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**S.A.S. VISITS**

October 3rd      Visit to Weybridge.

Details of this visit were given in *Bulletin* 69.

**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

**MERSTHAM VILLAGE**

Director: MRS. M. N. TRIER

This excavation will probably have started by the date of publication of this *Bulletin*. Prospective volunteers should contact Mrs. Trier, The Drift, Manor Road, Reigate. Tel.: Reigate 46475.

**BROOKLANDS, WEYBRIDGE**  
(TQ 068632)

Director: The Viscountess Hanworth.

Good progress has been made on this site, revealing a dense complex of Iron Age pits and gullies, together with important evidence for metal working, but the total area mechanically stripped has not yet been fully examined and it will be necessary to continue either at week-ends in November, or for a short period in early December. Prospective volunteers should contact the director at Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Surrey. Tel.: Ewhurst 420.

**NOTES**

**Help Needed with Brass Rubbing.**

Dr. J. Blatchley and the writer are endeavouring to finish the collection of rubbings of Monumental Brasses in Surrey started by the late Alan Gilbert. There are still several to be done, some in the London area. Offers of help from experienced brass rubbers would be very gratefully received. The writer's address is 9 Uplands Road, Sutton, Surrey. Tel. 01-643 1581.

(Joy Gilbert).

### **Windmills on View.**

The windmill at Outwood, Surrey (TQ 328456) is open for inspection on Sunday afternoons at 2.30 p.m.

(Martin Salzer in *G.L.I.A.S. Newsletter*, 9).

### **Vandalism at Chaldon.**

The historic bronze bell at Chaldon Church was stolen in July. It had been protected by iron bars, but these were wrenched out. It dated to the 13th century, one of probably only four of its period in England.

(*Bourne Society Bulletin*, 61).

### **Hall Place, Church Road, Mitcham (TQ 273685)**

The site of Hall Place, currently being developed by the Education Department of the London Borough of Merton for a special school, has the distinction of being the oldest known continuously occupied site in the parish of Mitcham, with a documented history of over 600 years. Recently completed excavations by the archaeological section of the Merton Historical Society have now provided evidence of buildings on the site in the 13th century and occupation in the 12th century.

The limitations of time and labour available precluded an ambitious excavation, but in two short seasons, and with excellent co-operation from the building contractors' representatives, foundations were examined which, apart from some anomalies, correspond substantially with what is known of the ground plan of the Medieval and Tudor Hall Place demolished in 1867. Other parts of the site were investigated, but total stripping was out of the question.

The site is tentatively indentified with one of the two demesne farms of Whitford recorded in the Domesday survey. It is clear that beneath the rubble of the late Victorian house on which the school is now being built there lies a complex of foundations dating back to the Middle Ages. The open hall itself, and the chapel of 1348 lie to the west of the school, and although partially overlain by an access road, are relatively undisturbed by current building operations. The potential has been demonstrated convincingly, it remains to be seen whether or not the opportunity for further excavation will ever present itself.

An interim report has been prepared. It is hoped that a final report will in due course be published in the *Surrey Archaeological Collections*.

(E. N. Montague).

### **Three Sites in Woodmansterne.**

1. The Old Rectory (TQ 279597). This house, left unoccupied about three years ago, has now been partly gutted by vandals. Before it reached its present sad state the writer had attempted twice to obtain permission to visit it, for inspection and photography, but was refused. Early this year, learning of its condition, he paid several visits and photographed the frontage. The building does not seem to be older than the late 18th century, though the *Victoria County History* states that portions appear earlier. A large outhouse of flint and brick could certainly be. The site is destined for road building.

2. Clockhouse Farm Estate (TQ 278601). This is now being developed for housing. Three visits were paid here earlier this year, hoping to locate more of the active flint industry discovered by the gas-pipe line excavations. Search was practically impossible over much of the ground as the surface had been strewn thickly with pebbles and grit after the very wet weather to enable the tractors to gain a hold on the thick clay. Only Victorian pottery and a little 18th century glazed ware were found. The modern farmhouse has no interesting feature, but it had been hoped to save and re-erect in the new estate the 200-year old clock which gave its name to the farm. Before it could be taken down it was destroyed by thieves trying to remove it.

3. The Park (TQ 276601). The 10 feet high brick wall which divides the present Rectory grounds from the open space called The Park (the site of the late Medieval Shorts Place) is in much need of repair, though not in danger of falling. It has been claimed that bricks in it are dated 1690, but the only date that could be found after close inspection was 1780, clearly marked, preceded by the initials 'I.L.' (John Lambert). After lengthy discussions between Banstead Council and the Church authorities as to who was responsible for repairs, it was found that the Council was the owner of the wall. As local feeling is strong that the wall should be retained for its character and setting, the Council has asked the Church to pay half the estimated cost of £300, but they can only offer £50. This was the position in December, 1969, and there the matter still remains, while the wall's condition slowly deteriorates and costs rise.

