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S.A.S. MEETINGS

February, 15th: Visit to Clapham.

March, 22nd: Visit to Fishbourne and Chichester.

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

EXCAVATION NOTICES

**CARSHALTON HIGH STREET
(TQ 289646)**

THE BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY has just begun excavations on a vacant site behind the car park in Carshalton High Street. This site is soon to be developed as an extension to the car park itself. When 19th century cottages on the site were pulled down traces of medieval foundations were noticed beneath them. Anyone interested in helping with this dig is invited to get it touch with Miss E. Fox, 156 Park Lane, Carshalton (01-647 1847).

**OATLANDS PALACE
(TQ 079652)**

It is hoped to resume excavations on the Girl Guide Hut site in the spring. Members interested in taking part are advised to contact The Curator, Weybridge Museum, Church Street, Weybridge (Weybridge 43573). (See also "Meetings: 14th March").

NOTES AND QUERIES

British Museum Society.

The British Museum is to launch a public appeal for funds and to form its own Society to gather support for urgent and essential new building. Subscriptions of £2 per year will include a news bulletin to be issued to members six times a year.

Archaeological Observation Scheme.

Following the request for volunteers issued with the *Bulletin*, a meeting was held at the Congregational Hall, Guildford, on the 2nd

November, 1968. A brief introduction was given to recording, fieldwork and the identification of finds, etc.

More volunteers are urgently required for these activities, made all the more important by the continuation of development within the County. Will any person who can give time to observing non-archaeological excavations, etc., which may be expected to produce archaeological evidence, please contact either Mr. J. N. Hampton 5, Lindsay Close, Epsom, or Mr. F. Holling, Castle Arch Museum, Guildford.

(J. N. Hampton).

Library Helpers.

The Library Committee would be pleased to hear from members who could join the panel of Library helpers to help with the routine work of the library on one day a week during the months of April and November.

Please write to the Honorary Librarian or to the Guildford Curator-Archivist, Castle Arch, Guildford.

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

Surrey Prints and Drawings.

The Society has recently purchased an important collection of West Surrey topographical drawings and prints comprising over 100 drawings (mainly water-colour) and about 600 engravings. The water colour drawings include work by J. Hassell, E. Hassell, Prosser and Sage.

The Library Committee wish to hear from a member who would be willing to assist with the very interesting work of sorting and checking the collection against lists of graphic material already in stock. The work could be spread over several weeks.

Members are asked to write or telephone Dr. E. M. Dance, Guildford Curator-Archivist, Castle Arch, Guildford (Guildford 66551) from whom further particulars may be obtained.

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

'Lewin' — a query.

How widely is this word known and used in Surrey or elsewhere? It is, of course, a variant of a word meaning 'shelter' which appears in the *O.E.D.*, Wright's *Dialect Dictionary* and Hall/Parish's *Dictionary of Sussex Dialect* as *lee*, *lew*, *lewth*, etc. Granville Leveson Gower's *Glossary of Surrey Words* gives 'lews; canvas on poles put to protect the hops, or thatched hurdles for sheepfolds'. The writer has only once seen the form *lewin* in print — in an 1888 sale catalogue of Hook Farm, Worplesdon (Guildford Muniment Room) where it obviously means a fixed farm building.

Mr. John Macnab has kindly told the writer that the word is well known in Puttenham, although no longer used; it could mean a temporary windbreak round hopfields but was more generally understood as a rough lean-to shelter, for animals or machinery, with a corrugated iron roof and walls of canvas, tin, or brick. Other informants state that a farmer at Sutton Green, Woking, still uses the term in this latter sense and that a former inhabitant of Bramley remembered it.

The writer would be grateful for some comments from other places. Was the *levin* form of the word peculiar to West Surrey, which would account for Leveson Gower's not knowing it?

(Miss G. M. A. Beck).

Carshalton : Excavations in The Park (TQ 278643).

Members of the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society have been working for nearly a year on a site in the gardens of nos. 9 and 10 The Park, Carshalton. This lies on the edge of the bed of Thanet Sand on which a substantial but disturbed mesolithic settlement was excavated in 1964-5. Trial trenching for further evidence of mesolithic occupation led to the chance discovery of soil marks which indicated the foundations of a timber-framed building. Part of this was identified as a threshing floor and eventually it proved possible to recover a large part of the ground plan of the aisled barn in which it had stood, together with traces of adjacent wooden buildings to the south. A complete plan could not be recovered, partly because of garden features and the houses which have now been built and partly because the site is intersected by three modern paths which have destroyed the evidence. The whole complex, however, seems to have formed part of two sides of a sizeable farmyard, and a cart track, with soft padding for the horse between rough metalling for the wheels of the cart, was found running into the farmyard.

