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**S.A.S. MEETINGS**

25th May: Visit to Chaldon and Croydon.

22nd June: Visit to Lullingstone and Eynsford.

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

**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

**BADSHOT LEA: SITE OF MOATED MANOR HOUSE**  
(N.G.R.: SU 863486)

Excavation on this site will continue on Sundays throughout the Summer. Last season several medieval pits were found under the levels of the 13th century building. The discovery of related beam slots and post holes emphasised the need for further work to examine what appears to be a post-Conquest timber building. It is proposed to area excavate the island in the hope that plans of all three building periods present may be compiled. The developers are intending to make a start towards the end of 1968.

All helpers are welcome. Please bring personal excavation tools.

Directions: From Farnham - Guildford road (A31) turn at the traffic lights at Runfold railway bridge onto the A324. Bear right. The site is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the left behind a high, red brick wall. Entrance across cattle grid. Car parking on the site.

Enquiries to Mr. I. G. Dormor, 28 Bridgefield, Farnham (5491).

**PUTNEY: PROPOSED EXCAVATIONS**

The Wandsworth Historical Society are planning to carry out further excavations in Putney during 1968 but details are not yet known. Volunteers will be welcome and enquiries should be addressed to Mr. N. Farrant, 103A Howards Lane, Putney, S.W.15.

**NOTES AND QUERIES**

**Dictionary of house names**

An appeal to the Society's members has been made by Mr. Leslie Dunkling in connection with a *Dictionary of House Names* which he is compiling. The *Dictionary*, it is understood, will be in three sections —

names of historical interest, names in literature, and 'popular' names — and will deal with the derivation of names and their linguistic, sociological and psychological connotations.

Mr. Dunkling would welcome information in explanation of house names appearing in *Antiquities of Surrey* (Surrey County Council, 1965) and information also on any other unusual names found in the county. His address is 95 Kingsway, Leicester.

(B. F. J. Pardoe).

### Monumental Brasses

The Hon. Secretary would be glad to hear from any persons with the necessary experience who would be prepared to rub selected monumental brasses in Surrey in order to fill the gaps in the Society's collection.

The brasses are in various parts of the county and are, in most cases, small.

(A. S. Gilbert).

### Building Preservation Orders

Building Preservation Orders have been confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on *The Hylands*, Dorking Road, Epsom, and Nos. 14-18 Chertsey Street, Guildford. The Minister has not confirmed B.P.O.'s on Vine Cottage, Bookham, or Rectory Cottages, Ockley.

(R. W. McDowall).

A B.P.O. has been submitted to the Minister in respect of Nos. 6, 8 and 10 West Street, Epsom.

(N. & E. A. S. Newsletter).

### Surrey Bibliography

The Surrey Bibliography originated in 1959 as a co-operative effort on the part of the Surrey Librarians Group, a semi-official body representing the Surrey County Libraries and the, then thirteen, municipal libraries in Surrey (1959 boundaries).

The Bibliography is a record of the location of material relating to the county in general and to individual localities in the county. Books, pamphlets, local acts, MSS books of local subject character not yet published are included. Excluded categories are maps, archive material, deeds, and works by authors who lived in the vicinity without other local significance. The Bibliography is limited to material available in reference libraries. This is to save the wasted journeys which would result if lending material were included. In addition printed material held by the S.A.S. has been incorporated.

The Surrey Bibliography is at present housed in the Reference Library, Central Library, Katherine Street, Croydon, and is the responsibility of the staff there.

The Bibliography consists of approximately 27,000 cards in two sequences: one, by authors, arranged alphabetically; the other in classified order based on the locality of the material itself. Each card bears a code representing the library or libraries holding reference copies. The Bibliography is completed by a key to the library codes and classification scheme.

The Bibliography is kept up to date by each participating library notifying the Croydon Reference Library annually of its previous year's acquisitions.

At one time it was proposed to publish the Surrey Bibliography. More recently the possibility of microfilm copying was considered but it is unlikely that either scheme will be pursued, certainly for the time being, partly because such a work, once published, gradually becomes out of date, and partly because the limited enquiries requiring reference to the Bibliography have so far been satisfactorily dealt with by telephone or personal visit.

#### **The castle at Goseford**

Gervase's castle, which was the subject of a query in *Bulletin* No. 10 (October, 1965), is clearly in East Anglia since he also describes the return of Archbishop Theobald from Gravelines to *Goseford in terra comitis Hugonis Bigod*. The archbishop proceeded to Framlingham, which indicates a landing in Suffolk, and so *Goseford* is most probably Orford.

(D. F. Renn).