(E. A. Baxter).

#### Recent Publications.

- ANON (1970) Windmills around London — a G.L.I.A.S. Project. G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter* 8, 3.
- ANON (1970) Survey of the Grand Surrey Canal. G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter* 8, 3.
- ANON (1970) Barley Mow Inn, Hersham. (Under consideration by Walton and Weybridge U.D.C. for listing as a building of architectural or historical interest). Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. *Dialstone* 34, 4.
- ANON (1970) Neolithic Stone Axe from the Thames at Walton. (found on a pile of dredged deposit below Mount Felix). Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. *Dialstone* 34, 4.
- ANON (1970) Grove House, Lower Green, Esher. Esher District L.H.S. *Local History News* 9, 38.
- ANON (1970) Pomeroy Street, S.E.14. (TQ 353771). (Waste material from a clay-pipe kiln discovered by fieldwork). Southwark and Lambeth A.S. *Newsletter* 25, 3-4.
- ANON (1970) Old Houses in Coulsdon. (Bradmore Farm and Cherry Tree Cottage). Bourne Society *Bulletin* 61, 3.
- ANON (1970) The future of Albert Bridge. G.L.I.A.S. *Newsletter* 9, 5.
- BAKER, R. G. M. (1970) Fire Insurance Policy. (For a brick house in Back Street, Walton). Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. *Dialstone* 34, 4.
- BAKER, R. G.M. (1970) Walton Workhouse. Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. *Dialstone*, 34, 4.
- BLACKMAN, M. E. (1970) Iron Gates at Oatlands. Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. *Dialstone* 34, 5.
- BAKER, R. (1970) Cooper Hall, Thames Ditton. Esher District L.H.S. *Local History News* 9, 38-9.
- BAILEY, K. A. (1970) From Nine Elms to Barn Elms, VI. Wandsworth *News Sheet* 90, 2-3.

Wednesday, 21st. 8.15 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF WOKING AND DISTRICT. Talk by MR. G. B. GREENWOOD to Walton and Weybridge Local History Society in the hall behind Elm Grove, Hershaw Road (next to Odeon Cinema).

Thursday, 22nd. 8 p.m.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK (Local History). Talk by MISS K. D. W. CLOSE to Oxted and District Historical Society, as 15th October.

Friday, 23rd. 7.45 p.m.

A.G.M. of the Farnham Museum Society, at the Committee Room, South Street, Farnham.

Tuesday, 27th. 6 p.m.

GEOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE UPPER GREENSAND INDUSTRIES OF EAST SURREY. Talk by MR. P. SOWAN to A.G.M. of London Natural History Society (Geology and Archaeology Section), at Linnaean Society's Rooms, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

Saturday, 31st. 7 p.m.

A.G.M. of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society followed by FOOD IN THE ROMAN WORLD. Talk by DR. F. CELORIA at North Peckham Civic Centre, Canal Bridge, Old Kent Road.

Thursday, 29th. 8 p.m.

CANALS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY. Talk by MR. H. MALET to Oxted and District Historical Society, as 15th October.

## NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 4th. 8 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF LIMPSFIELD CHURCH. Talk by the REV. R. C. GAUNT to Oxted and District Historical Society, in Limpsfield Church.

Friday, 6th. 7.45 p.m.

FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY: SOME ENIGMATIC EARTHWORKS IN HAMPSHIRE AND SURREY. Talk by MR. C. F. WARDALE to Farnham Museum Society, as on 2nd October.

Saturday, 7th. 11 a.m.

THE SOUTH DOWNS AND COASTAL PLAIN, THE PATTERN OF EARLY SETTLEMENT. C.B.A. Group 11B. Conference. Details were given in *Bulletin* 67.

Saturday, 14th. Sunday, 15th.

ENGLISH TIN-GLAZED EARTHENWARE (DELFTWARE). A two-day seminar devoted to this subject, organised by Morley College Ceramic Circle. Cost £5 per person, including lunchboxes. Free Car Parking. Further details from The Organising Secretary, M.C.C.C., Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.1.

Saturday, 14th.

A.G.M. of the Merton Historical Society.

Saturday, 14th.

Surrey Local History Symposium. See leaflet enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

Tuesday, 17th. 8 p.m.

