late 2nd century AD and included a house, bathhouse and five other buildings, two of which were barns, although there was no direct evidence of crop or livestock production. In the late 3rd century AD wings were added to the house, the bathhouse was modified and the barns were replaced by a large aisled structure. Unlike many other villa sites there is no evidence for continued occupation in the post-Roman to early Saxon periods.

“Merton Priory” by Dave Saxby

This new, full colour booklet summarises the history of the priory, using documentary and archaeological evidence, and the surviving remains, and includes the results of the latest research on the site. The Augustinian priory of Merton was founded in the early 12th century and the first stone church was established on the present site in 1117. The priory had strong royal connections, playing host to ‘state occasions’ from the 12th to the 15th century, and Henry III had his own private quarters at Merton by 1258. Excavations have taken place since the 1920s, the most extensive in 1986-90 in response to development proposals.

“Material culture in an age of transition: Tudor and Stuart period finds c1450-c1700 from excavations at riverside sites in Southwark” by Geoff Egan et al

This is a major new illustrated catalogue of a rare assemblage of items from the Tudor and Stuart periods. Objects of leather, bone, wood and glass as well as metal (with metallurgical analyses) include clothing and accessories; household equipment, fixtures and fittings; and items attesting writing. Reading and leisure pursuits, and textile working, non-ferrous and ferrous metalworking, leather working, woodworking, bone, antler and glass working, ship building and fishing. There are weights; coins, tokens and jettons; pilgrim souvenirs and secular badges; horse equipment, arms and armour fragments. The discussion considers specific chronological trends as well as more general aspects of production, trade and changing styles.

All four of the above books can be ordered from MoLAS, at Mortimer Wheeler House, 46 Eagle Wharf Road, London N1 7ED. Tel: 0207 410 2224. email bookshop@molas.org.uk
LECTURE SERIES

Britain Through Roman Eyes
Haslemere Museum
22nd September – 24th November 2005
Ten Thursday lectures 7.30pm – 9pm
Tutor: Christopher Grocock, who has published widely on Roman and Medieval History.

1. What's the evidence?/ Britain before the conquest/ Julius Caesar
2. Background to the invasion / Britain beyond Ocean / Claudius' conquest
3. Conquest and settlement, AD 43-47
4. Expansion and conflict – Boudica and British attitudes to Rome AD 47-61
5. The push to the north under Agricola – AD 61-96
6. The final frontier? Hadrian's Wall and the Antonine Wall
7. Towns and City life – what did the Romans do for us?
8. A place in the country – villas and wealth in the countryside
9. British tastes in Roman Art
10. The end of Roman Britain – when? where? why?

Cost: £35, please book in advance with Haslemere Educational Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 2LA Tel: 01428 642112 Email: haslememeremuseum@aol.com

I'm afraid the above information about this course had not been made available to the Bulletin before this issue.

LECTURE MEETINGS

3rd November
"John Ferriby of West Horsley: A Surrey MP's Experience of the Agincourt Campaign" by Michael K Jones at the Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking at 7.30pm. Tickets £2. To book Tel: 01483 518737.

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.

5th November
"Making Gunpowder in Surrey" by Alan Crocker at the Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking from 11am to noon. Entrance £2. To book, Tel: 01483 518737.

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 of the Woking History Society at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford at 8 pm. Visitors welcome £2.

8th November
"Magic Lantern to Multiplex – London and Local Cinemas" by Richard Gray to Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at The Housing Co-op Hall, 106 The
Cut almost opposite the Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo at 7 for 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome £1.

8th November
“The Building of London’s Docks” by Edward Sargent to the Surrey Industrial History Group in Lecture Theatre F, University of Surrey, Guildford at 7.30 pm.

8th November
“Hide and Seek” – Children in Archaeology by Julie Wileman to Guildford Archaeology and History Group at the United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road, Guildford at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome £2.

10th November
“The Collections of Kingston Museum” by Cheryl Smith to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Mayo Hall, United Reformed Church at the corner of Union Street and Eden Street at 7.30 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome £1.50.

10th November
“Life in Tudor Surrey” by Peter Edwards at the Surrey History Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets £2. To book Tel: 01483 518737.

11th November
“Kew Palace: Historic buildings, archaeology and conservation” by Lee Prosser, Buildings Curator, Kew and Kensington Palaces to Richmond Archaeological Society at the Vestry Hall, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8 pm. Non–members by donation; members free.

14th November
“Life, Industry and Leisure: Human Settlement along the Thames from Hampton to Fulham” by David McDowell to the Richmond Local History Society at the Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond at 7.30 for 8 pm. NB this lecture is part of the Book Now! festival – tickets required. Further information from Hon Sec Elizabeth Velluet, tel. 020 8891 3825.

15th November
“Charles Dickens’ Connection with the Area” by Tony Williams to the Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society in the Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton at 8pm. Visitors £1.

16th November
“Surrey Privies” by John Janaway to Send and Ripley History Society in Ripley Village Hall Annexe at 8 pm.

17th November
“The Archaeology of Childhood” by Julie Wileman to the Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust at the Archaeology Centre, Bagshot at 7.30 pm. Members £1, non-members £2.

17th November
“The Portable Antiquities Scheme in Surrey” by David Williams to Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

19th November
“The Telegraph at Trafalgar” by Howard Mallinson to the Walton & Weybridge Local History Society in Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3 pm. Visitors welcome £1.

22nd November
“Aspects of the Great Western” by Peter Lugg to the Surrey Industrial History Group in Lecture Theatre F, University of Surrey, Guildford at 7.30 pm

24th November
“Sweet FA (Fanny Adams” by Peter Cansfield to Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.
26th November
"Bramley in 1087" by Patrick Molineux to Bramley History Society in the Holy Trinity Church Room at 2.30 pm. Members £1; non-members £2.

29th November
"The First modern war? The American Civil War 1861-1865" by Lawrence Goldman to the West Surrey Branch of the Historical Association in the Friends Meeting House, North Street, Guildford at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome £2.

3rd December
"Merton Priory - a glimpse of greatness" by Lionel Green to Merton Historical Society at St John’s Church Hall, High Path, SW19 at 2.30 pm

3rd December
"Painshill Park as a Work of Art Within the 18th Century English Landscape Movement" by William Tomlins from 10.30 to 11.30am, and "Out of Dereliction: the Restoration of Painshill Park" by Sue Cobb from noon to 1pm. Both talks at the Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking. Free entry, but book a place by telephoning 01483 518737.

5th December
Woking History Society’s AGM followed by members evening with quiz: musical brainteasers conducted by Denis Davey at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane Mayford at 8 pm.

6th December
"The History of Brooklands” to the West Surrey Branch of the Historical Association at the Guildhall, High Street, Guildford at 7 pm. Christmas Wine and Cheese Party £5.

8th December
"Surrey Brickwork" by Ian West to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Mayo Hall, United Reformed Church at the corner of Union Street and Eden Street at 7.30 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome £1.50.

9th December
"The Road to Hastings" by Paul Hill to the Richmond Local History Society at the Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond at 7.30 for 8 pm. NB this lecture is part of the Book Now! festival – tickets required. Further information from Hon Sec Elizabeth Velluet, tel. 020 8891 3825.

9th December
"Egyptian Insight" by Bill Sahambrook, to Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust at the Archaeological Centre, Bagshot at 7.30 pm. Christmas party, raffle and buffet £7.50.

10th December
"Frost Fairs and other Historic Winters" by Ian Currie to the Walton & Weybridge Local History Society in Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 3 pm. Visitors welcome £1.

12th December

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