No firm dating for the structures is yet available and, indeed, may never be possible. The scatter of pottery sherds found is common to the area and ranged from R-B to late medieval. Victoriana was conspicuously absent. Two metal objects are still being investigated by the Guildhall Museum. On architectural grounds it could be late 16th, 17th, or 18th century but it is, however, almost certain that it is prior to the time of Queen Anne when the land was emparked.

(A. S. Gilbert).

Kingston : Medieval Pottery Kiln (TQ 18166920).

A recent rescue excavation at Kingston upon Thames has revealed the existence of a medieval pottery manufactory in the vicinity of Eden Street. The excavation was conducted by the Kingston upon Thames Museum with the aid of volunteers and by kind permission of the land owners, the Alliance Property Co. Ltd.

The site lies to the rear of 70-72 Eden Street. On its modern edge part of the baked clay of a, probably circular, kiln-oven has been exposed. Further investigation of the kiln itself is not yet possible due to the presence of modern buildings which are still standing.

Over half a ton of pottery has been recovered from the site and many of the sherds have waster characteristics. The pottery has a white or pinkish buff sandy fabric with patchy mottled green glaze. Jug forms appear to predominate and many handles are slashed or pricked. Decoration includes stamped 'fir trees' and rosettes. One waster sherd, showing the lower portion of a bearded face, comes from a face-jug.

The existence of a medieval pottery manufactory at Kingston upon Thames has long been suspected from documentary evidence (M. S.

Saturday, 15th. 3.0 p.m.

COMMONS REGISTRATION, a talk by MR. N. G. SHREEVE to the WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY at Weybridge Library. Visitors welcome.

Saturday, 22nd. 2.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m.

ROMAN road conference organised by the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY. Details from Mrs. M. Wood, Ludlums Gate, Monk Well, Waverley, Farnham. (Runfold 2523).

Saturday, 22nd. 7.0 p.m.

EXCAVATIONS AT THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER A talk by MR. M. GREENE to the SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road.

MARCH

Saturday, 1st. 3.0 p.m.

THE LAND SURVEYOR IN SURREY HISTORY. A lecture by MR. R. A. SKELTON to the BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Darby and Joan Club, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton.

Tuesday, 4th. 8.0 p.m.

FISHBOURNE FILM to be shown by the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY at Pit House, Cheam Road, Ewell.

Friday, 7th. 7.45 p.m.

MEDIEVAL POTTERY PRODUCTION. A talk by MR. P. BREARS to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY in the Meeting Room behind the Council Offices, South Street, Farnham.

Friday, 14th. 8.15 p.m.

OATLANDS PALACE EXCAVATIONS. A talk by MRS. A. LANSDELL, Curator of Weybridge Museum, to the CHERTSEY SOCIETY at *The Crown* Hotel, London Street, Chertsey. Visitors fee 1/6d.

Saturday, 22nd.

S.A.S. VISIT TO FISHBOURNE AND CHICHESTER

Arranged by CAPT. WILSON, R.N.R., assisted by Miss C. SMITH.

8.45 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate, *Red Cross* P. H.

9.00 a.m. Coach leaves Dorking, *White Horse* Hotel.

9.30 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford Park Road, rear of main line railway station. Car park in Guildford Park Road.

10.45 a.m. FISHBOURNE. (Entrance 2/6, payable at Fishbourne).

Lunch in Chichester and visit places of interest in Chichester.

6.00 p.m. (approx.) Leave Chichester.

Further details in the March *Bulletin*. Tickets (members 3/-; non-members 4/-; coach 10/-) from Miss C. Smith, *Elyots*, Minster Road, Godalming.

Giuseppi (1937) Medieval Pottery in Kingston upon Thames. *Sy. Arch. Coll.*, XLV, 151-2). With an easy means of transport provided by the Thames, the Kingston pottery could well have been an important source of supply to the London market, and it is hoped that further archaeological, historical and geological investigation will shed new light on the extent and organisation of the industry.