#### **Caterham : the Rowed and Portly maps**

A side-by-side comparison of the Rowed and Portly maps of Caterham, mentioned in *Bulletin* Nos. 30 and 34 (June and October, 1967), confirms the first impression that they are roughly contemporary and contiguous. The Rowed map is dated 1736: the Portly map predates Sir William Clayton's baronetcy in 1731. The maps overlap to the extent of three fields — Bramley Combe (near the present site of Woodworth's) Long Short Furrows and Great Short Furrows (near the top of Burntwood Lane, whose track is marked on the Portly map).

While the Rowed map covers the area of central Caterham and Caterham-on-the-Hill, the Portly map takes in a more northerly area including Burntwood Lane and Buxton Lane as well as a sliver of the northern part of Tillingdown Farm and a detached portion of 'Wallingham Hill'. Both maps give acreages and field names.

A dyeline print of the Rowed map has now been made by Mr. E. F. Bishop. It is the same size as the original and records all the details of this interesting document faithfully, legibly and handsomely. Prints may be obtained post-free from the Bourne Society, 52 Buxton Lane, Caterham, for 7/6 (or for 10/- together with *Local History Records* VI which contains a commentary upon it).

(J. C. Batley).

#### **Ewell : 15th century boundaries**

The *Register or Memorial of Ewell*, 1408, (Deedes) makes no reference to the northern or southern boundaries of the parish. The highway now, in part, Ruxley Lane formed the boundary with Long Ditton in the 13th century but it is not known when it was moved. Taylor's *Survey of Ewell*, 1577, describes the southern boundary as running from Tattenham, along Yew Tree Bottom and to Rose Bushes but it is not known where it ran in 1408. Any germane references in the documents of Long Ditton or Banstead respectively would be appreciated by Mr. Titford, 9 Surrenden Park, Ditchling Road, Brighton, 6.

(C. F. Titford).

#### **Farnham : Harold Falkner drawings**

A memorial exhibition of the drawings of the late Harold Falkner, A.R.I.B.A., is on display at Willmer House, Farnham, as part of the

Teas will be available at the Old Palace at a charge of 2/6 a head. Payments to be made direct but tea must be ordered when applying for tickets.

It is hoped to provide an itinerary, including information about car parks in Croydon, with the tickets.

Members relying on public transport who wish to be met at a convenient point must please let the Secretary know in good time.

Tickets, members 3/- and visitors 4/-, from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

## JUNE

Thursday, 6th. 8.0 p.m.

**THE SURREY RECORD OFFICE AND THE LOCAL HISTORIAN.** A talk by MISS M. GOLLANZ, County Archivist, to the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY at Pit House, Ewell. Visitors fee 1/6.

Saturday, 22nd.

### S.A.S. VISIT TO EYNSFORD AND LULLINGSTONE

12 noon Eynsford Castle (Admission 1/-).

2.15 p.m. Lullingstone Roman Villa (Admission 1/6).

3.30 p.m. Lullingstone Church.

Col. Meates, who directed the excavation of the Lullingstone villa, has very generously agreed to act as guide at both the villa and the church.

The coach will leave from the Guildford Park Road entrance to the main line railway station, Guildford, at 10.0 a.m. There is a car park in Guildford Park Road, about 300 yards past the station. If desired members can be picked up at Dorking P.O. (10.30 a.m.) or at the bus stop by Reigate Old Town Hall (10.45).

Lunch can be obtained at the Castle Hotel, Eynsford, and there are a number of inns which provide sandwiches, etc. Return to Guildford should be about 7.0 p.m.

Tickets, members 3/-, visitors 4/-, coach fare 12/-, from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

## OCTOBER

Saturday, 5th. 10.45 a.m.

### CONFERENCE ON 'THE WEALD'

Group 11 (Kent, Surrey and Sussex) of the Council for British Archaeology will hold a one-day conference on 'The Weald' at the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. Illustrated talks by specialists will be given on the Geology, Prehistory, Iron Industry, Saxon and Domesday Settlement, Norman and Medieval Settlement, and Industrial Archaeology of the Weald, and on the recently established Open Air Museum for the Weald and Downland.

Admission will be by ticket, price 6/-. A buffet, bookable in advance at 7/6 per head, will be available in the hotel which has a large car park. For further details and tickets please apply to Mr. A. P. Detsicas, 28 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

permanent display. These drawings, of which about 100 are now on view, include many extremely fine studies of local subjects, especially the Georgian buildings of Farnham which Mr. Falkner did so much to preserve.

(Mrs. W. O. Manning).

