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S.A.S. VISITS

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| August 12th | Visit to Greys Court etc. Details were given in <i>Bulletin</i> 67. |
| September 12th | Visit to Reigate. Details of this visit, and other meetings, are given elsewhere in this <i>Bulletin</i> . |

EXCAVATION NOTICES

**BROOKLANDS, WEYBRIDGE
(TQ 068632)**

Director: **THE VISCOUNTESS HANWORTH.**

This excavation will be resumed from 15th August to 6th September, 1970, from 10 a.m. daily. Details were given in *Bulletin* 64.

**NETHERNE LANE, COULSDON
(TQ 295558)**

Director. **MISS L. KETTERINGHAM.**

This excavation will continue throughout August, on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. Details were given in *Bulletin* 64.

**OLD TOWN, CROYDON
(TQ 318655)**

Director: **MR. P. L. DREWETT**

This excavation will be resumed from 1st to 16th August. Details were given in *Bulletin* 65.

**THE GROVE, EWELL
(TQ 219624)**

Directors: **MR. G. HUNTER and MR. F. F. PEMBERTON**

Excavation of this important Iron Age, Romano-British and Anglo-Saxon site will take place on behalf of the Bourne Hall Museum and Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society. Work will take place on weekends through August and possibly into September (excepting the Bank Holiday weekend), starting at 10 a.m. Volunteers are requested to bring their own personal hand equipment.

Enquiries to: **Mr. F. Pemberton, 20, Rosebushes, Epsom Downs.**
(Tel. Burgh Heath 50744.)

MONTAGUE CLOSE, SOUTHWARK
(TQ 326803)

Director. MR. G. J. DAWSON

The Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee and the Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society are continuing excavations on this important site until 23rd August, every day except Thursday, and thereafter on Saturdays and Sundays only, until 27th September. From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday to Sunday. The site adjoins Montague Chambers and may be approached down the steps from London Bridge and west along Tooley Street. Turn left at corrugated iron gate, under the London Bridge Restaurant, and the site is on the right. A detailed account of last year's results was contained in *Bulletin* 59.

Enquiries to: Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17. (Tel. 01-703 6514 Ext. 3.)

GASKARTH ROAD, SOUTHWARK

It is hoped that excavation on this site by the S.L.A.S., across the projected line of Stane Street, will be resumed in August or September at weekends, under the direction of Mr. D. Imber. For further details (when fixed) write to: D. Imber, 38 Dalmerly Road, Norbury, Surrey.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Hon. Local Secretaries

The following changes to the list of Hon. Local Secretaries published in the *Annual Report* and amended in *Bulletin* 67 (July) are now operative.

Dorking and Horley Rural District:—

Capel, Holmwood, Ockley, Newdigate,
South Abinger

Mrs. J. F. T. Banks

Godstone Rural District:—

Godstone, Horne, Tandridge

Hon. Mrs. Macneile
Dixon

Blechingley, Burstow, Nutfield
Crowhurst, Lingfield

Dr. B. H. Kirsop
P. J. Gray

Guildford Rural District—

Compton, Puttenham, Seale and
Tongham, Shackleford, Wanborough
East and West Clandon, Effingham,
East and West Horsley

A. J. Clark

L. H. Sidwell
(Willowmay, Hooke Rd.,
East Horsley)

Hambledon Rural District:—

Dockenfield, Elstead, Frensham,
Peper Harrow, Thursley, Tilford

I. G. R. Dormor

Reigate Borough

D. J. Turner

Bagshot Rural District

Mrs. J. Mason

Frimley & Camberley Urban District

Miss H. Rendle
(Camberley Museum)
(D. J. Turner).

Industrial Archaeology

An S.A.S. survey of industrial monuments in Surrey is now starting with the aim of producing an indexed hand-list of sites. This survey has the encouragement of the County Planning Officer.

The intention is to make the list as representative and comprehensive a record of past industrial activity in Surrey as possible. Industrial activity will be interpreted in a reasonably wide manner and there are no set limits on the age of items. Details of sites and references are welcome, particularly the less-well-known ones; possibilities being just as important in this connection as confirmed details. All such information will be welcomed by Mr. R. Hall, 14 Adecroft Way, East Molesey, Surrey.
(R. Hall).

Surrey Wills

Probate Records of the Commissary Court of the Bishop of Winchester and of the Court of the Archdeacon of Surrey have recently been transferred from the Principal Probate Registry at Somerset House to the Greater London Record Office at the County Hall, London, S.E.1. The records may now be consulted in the Search Room (Room B.21) there, Mondays to Fridays, from 9.45 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. and, by appointment only, on Saturday mornings from 9.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., provided advance notice is given of the document required for study (telephone: 01-633 5000, extension 6851 or 7808).

