

APRIL MEETING

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 2 SATURDAY, 24th APRIL, 1965

VISIT TO OLD BASING AND ODIHAM

Organiser: Mrs. Sidney Smith.

- 10.30 a.m. Meet outside Old Basing House.
(Motorists will then be directed where to park owing to village street being narrow and a bus route).
The party will be divided into two — Group 1 seeing ruins, excavations and museum, Group 2 seeing village, church and Great Barn — after which the parties will change over.
Entrance to Basing House 1/6.
- 12.30 p.m. Leave for Odiham.
Picnic lunches may be eaten in the grounds of the Priory, Odiham — for those who do not wish to do this there is the Salamandre Restaurant, High Street, Odiham (small), or the George Hotel (Lunch 12/6).
- 2 p.m. Visit the Priory and other points of interest in Odiham.
- 3.30 p.m. approx. Disperse.

Coach leaves Guildford Railway Station 9.15 a.m.
Farnham Station Yard 9.45 a.m.

It is regretted that the coach times were omitted from the March Bulletin, and apologies are made for any inconveniences caused.

Tickets: Members 2/6 Visitors 3/6 Coach 8/-.

Please apply to: Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead and NOT to Castle Arch.

Would members please apply in advance for tickets. Members who expect to pay on the day of an outing can create much unnecessary work.

MAY MEETING

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 3 SATURDAY, 22nd MAY, 1965

PENSHURST AND CHIDDINGSTONE

Organiser: Mrs. R. K. Chiles

- 10.30 a.m. Coffee and biscuits will be served at the Gate House, Penshurst. (Included in the price of the ticket).
- 11.00 a.m. View Penshurst Place, built 1340, birthplace of Sir Philip Sidney.
- 12.30 p.m. Visit Penshurst Church. A talk will be given by the Rector, The Revd. A. B. Curry, M.A.
Picnic lunches can be eaten in the grounds of Penshurst Place — this is advisable as hotel accommodation is limited.
- 2.30 p.m. View Chiddingstone Castle and Grounds. 18th century Gothic revival encasing the Old Manor House of the Streatfield family — with interesting furnishings and collections. Chiddingstone village belongs to the National Trust. Tea can be obtained at the "Old Barn" Hildenborough (4 miles) or Pitts Cottage, etc. at Westerham (5 miles).
- Coach leaves Station Yard Guildford at 8.45 a.m.
Dorking (opposite Dorking Halls) 9.20 a.m.
Reigate (Red Cross Public House) 9.35 a.m.

Tickets: Members 8/- Visitors 9/- Coach 10/-

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It is essential that tickets are obtained BEFOREHAND, so firm numbers may be given to the Houses.

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EXCAVATION NOTICES

ASHTEAD FOREST: ROMAN TILERY

(N.G.R.: TQ 17856022)

Director: MR. J. N. HAMPTON.

Excavations will take place from 16th to 25th April, when the examination of a possible building and a clamp kiln is intended. The site is immediately east of the ROMAN VILLA published on the O.S. 1" No. 170. Volunteers (beginners welcome) are required.

Enquiries to: J. N. Hampton, 25 Old Claygate Lane, Claygate, Surrey.

MOAT FARM, HOOKWOOD: MOATED ENCLOSURE

(N.G.R.: TQ 266447)

Directors: MR. AND MRS. D. J. TURNER.

It is hoped to resume excavations at this site with the co-operation of the Holmesdale Archaeological Group. The work will probably take place from 10th to 26th April. Preliminary trenching in 1963 produced traces of 13th and 14th century occupation. The site is threatened with destruction by agricultural operations.

Access to the site: 4 miles south of Reigate turn east off the A217 along a farm road signposted to Moat Farm. The moat is about 100 yds. beyond the farm, near the River Mole.

Please do NOT park cars in the farmyard. Some of the buses on route 424 from Reigate pass along the A217 and stop at the end of the farm road. Other 424 buses go via Duxhurst and pass $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of the site at the Black Horse P.H.

Enquiries to: Mrs. M. Trier, The Drift, Manor Road, Reigate.

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Excavations will continue during the first two weekends of each month until July and also during Easter weekend 16th — 19th April, and Whitsun 4th — 7th June. Details were given in the March *Bulletin*.

Enquiries to: Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.

ORCHARD HILL, CARSHALTON: MESOLITHIC SITE

(N.G.R.: TQ 278643)

Excavations will continue every Saturday all day and on Sunday afternoons until May. Details were given in the February *Bulletin*.

Enquiries to: D. J. Turner, 14 Fairlawn, S.W.19.

C.B.A. LEAFLETS

The leaflets reviewed in the March Bulletin are available from the C.B.A. NOT from Castle Arch. Copies are held in the S.A.S. Library for the use of members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members who have not yet paid, by Bankers Orders or otherwise, their subscriptions for 1965 are reminded that they became due on 1st January last, viz. Ordinary 21/-, Associate and Junior 10/6d.; invoices are sent to Institutional Members.

