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S.A.S. MEETINGS

- 23rd March: Visit to Aldworth House and Shulbrede Priory.
- 30th March: Symposium at Epsom.
- 20th April: Visit to Norwood Hill and Outwood.
- 27th April: Annual General Meeting at Guildford.

Details of these and other meetings are given elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Surrey Archaeological Collections Volume LXIV: Offprints.

The following offprints are available at the prices stated (postage 6d. in each case). Copies can be obtained from Castle Arch.

Bronze Age Metal Objects in Surrey
by Winifred E. Phillips 7s. 6d.

Excavations near Merton Priory, 1962-3
by D. J. Turner 7s. 6d.

The Great Park of Nonsuch by C. F. Titford 5s. 6d.

The Story of Terrace House, Battersea (Old Battersea House)
by F. T. Smallwood 5s. 6d.

The 1801 Crop Returns for the County of Surrey
by A. G. Parton 3s. 0d.

Merstham Limeworks
by K. W. E. Gravett and E. S. Wood 5s. 6d.

(E. E. Harrison).

S.A.S. Library

At the February meeting of the Library Committee the members were gratified to learn that increased accommodation was available. The stock room next to the library, which previously housed copies of publications

for sale, has been emptied and redecorated. It is now the Periodicals Room and will accommodate the majority of the transactions of other archaeological societies and national periodicals. The book stock in the Margary Room is being reorganised and facilities improved for research and study purposes. New equipment and furniture will be purchased, including a lateral filing system for pamphlets to replace the present chest, a smaller island book case than the present one, and a larger catalogue cabinet.

The Committee have arranged for the cleaning of the portrait of John Evelyn, after Kneller, which hangs on the wall at the entrance to the Margary Room.

(Miss P. M. St. J. Brewer).

Surrey Local History Recording Scheme.

The purpose of this note is to reply to various criticisms of the Local History Recording Scheme. It has the approval of Mr. W. F. Edwards, who is Honorary Secretary for the Scheme in Surrey.

Firstly, to take the editorial comment in *Bulletin* No. 37 (January). Information about archaeological finds reported will at once be sent to the appropriate person, or body, for immediate action if necessary. As to duplicating the work of the Ordnance Survey or Guildford Museum, this is part of a wider 'duplication' criticism. Duplication is not the object of the Scheme, an important part of which is *projection* — not waiting for information to come in, but going out to collect it from those who would not otherwise bother to send in any information. This material will be regularly placed in the file of the Scheme at Castle Arch.

Mr. Batley, of the Bourne Society, has, in the *Bulletin* and postal correspondence, put forward many criticisms. In the *Bulletin* criticism, the reference to 'Mr. Edwards' personal repository' is as bewildering as it is misleading, especially as I am sure that Mr. Batley does not wish to bring personalities into this discussion. It is not suggested that new reports should not be sent to the local society or public library. We merely wish to collect reports that otherwise would not have been sent at all.

Mr. Batley's second point was about the selection of material. It is for the local historian to select with discrimination. We hope that the Scheme will give him some more material to select from. The third, and last, published point cast doubt on the suitability of the county unit. Cannot a 'lukewarm reception' in other counties be turned to a warm welcome in Surrey? The public libraries collect printed material in which we are not primarily interested. Local societies do not cover the county, and this is why the county is the best unit.

Turning to Mr. Batley's postal correspondence, there are further misapprehensions as to the functioning of the Scheme. Its principal object is not to collect solid articles like books but to gather in and record *reports*. Although we are glad to be reminded of the valuable work of the County Library and the Croydon Library, such information is irrelevant to this argument. Mr. Batley refers again to the collections of local societies, and Mr. Ruby, of the Leatherhead and District Local History Society, has written to express concern on this point. He writes 'I can see no object in sending Mr. Edwards (in the case of, for example, the Leatherhead district) the huge mass of information already collected and recorded.' Nor can I. We have no wish to copy the records of local societies, but we should like to collect anything they may have missed.

Naturally we expect to receive most reports from areas where local societies do not exist. Why we thank various well wishers for their letters of support.

(T. E. C. Walker).

Bramley: Flint and other finds (TQ 016443)

The discovery of worked flint and what appears to be small pebbles covered with a layer of white glaze has been reported by Mr. A. M. Green of *Old Firs*, Linersh Wood Green, Bramley. Some of the flint material shows secondary working and is of mesolithic type. The glazed pebbles are not so easy to place. Mr. Green drew attention to slight hollows in the lawn near the place where the flint had been found. The site, which is in his garden, is on the edge of the Hythe beds of the Lower Greens and where they join the Alluvium bordering the Bramley branch of the River Wey.