The following summary of the principal classes of records transferred, with their covering dates, may be helpful to readers. Gaps in series have not been noted, but these can be ascertained from the Record Office.

COMMISSARY COURT OF THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER IN SURREY

The Bishop of Winchester appointed a Commissary to grant probate of wills in the county of Surrey.

Registered wills, 1674-1857. 8 vols.

Original wills, 1663-1857. 17 boxes.

Original administrations, 1674-1858. 16 boxes.

Probate and administration act books, 1662-1858. 15 vols.

Calendars of wills and administrations, 1662-1671, 1687-1704, 1727-30.

4 vols. (calendars for other dates between 1672 and 1858 are annexed to the probate and administration act books noted above).

COURT OF THE ARCHDEACON OF SURREY

The probate jurisdiction of this court covered the whole of Surrey, apart from the Peculiars, but its powers were inhibited, in theory, although apparently not always in practice, for certain periods during each year. It had no power to grant administrations. For a useful short account of the Court of the Archdeacon the reader is referred to the Introduction to *Surrey Wills*, number XVII of the Surrey Record Society's publications, December 1922.

Registered wills, 1480-1821. 33 vols.

Original wills, 1534-1857. 89 boxes.

Probate act books, 1674-1858. 7 vols.

Calendars of registered and unregistered wills, up to 1750. 10 vols.

(calendars of wills, 1751-1858, are annexed to the probate act books noted above).

Non-probate Records of both the Commissary Court and the Court of the Archdeacon are also in the Greater London Record Office, having been transferred there by the Registrar of the Diocese of Guildford.

The following are the principal classes of records transferred (gaps in series have not been noted):

Visitation books, 1667-1874, and other visitation records.

Glebe terriers, c.1602-1902. c.75 items.

Muniment books, 1674-1927.

Dissenters' meeting houses registration, 1741-1790, 1833, 1852.

of historic Southwark. The tours are free and all are welcome. Those wishing to take part should assemble outside the George Inn, Borough High Street, S.E.1, (5 minutes walk from London Bridge Station) at 2.15 p.m. on the following dates :

Sundays, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August.

MEETINGS

AUGUST

Wednesday 12th, 8.30 a.m.

S.A.S. Visit to Checkendon and Rotherfield Greys, Oxon.

Tuesday 18th. 8 p.m.

NONSUCH PALACE AND ITS EXCAVATION. Talk by MR. M. MORRIS to KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 3rd. 8 p.m.

A.G.M. OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames

Monday, 7th. 8 p.m.

HISTORY OF OLD WOKING AND WESTFIELD. Talk by MR. H. NEADS to MAYFORD HISTORY SOCIETY at the Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

Saturday, 12th.

S.A.S. VISIT TO REIGATE

Arranged by Mrs. M. Trier and Mr. J. K. Scholey.

10.00 a.m. Meet in car park beside Town Hall (TQ 253503). 200 yards from Railway Station (train arrives from Guildford 9.51 a.m.), and on main Dorking - Reigate - Redhill road (A25, one-way street, on south side).

Proceed by Castlefield Road, Church Street and Bell Street to Reigate Priory (south side at 10.30), which will be described by Mr. J. C. Batley.

11.30 a.m. By footpaths to St. Mary's Church.

12.00 noon Visit Church and Library.

Lunch in town.

2.00 p.m. Meet in Town Hall car park and visit the Castle and nearby buildings on foot (100 yards), inspecting caves under Castle. Mr. D. J. Turner will accompany the party and describe the Castle.

If sufficient transport motor to Reigate Heath to see Barrows and Mill Church.

Tickets: Members 3/-, visitors 4/-, from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Tuesday, 15th. 8 p.m.

THE ARCHIVES OF THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES. Talk by Miss A. Daly to KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 28th. 11.15 a.m.

C.B.A. GROUP 11a CONFERENCE, SOUTH-EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE SEA. At the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

See separate leaflet enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

Consecration books, 1819-1826.
Consecration papers, 1800-1866.
Office papers, 1628-1927.
Omnibus faculties, orders in council, etc., 1857-1927.
Marriage allegations, licences, bonds, etc., 1763-1910.
Bishop's transcripts

(For most parishes the transcripts only survive from the early years of the 19th century, although for a few they begin in the 18th century. A detailed list can be consulted at the Record Office).

Diocese of Southwark. Records of this diocese, formed from the dioceses of Winchester and Rochester in 1905, have been transferred to the Greater London Record Office by the Diocesan Registrar. The following are the principal classes of records transferred (gaps in series have not been noted):

Consecration papers, 1905-1963.
Faculties, 1906-1957.
Orders in council, 1905-1963.
Visitation books, 1907-1951, and other visitation records.
Office Papers, 1905-1969. (E D. Mercer).