MEMBERS QUERIES

The announcement of the Queries Service in the February *Bulletin* produced offers of assistance from six members on genealogical and a variety of archaeological matters.

Seven queries were received and of these six were on archaeological topics and one on an history subject. The following have been selected for publication now; others, it is hoped, will be published in later issues of the *Bulletin*. Further queries should be sent to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey.

The Site of Elmbridge.

Was Elmbridge (where at first the hundred court presumably met) Cobham Bridge on the old main road to the west of England? The statement in the V.C.H. appears to lack authority as well as clarity.

(T. E. C. Walker).

Currie's Clump, Ockham. (TQ 079587).

Can any member provide information on "Currie's Clump", Ockham, which may be threatened by plans to widen the A3? Brief mention is made of this large mound in Sy.A.C.XXIV, 53.

(R. W. Williams).

Possible Roman Road in the Chertsey-Weybridge Area.

Is the "heres-straete" from Weybridge through Steventon End, Chertsey, which is referred to in the Chertsey Abbey Cartulary (Sy. R.S. Vol. XII), a Roman road as its name might perhaps suggest?

(R. W. Williams).

Mediaeval Tiles and Moated Sites.

Information is sought, for record purposes, of any mediaeval patterned paving tiles found within the county or existing in Surrey churches (other than those in the principal museum collections), and also of moated sites either extant or destroyed.

(D. J. Turner).

Whereabouts of Private Archaeological Collections.

Can any member advise on the present location of the following collections of archaeological material?

Dr. Strong's: Beddington Park Hoard.

H. C. Collyer's: Carshalton Park Hoard.

Rev. H. Leigh Bennet's: Chertsey and Thorpe.

Rev. George House's: Godstone.

Sir F. Evelyns: Dorking and Wotton.

The information is required by Miss Winifred Philips in connection with her survey of Bronze Age Metal Implements in Surrey, which, it is hoped, will be published shortly.

LOCAL NOTES

Carshalton: Woodcote House, Wrythe Green (TQ 276652).

Towards the end of the eighteenth century and continuing beyond the middle of the nineteenth, a large number of houses were constructed in North Surrey, with soft-wood frames and weather boarding. Many of these houses have been demolished, e.g. Beggars Hill, Ewell and 8-20 North Street, Carshalton, and the majority of these left will probably slowly disappear.

An example of particular distinction, sufficiently so that it was illustrated in Vol. I of *Recording Britain*, is Woodcote House, Carshalton. This was apparently built as a toll-house at Rosehill (TQ 261665), presumably in connection with the Tooting-Sutton Turnpike built under the 1755 act, and moved to its present site sometime later. Apart from its interesting iron vane, it shows plain, wide weatherboarding placed at 45°, instead of horizontally as is usual. This feature is very rare, although it obviously started a local fashion, several mid-nineteenth century houses nearby being copied from it.

There was also a short-lived local vogue for 10" wide boards with a ½" roll moulding. Those on Whitehall, Cheam can be dated to c. 1790.

(K. Gravett).

Dunsfold: High Billingshurst (TQ 023368).

The discovery of several small pits containing Romano-British pottery at this site was reported through the agency of Mr. G. F. Howard at Cranleigh. The deposits were exposed two years ago by a mechanical ditch digger, but on recent investigation only one could be located. It proved to be an irregularly shaped pit with an overall length of about nine feet six inches and was probably not over eighteen inches deep originally. The contents suggested a rubbish pit, and included small quantities of charcoal, burnt clay, and two ox teeth besides scattered sherds from six or more pots: these all appear to date from about A.D. 50-80, and consist of one bead-rimmed jar and several with cordons.

The particular interest of this site is its location on the Weald clay and the implication of a settlement close by. It is an area which should repay further investigation.

(F. W. Holling).

CONTRIBUTIONS

Brief contributions to the Bulletin are invited on topics and discoveries of interest to members. They should be sent to the Editors, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Turner, 14 Fairlawn Road, S.W.19. Queries (see facing page) should be sent to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey.

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FUTURE MEETINGS: PROVISIONAL LIST

15th June	Visit to Christchurch (Red House Museum etc.) Organiser: T. E. C. Walker, F.S.A.
17th July	Walk in the Box Hill area. Organiser: K. W. E. Gravett, M.Sc.
August	Visit in connection with excavation in Surrey. Organiser: The Viscountess Hanworth.
25th September	Symposium at Guildford, preceeded by exhibition at Guildford House. Organiser: K. W. E. Gravett, M.Sc.
October	Lecture at Morden with the Merton and Morden Historical Society.
November	Lectures at Guildford.
4th December	Lecture with the Leatherhead and District Local Historical Society.