(Mrs. M. P. Canham).

Much of the pottery found by Mrs. Canham resembles the class termed 'off-white sandy ware' at Merton (D. J. Turner (1967) Excavations near Merton Priory. *Sy. Arch. Coll.*, LXIV, 57-8). This was dated, mainly on the basis of evidence from Northolt (J. G. Hurst (1962) The Kitchen Area of Northolt, Middlesex *Med. Arch.*, V, 273-4) as c.1300-1400, but there are strong hints in the Northolt report that the starting date for the type is likely to be a little earlier.

If we can provisionally equate these groups and take the documentary evidence at its face value, we can tentatively revise the dates of this pottery to c.1250—1350 or 1400. This does raise problems with respect to the relationship between 'Kingston ware' and Limpsfield ware (to be the subject of a note in a forthcoming *Bulletin*) but more work is clearly necessary before these problems can be resolved.

In the Merton report (*op. cit.*, 60) it was stated that off-white sandy ware was present among the pottery found at Cheam in 1923. A re-assessment of the Cheam material at present being undertaken by the writer indicates that this is, in fact, not so. The absence of off-white sandy pottery from the Cheam series encourages the suggestion for a class name 'Kingston ware'.

(D. J. Turner).

MEETINGS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROCESSING.

There are in Surrey several groups which meet regularly to assist in the task of processing material from excavations. Details of some of the groups are given below.

SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The processing groups of this society, concerned with the vast amount of material excavated in Southwark since 1962, meet on weekday evenings at two centres — Upper Ground, near Blackfriars Bridge, and Livesey Depot, Old Kent Road.

Monday: Material from the London Bridge excavations at Upper Ground.
Leader J. Wilkes.

Tuesday: Material from New Guy's House at Livesey Depot.
Leaders D. Shepherd and F. Cleverdon.
Material from 199 Borough High Street at Upper Ground.
Leader D. J. Turner.

Wednesday: Material from Kennington Palace at Upper Ground.
Leader G. Dawson.

Thursday: Pottery drawing instruction at Upper Ground.

Leaders J. Thorn and Miss R. Jackman.

Friday: Material from Guys Hospital and Lambeth High Street at Upper Ground.

Leaders M. Redall, B. J. Bloice and C. Crossman.

Enquiries to Mr. B. J. Bloice, 94 Hubert Grove, London, S.W.9.

NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

The processing group of this Society meets in Epsom on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8.0 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 10.0 a.m. The Society also has a documentary research group meeting on alternate Saturday afternoons at Ewell Public Library. Enquiries to Mr. G. T. Wignall, 105 Kingston Road, Ewell.

REIGATE

Two processing groups meet in Reigate. One group, on alternate Friday evenings, is dealing with material from, and documentary research about, the recently excavated moated site at Court Lodge Farm, Horley. Enquiries to Dr. G. P. Moss, 35 Brooklands Way, Redhill.

The other Reigate group is sorting worked flint from Orchard Hill, Carshalton, and medieval pottery from various excavations. It meets on alternate Sunday afternoons and evenings. Enquiries to D. J. Turner, 21 Evesham Road, Reigate.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 11th. 8.0 p.m.

THE TECHNIQUE OF BRASS RUBBING. A talk by MRS. CORRIE PRICE to the NONSUCH AND EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY at Pit House, Cheam Road, Ewell. Visitors welcome.

Wednesday, 12th. 5.0 p.m.

THE ROMAN CEMETARY AT BROUGHAM, WESTMORLAND. A lecture by MISS D. CHARLESWORTH to the R.A.I. at Burlington House.

Wednesday, 12th. 8.0 p.m.

The Archaeological Group of the WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY will describe and illustrate their more recent work and the conclusions drawn from it. At West Hill Library, Wandsworth.

Friday, 14th. 8.15 p.m.

SOME ALMSHOUSES AND THEIR ORIGINS. A talk by Mr. N. Black to the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY at Morden Library, London Road, S.W.19.

Saturday, 15th. 11 a.m.

S.A.S. VISIT TO CLAPHAM

Led by MR. E. E. SMITH of the CLAPHAM ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Details of this meeting were given in the January *Bulletin*. As attendance must be restricted, applications for tickets (members 3/-. non-members 4/-) must be made to Miss C. Smith, *Elyots*, Minster Road, Godalming, by 7th February.