#### Merstham : Fox Shaw

Following representations over at least eight years, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government have placed Fox Shaw on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historical interest (grade II). Fox Shaw was *The Fox* P. H. from the late 16th century until the early years of this century when it lost its licence. In 1805 it formed the starting point of the famous trial run of the Surrey Iron Railway in which one horse pulled twelve loaded waggons from *The Fox* to Croydon in one hour forty-nine minutes. Additional load was added and the horse is said to have pulled a gross load of over 55 tons without distress. The organiser of the trial run was Mr. Edward Banks, the contractor who constructed the C.M. & G.I.R. In 1822 he was knighted for his work in building Waterloo and Southwark bridges. He is buried at St. Margaret's, Chipstead.

The present building is said to date from the 17th century. It was restored by Mr. P. J. Francis, the Merstham builder, approximately twenty years ago.

(from information supplied by W. G. Tharby).

#### Thames Ditton : Monumental Brasses

In *Bulletin* No. 30 (June, 1967) mention is made of slight restoration of monumental brasses in the parish church of St. Nicholas, Thames Ditton, and the discovery that shields of the Blakeden-Boothe brass (placed by Julian Boothe in 1580) have proved to be palimpsests.

The three wall brasses taken down for cleaning and resetting are the one mentioned above, that to John Polsted and wife (placed by daughter Julian Boothe in 1582) and the finely engraved brass to Erasmus Forde (died 1533) and wife Julyan who died in 1559 when the brass was erected. No actual restoration has been effected but it should be noted that a further small part of the Forde brass has been lost in recent times. This was adjacent to the already missing piece at the bottom left hand corner.

The Forde brass, which had been awaiting refixing for some time, is now back in the place it occupied before its cleansing (fixed to a pillar in the north chapel — perhaps not an altogether desirable position) and is secured with fibreglass backing. From its shape and other evidence the home of this brass must have been originally within the western compartment of the earlier Easter Sepulchre, to which place it was hoped it might be restored but this did not materialise for doubtless good reason.

Mr. B. S. H. Egan, of the Monumental Brass Society, deserves our thanks for the time and expertise expended by him in the task of cleaning and refixing these three brass monuments.

(A. White).

#### Tolworth and Malden : 'Mylclose'

Information about references in the documents of Tolworth or Malden to 'Mylclose' is being sought by Mr. C. F. Titford, 9 Surrenden Park, Ditchling Road, Brighton, 6. In Taylor's *Survey of Ewell, 1577*, it is said to have been held by George Evelyn. Taylor states that six of

its acres were on the Ewell side of the boundary, but leaves a blank for the name of the parish in which the remaining  $8\frac{1}{2}$  acres lay. Reference to the boundary between Tolworth and Malden at that time would serve the same purpose.

(C. F. Titford).

### Walton Workhouse

Two recent issues of the Walton and Weybridge Historical Society's publication *Dial Stone* (Nos. 18 and 19) contain an account of the history of the Walton Workhouse from 1732, when the Vestry first decided to maintain a workhouse, to the present day. Walton's Poor Law functions were transferred to the Chertsey Union Workhouse in 1837 after which the Walton Workhouse was converted for private occupation. The notes in *Dial Stone* include a list of workhouse masters covering much of the period 1742 to 1837.

(from *Dial Stone*).

### Weybridge: Mrs. Meredith at Grotto Cottage

An enquiry has been received from a lady investigating the life of Mrs. Meredith, daughter of Thomas Love Peacock and wife of the famous novelist. She died at Grotto Cottage, Oatlands Park, estranged both from her husband and from the pre-Raphaelite painter Henry Wallis, for whom she had left him. Any information on her life would be welcome and should be sent to J. W. Lindus Forge, 12c Bower Road, Walton-on-Thames.

(*Dial Stone*).

## MEETINGS

### MAY

Saturday, 11th.

A.G.M. of the SURREY LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL followed by a talk and visit to Abbot's Hospital, Guildford.

Saturday, 25th.

### S.A.S. VISIT TO CHALDON AND CROYDON

Visit arranged by the CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

11.00 a.m. Chaldon Church (12th century wall painting *Ladder of Salvation*).

From the A23, approx.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ m. N of Redhill or  $7\frac{1}{2}$ m. S of Croydon, take B 2031 for  $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. Turn left at Chaldon Cross Roads for  $\frac{1}{2}$ m to the church.

Bus 440A leaves Redhill Station at 9.47 a.m.; Merstham (Feathers) 10.0 a.m. Alight Chaldon Cross Roads. Lifts can be arranged from Chaldon to Croydon.

2.00 p.m. Whitgift Hospital, Croydon (16th century almshouses).  
At the corner of North End and George Street.

3.00 p.m. Archbishop's Palace (12th century onwards).  
Old Palace Road entrance.