(E. E. Harrison).

Horley: Excavations at Court Lodge Farm (TQ 273431).

Excavations were finished in October due to the expected onset of development at the site. The work had been organised by the Holmesdale Archaeological Group in conjunction with the S.A.S. Continuing from the previous season's results (*Bulletin* No. 26, Feb.) the robber trench was finally traced for 53'. This seems to be the north wall of the post-medieval manor house shown in this vicinity on various maps (1602 - 1846). However, there was little sign of crosswalls and the east end was obscured by post-1847 development. The O.S. 1:2500 plan of 1871 shows a formal garden with paths. The foundation of one of these paths coincides with the disturbed end of the robber trench. About 36' to the north, and lying on the same alignment as the robber trench, a short 5' 6" length of wall was uncovered.

Further work to the west of the previous excavations showed more signs of medieval occupation including possible remains of a building shown by a 16' foundation trench cut into the ironstone. This trench subsequently had been packed with clay to a level above the ironstone and against a straight edge on the northern side.

Still further west the sleeper wall of a medieval building was uncovered. The building was 24' by 25' externally, with a 3' wide wall, well edged with stones and filled with stones or mortar. Some stones had been dressed. The entrance seems to have been at the east end of the south wall. Several ditches of an earlier phase underlie the wall.

A resistivity survey gave some support for a moat to the south of the site. The well nearby proved to be 17' deep and was last emptied or constructed about 1800. Considerable quantities of sherds from all periods have been found as well as a medieval bronze brooch, a German jetton (c. 1500) and a Philip and Mary Groat. The discovery of many 16th century deeds at Christ's Hospital has extended our knowledge of the site at this period.

(G. P. Moss).

Streatham: London - Portslade Roman Road (TQ 303731)

Observations carried out at a building site at the north corner of the junction of Telford Avenue with Streatham Hill produced inconclusive evidence for the course of the London to Portslade Roman road. A strip

exhibition by MR. I. DORMER to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY in the temporary building behind the Council Offices in South Street, Farnham. Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 6th. 3.0 p.m.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. A talk by MISS P. L. RANSON to the B.C.W.A.S. at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper Cres., Nightingale Road, Carshalton. Visitors fee 1/-.

Wednesday, 10th. 5.0 p.m.

CULTIVATED CROPS IN PREHISTORIC EUROPE. A lecture by MRS. J. M. RENFREW to the ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE in the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly.

Saturday, 20th.

S.A.S. VISIT TO NORWOOD HILL AND OUTWOOD

Led by MRS. M. TRIER

As the places to be visited are very small it will be necessary to split the party into two. Tickets will be marked 'A' or 'B' as appropriate.

A	B	
11.00 a.m.	11.45 a.m.	Museum of Bygones at Little Chantersluer, Norwood Hill (TQ 235440) by kind permission of Mrs. Ogilvie. (Collecting box).
11.45 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Highworth Farm, Charlwood (TQ 231426) by kind permission of Col. Girling. 16th century.
2.15 p.m.	2.15 p.m.	All participants are requested to assemble on the green outside Outwood Mill where Mr. Gravett will give a short talk about the mill.
2.30 p.m.	3.15 p.m.	Outwood Mill, Outwood (TQ 329458) by kind permission of Mr. Thomas. (Entrance 1/-).
3.15 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	Pickett's Farm, Pickett's Lane, Salfords (TQ 293459) by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Castle. 16th century.

Lunch can be obtained in Horley and picnic lunches may be taken on Outwood Common (National Trust). Members without transport can be met at Leigh. They are requested to inform Miss Smith if this is required. Bus No. 439 leaves Redhill Station 10.05 a.m., arrives Leigh 10.34 (Winter timetable — please check).

Directions for car travellers will be given in the April *Bulletin*.

Tickets: Members 3/-. Non-members 4/-. Obtainable from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

Saturday, 20th to Monday, 22nd.

Visit to the 'POTTERIES' arranged by the SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Of especial interest to all interested in post-medieval pottery or in Industrial Archaeology. Details from Miss Marion Bennett, 93 Ramsden Road, London, S.W.12.

Saturday, 27th. 3.0 p.m.