Surrey Toll Cottages and Turnpikes

The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum at West Dean near Chichester intend to produce a large-scale map of their area to be displayed in their toll cottage. The routes and dates of all turnpikes will be shown together with inset pictures of all toll cottages of which there is record.

The Museum have no material relating to Surrey and have asked for assistance. Any details or references will be welcome: in the first place to Mr. R. Hall, 14 Adecroft Way, East Molesey, Surrey, please.

(R. Hall).

London University Diploma in Archaeology

The writer would like to hear from anyone interested in attending a 4-year Diploma Course in Guildford. He understands that if a request for a course is made from a group of 18 or more prospective students, then the Department of Extra-Mural Studies of the University of London might give consideration to the proposal in 1971.

The course provides a four-year scheme for persons who desire to study the subject to an advanced level. Each year's course consists of one evening lecture a week for 24 weeks plus 4 field meetings, and at least one complete week each year on excavation and field survey. (Time spent on field survey should not be less than one week, and excavation not less than three weeks for the whole course).

The outline scheme of study is as follows:

- Year 1. The archaeology of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Man.
- Year 2. The archaeology of Western Asia.
- Year 3. Prehistoric Europe.
- Year 4. Optional subjects (a) Egyptology, (b) Prehistoric Britain, (c) Roman Britain.

Enrolment fee about 60/- per year.

The previous notice in *Bulletin 65* produced a response from only five people. Would any further persons interested please contact Mr. C. dela Nougerede, 111 Merryfield Drive, Horsham, Sussex. (Tel. Horsham 61321). (C. dela Nougerede).

Gas Pipeline Archaeology

Arrangements are now well advanced for the laying of a gas pipeline

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from Croydon to Mitcham for the South Eastern Gas Board, and since the excavations may disclose items of archaeological or local historical interest, the formation of a team of observers is a matter of some urgency.

Volunteers are asked to contact Mr. E. N. Montague, 9 Devonshire Road, Sutton, (Tel. 01-643 1608) as soon as possible.

(Merton H. S. *Quarterly Bulletin*).

Staines: Excavation at 35-55 Thames Street (TQ135714)

Excavation was carried out by members of the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society during March, 1970. The site is 120 yards south-west of the Roman buildings discovered at 69-71 High Street, reported in *Bulletin* 66.

An area of 900 square feet was excavated to the water table which stood at 5 ft. 3 in. below present ground level, with the aim of examining the extent of the Roman settlement of the town. A Roman road with side-ditch was found, running east-west and consisting of compacted gravel mixed with iron slag, rusted together and forming a solid layer 11 feet wide and 9 inches thick at the centre. The surface was cambered. The side ditch, on the south side of the road, was U-shaped, 1 foot wide and 1 foot deep, cut into the natural soil on which the road rested.

A further, contemporary ditch ran across these two features obliquely, W.S.W.-E.N.E., terminating them. This ditch had also been cut into the natural soil but its width could not be fully ascertained. South of it, and parallel to it, a third ditch or stream was found. Originally 20 feet wide, with gradual silting of its channel and erosion of its banks the area degenerated into marshland. Two brick structures were found, one, 1 ft. 6 in. by 1 ft. 5 in., was too small for its purpose to be determined, the other was foundations of 19th century stabling and outbuildings.

The Roman road is situated parallel to the road discovered at 69-71 High Street, its composition and width being identical. Presumably another ditch existed on the opposite side of the road, outside the boundary of the present excavation. The discovery of this road would tend to confirm that here is an internal road system within a settlement area. By the early 17th century the road was completely covered by a 1 foot layer of silt, and during the latter part of the same century part of the area was backfilled, deposition continuing until finally during the 19th century the whole area was filled and levelled and the stabling erected. There is no documentary evidence for a ditch or stream in this area, although William Stukely, writing in 1723, records that Staines 'was fenced round with a ditch.' Whether the third ditch mentioned above is part of Stukely's system can only be resolved by further excavation along its presumed line. Natural water courses exist to-day on three sides of Staines town, but not on this the southern side. (Maureen Rendell).

EXHIBITIONS

WEST SURREY WATERWAYS. A small exhibition of maps, posters, photographs and records, at Guildford Museum, Monday, 3rd August to Saturday, 15th August (not Sunday), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arranged at the request of the Inland Waterways Association in connection with the NATIONAL RALLY OF BOATS AND WATER FESTIVAL at Guildford, 7th to 10th August.

MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY exhibit at BOROUGH OF MERTON SHOW, Morden Park, on Monday, 31st August.

TOURS

The Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society, in association with the London Borough of Southwark, are organising a series of tours