

MAY MEETING

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 3 SATURDAY, 22nd MAY, 1965
PENSURST 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/-

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

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

JUNE MEETING

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 4 SATURDAY, 15th JUNE
CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, CASTLE and MUSEUM

Organiser: T. E. C. Walker, F.S.A.

- 10.45 a.m. Arrive Romsey. Coffee and biscuits will be available for those ordering in advance (to be paid for individually). Members not taking refreshment may view the Abbey Church.
- 11.15 a.m. Leave Romsey.
- 12.00 p.m. Arrive Christchurch. Tour of Red House Museum and Art Gallery kindly conducted by the Curator, Mr. J. H. Lavender, B.Sc., A.R.C.S.
- 1-2 p.m. Members are invited by Mr. Lavender to picnic in the Museum gardens. There are several nearby restaurants.
- 2.00 p.m. Priory Church, conducted by Mr. T. Brown.
- 3.00 p.m. Christchurch Castle etc., conducted by Mr. Lavender.
- 4.15 p.m. Members disperse individually for tea.

Coach leaves Guildford Station Yard 9 a.m.
Farnham Station Yard 9.30 a.m.

Coach leaves Christchurch 5 p.m. returning via Ringwood
to arrive Farnham 7 p.m. (approx.)
Guildford 7.30 p.m. (approx.)

Tickets: Members 2/6 Visitors 3/6 Coach 10/-

DANISH ARCHAEOLOGY

STUDY TOUR TO DENMARK 29th JULY - 12th AUGUST, 1965.

Arranged by the Danish Institute.

Further details in the June Bulletin. (These can be obtained from Castle Arch, Guildford if required earlier).

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EXCAVATION NOTICES

VINE LANE, SOUTHWARK

(N.G.R.: TQ 334801)

Director: DR. F. CELORIA

Site Supervisor: MR. M. SEELEY

Excavations, organised on behalf of the Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee, are taking place every weekend from 10 a.m. to dusk. It is hoped to investigate the waste deposits from the nearby early Delftware kiln. Volunteers are welcome.

Vine Lane is a turning off Tooley Street, between Tower Bridge and London Bridge.

Enquiries to Hon. Sec., Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee, c/o Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17.

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: JOAN M. HARDING

Helpers are urgently needed to complete the excavation of the Late Bronze Age occupation floor before the quarry engulfs it and to investigate the mesolithic horizon discovered beneath the floor. The site is sheltered and dry. Diggers can be protected from rain.

The site is open for diggers and visitors in the first two weekends of each month.

May 1/2 8/9 June 5/7 12/13 July 3/4 10/11

Entrance is from the A25 just opposite the Silent Pool via the gate marked Albury Sand Pit. Cars may be left in the old brickyard. The excavation is above the sand quarry on the south side.

Enquiries to Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.
(Telephone: MUSEum 3644, ext. 330).

ORCHARD HILL, CARSHALTON: MESOLITHIC SITE

(N.G.R.: TQ 278643)

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

The excavation of this important site, organised by the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society, is continuing at weekends. Building on the site is expected to start in the summer and as much information and material as possible must be extracted from the site before it is built over. Volunteers are required both for digging and for the sorting of the mesolithic material.

Digging is carried out every weekend (weather permitting) and work starts on Saturdays at 10.30 a.m. and on Sundays at 2.0 p.m.

Access is from the track that runs westwards from the south end of Church Hill, Carshalton. The site is due south of The Greyhound P.H. and southwest of the parish church.

Enquiries to Mr. D. J. Turner, 14 Fairlawn Road, S.W.19.
(Telephone: CHerrywood 3032).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members are reminded that, in their own interests, they should notify the Honorary Secretary immediately of any change of address. Now that the *Bulletin* appears every month, it is all the more urgent that the Members' List should be kept up-to-date. When letters and packets are returned to Castle Arch marked "address unknown", it may mean that members do not receive the information and publications to which they are entitled. Alternatively, the Honorary Officers may have much unnecessary work in tracking down the new address.

E. S. Wood, Hon. Secretary.

SURREY RECORD OFFICE

It has been agreed with the Greater London Council that the Surrey Record Office at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, shall continue to acquire and keep parish (civil and ecclesiastical) manorial, family and estate records relating to the area of the administrative county as existing on 31st March, 1965.