S.A.S. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT GUILDFORD
Details will be announced later.

about 20' wide along the west side of the site was not excavated except in the basements of a former house but the rest of the site was crossed by many contractor's trenches and one sewer trench was cut from the corner of the site to the centre of Telford Avenue. Layers of post-medieval metallings were observed and patches of orange gravel containing some chalk flints. This last was almost certainly road metalling but any possible indication of alignment was obscured by shoring. Similar orange gravel was found elsewhere on the site where it had been laid to form the driveways of the former house. The site generally showed post medieval disturbance to a depth of some 20".

The projected course of the London — Portslade road runs diagonally from S.W. to N.E. across the site.

(Condensed from D. Imber in S.L.A.S. *Newsheet*).

MEETINGS

MARCH

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

READING OLD DOCUMENTS. This half-day crash course by Mrs. Cottrill, which had to be postponed owing to the snowfall on 8th December, will be given at the temporary Council Meeting Hall behind the Council Offices, South Street, Farnham. A fee of 2/6 will be charged to non-members of the Farnham Museum Society. Apply to Mrs. W. O. Manning, 18 Upper South View, Farnham (4061).

Friday, 8th. 8.0 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE, MAINLY POTTERY, FOR MEDIEVAL TRADE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND THE CONTINENT. A talk by MR. G. C. DUNNING to the HOLMESDALE NATURAL HISTORY CLUB. Members of the S.A.S. welcome. Enquiries to Mrs. Trier, The Drift, Manor Road, Reigate (46475).

Friday, 15th. 7.45 p.m.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREWS, FARNHAM. A talk by MR. A. N. DUFTY to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY to be given in the temporary building behind the Council Offices in South Street, Farnham. Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 23rd.

S.A.S. VISIT TO ALDWORTH HOUSE AND SHULBREDE PRIORY

11.00 a.m. Aldworth House, Tennyson's Lane, Blackdown.

The owner, Mr. T. Surén, will talk about the house and Lord Tennyson's associations with it.

From Guildford, turn left at Haslemere Town Hall on to B 2131. After about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile turn right into Haste Hill leading to Blackdown. Haste Hill leads into Tennyson's Lane and Aldworth House is at the end of the lane. Lunch may be taken in Haslemere.

3.0 p.m. Shulbrede Priory, Fernhurst, where Lord Ponsonby will be our host. The Priory has some interesting wall paintings.

It may be approached either from A286 at Fernhurst, or from B2131 (turn right at Haslemere Town Hall). Follow signposts to Linchmere.

Haslemere station is on the Waterloo-Portsmouth line and there is a bus service from Guildford. Lifts might be arranged from Haslemere Station (or bus stop) if members without transport will apply in good time.

Tickets: Members 3/-, visitors 4/-, from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming, Surrey.

Saturday, 23rd. 3.0 p.m.

THE REGIONAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL SUB-CULTURES OF THE BEAKER CULTURE. A lecture by DR. D. L. CLARK to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY at the University of London Institute of Archaeology.

Thursday, 28th. 8.15 p.m.

THE ROMAN VILLA AT RAPSLEY. A talk by LADY HANWORTH to the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY at the Morden Library, London Road, S.W.19.

Saturday, 30th. 2.0 - 6.0 p.m.

S.A.S. ARCHAEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

Illustrated talks at Ebbisham Hall, Ashley Road, Epsom.

2.00 p.m. R-B Cemetery at Keston: Brian Philp.

2.30 p.m. Experiment in ancient agriculture: Colin Bowen.

3.20 p.m. Feasibility studies undertaken at Weston Wood: Joan Harding.

4.00 p.m. Interval for tea.

4.30 p.m. Recent excavations in Chapel Street, Chichester: Alec Down.

5.00 p.m. The first R-B building discovered in Ewell: Roger Caws.

5.20 p.m. Aerial photography in Hampshire: John Hampton. Tickets (inclusive of tea) 5/- in advance from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming; 6/- at the door. Persons under 16 half price.

Saturday, 30th. 7.0 p.m.

SOME PROBLEMS AND POLICIES IN ARCHAEOLOGY. A talk by MR. N. FARRANT to the SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the new Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road, (at the corner of Peckham Park Road). Visitors welcome.

APRIL

Tuesday, 2nd. 8.15 p.m.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION. A public lecture by MR. P. R. WHITBOURN arranged by Kingston upon Thames Museum at the Central Library Lecture Hall, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Friday, 5th. 7.45 p.m.

RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK IN THE FARNHAM AREA. A talk and