Miss M. Gollancz, County Archivist.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Perkins Portraits.

Among the pictures at West Horsley Place referred to in Manning and Bray's *History of Surrey* (Vol. III p36) are the portraits of Sir William Perkins, of Chertsey, and of his brother Captain Matthew Perkins. Is the present whereabouts of these portraits known? (B. F. Pardoe).

Cedar Survey.

In order to test the theory that solitary cedars are often an indication that, from 1700 onwards, a gentleman liked to plant one near his residence, Mr. Batley would be glad if members finding such trees would report them to him. Such cedars have already been spotted: at Waddington (near the demolished Garston Hall), at Manor Park, Caterham (near the demolished 'Caterham Manor'), at Well Farm, Whyteleafe, (demolished 1962), at High Street, Caterham (near the Old Rectory), at Woodmansterne (? near an old rectory), at Ashted Hill, Merstham (? near an old priory). Since some of these cedars show signs of age — one at Reigate Priory was felled not long ago — the survey seems timely. Please report any other lone cedars (on a postcard please) thus:-

Name of place or house.	National Grid Reference.
Girth of tree at three feet from the ground.	
Any known references to a house built before 1800 nearby.	

Send details to: J. C. BATLEY, 7a Burntwood Lane, Caterham.

Ash: Ash Lodge, High Street (SU 894504)

Utterly ruinous, the shell of this house is unlikely to remain much longer in this rapidly developing suburb of Aldershot. The remains are however worth a glance from the building historian. One wooden pier of the doorcase (a frieze with triglyphs, but no pediment) has been broken and the construction is visible. The doorcase decorates an otherwise severely plain, two-story, brick front. The back has two large bays, although the house is only one room 'thick'. Inside the floors have collapsed into the cellars.

Although 'Georgian' in form the house must date from later than appears at first sight and is unlikely to be before 1800. A kitchen and wash-house were added about 1850. (K. W. E. Gravett).

Egham: Mesolithic material (TQ 01570).

Flakes, cores a microburin and a worn burin, made of toffee coloured flint, have been found in Town Ward. The finder and present holder is Mr. D. Barker. (T.B.A.O.G. Newsletter).

Hascombe: The Old Bowling Green (TQ 504394).

Can any member throw any light upon the site near Hascombe Hill known locally as 'The Old Bowling Green'? When Mr. G. F. Howard excavated the site in 1963 he found, beneath three inches of humus, a well paved surface of Bargate stone 'cobbles'. These extended to some 70 ft. by 20 ft. close to the top of the promontory on which the site is located. Roughly in the middle of the rectangle a circle of earth, some 4 ft. in diameter, was uncovered. Mr. Godman also excavated the site 'about forty years ago' — he recorded the paved area as being 200 ft. by 60 ft.

(G. F. Howard).

Merton and Morden.

Latest arrival in the field of publications by local societies is the *Newsletter* issued by the Merton and Morden Historical Society. This is to appear quarterly and the first edition was published on 1st April. It is intended to bring notices of forthcoming meetings to members, together with short reports on past lectures and outings. Other items of interest will also be included from time to time. It is to be hoped that this small but active local society will benefit from the regular circulation of this *Newsletter*. (A. M. Turner).

Southwark: Cuming Museum Acquisitions.

Combining local interest and Industrial Archaeology the Cuming Museum has collected a series of six street name plates from the borough. The plates cover the period from 1780 to the present day, the earliest being of stone. The museum staff would be interested to compare the 'typology' of its street signs with those from other areas.

(T.B.A.O.G. Newsletter).

Southwark: Lavington Street (TQ 31888018).

Post-mediaeval pottery found in a road trench on the corner of Lavington Street and Great Suffolk Street (mentioned in the January *Bulletin*) has now been sorted. The finds include tin-glaze and stoneware wasters and kiln furniture. It is probable that these come from the Gravel Lane Pottery which is shown on Rocque and Pine's map of 1737-46 as being approximately 200 yards south of the Lavington Street site. There is a reference to a stoneware pottery in the Borough making white stoneware (see *London Pottery Sites* by F. H. Garner, Ceramic Circle No. 9).

Other finds from the trench include lead-glazed red earthenware and a series of clay tobacco pipes dating from 1670 to 1780. The finds are to be deposited in the Cuming Museum. (T.B.A.O.G. Newsletter).

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 should be sent to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey.

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