NUMISMATICS AND LOCAL HISTORY. Talk by MR. L. B. YATES to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at the Lecture Hall, New Malden Branch Library, Kingston Road, New Malden.

Saturday, 28th. 11.15 a.m.

SOUTH-EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE SEA. C.B.A. Group 11A Conference. Details were enclosed with *Bulletin* 68.

- BAILEY, K. A. (1970) Fields at Putney, 1460-1650. (Research to counter the assumption that a three-great-field farming system operated in the district). *Wandsworth News Sheet* 90, 4-5.
- CRACKNELL, B. E. (1970) Portrait of Surrey. (One of a series of books describing the British countryside). Demy 8vo. Illustrations and Maps. Robert Hale & Co. 35/-.
- DAY, B. (1970) Civilisation, Barbarism, and the Bronze Age. *Farnham Mus. Soc. Newsletter* II, 6, 8-11.
- DAWSON, G. J. (1970) More pits at London Bridge and a bridge somewhere else. *S.L.A.S. Newsletter*, 24, 3.
- DAVIS, R. (1970) The Hearth Tax and Egham. *Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. Newsletter* 32, 4-5.
- EDWARDS, ROY (1970) A ceramic problem, Winchester Palace. (Preliminary note on the Medieval pottery). *Southwark and Lambeth A.S. Newsletter* 23, 3-5.
- ELPHICK, G. P. (1969) Great Bookham Bells and Bellframe. *Leatherhead and Dist. L.H.S. Proceedings*, III, 3, 86-7.
- EEDLE, MARIE DE G. (1970) Some indications from the Apprenticeship Records for N.W. Surrey, 1711-1731. *Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. Monograph* No. 9.
- EEDLE, MARIE DE G. (1970) Place Name Notes. *Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. Dialstone* 34, 5.
- GOODRICH, MRS. E. K. (1970) Salvador, S.W.17. *Wandsworth H.S. News Sheet* 89, 3-4.
- HUNOT, ELIZABETH (1970) Tradesmen's Entrance. (Farnham Museum accessions). *Farnham Mus. Soc. Newsletter* II, 6, 3-4.
- INMAN, DOROTHEA M. (1970) Unexpected finds in one of the Registers of St. Andrew's Church. *Farnham Mus. Soc. Newsletter* II, 6, 12-14.
- JOHNSON, SYLVIA A. (1970) Further correspondence and other documents of the Farnham Local Board and Farnham U.D.C. 1866-1900. Part III. *Farnham Mus. Soc. Newsletter* II, 6, 14-21.
- LEFEVRE, P. J. (1970) Wood for the Navy from Weybridge. *Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. Dialstone* 34, 5.
- LEFEVRE, P. J. (1970) Extracts from Treasury Books. *Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. Dialstone* 34, 5.
- LAZENBY, F. (1970) The Railway that never came. *Bourne Society Bulletin* 61, 7.
- MADDEN, MICHAEL (1970) Farnham Worthy. (Cobbett). *Surrey Electricity Board Staff Magazine* XXII, 214.
- MONTAGUE, E. N. (1970) The History of Mitcham Common. 70 pp. 16 illustrations. *Mitcham Common Preservation Society*. Obtainable from Miss A. Millbank, 42 Graham Avenue, Mitcham, 12/- including postage specially bound copies available to order from Mr. S. J. C. Owers, 3 Abbots Road, Mitcham, 30/-.
- MANNING, ELFRIDA (1970) *Saxon Farnham*. Published for the Farnham Museum Society by Phillimore. From Wilmer House Museum, Farnham, or Pullingers, West Street, and Hammicks, Downing Street, Farnham. 10/- (or 6/- to members of the Farnham Museum Society at the Museum only).

## COURSES

(It is regretted that the following information was not forthcoming in time for inclusion in *Bulletin* 69).

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, DEPT. OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES.

ROMAN BRITAIN. Camberley Further Education Centre. Tutor: M. R. HULL, M.A., F.S.A., 26 meetings, 4 visits. From 21.9.70.

**PALAEOLITHIC AND MESOLITHIC HUNTER-GATHERER COMMUNITIES.** Dorking Inst. of Further Education. Tutor: MRS. B. WESLEY. 26 meetings, 2 visits. From 21.9.70.

**INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY.** Epsom and Ewell Inst. of Further Education. Tutor: D. M. COLLINS, M.A. 24 meetings, 2 visits. From 29.9.70.

**ANCIENT MAN IN WESTERN EUROPE.** Farnham Girls' Grammar School. Tutor: MISS N. O'KELLY, M.A. From 21.9.70.

**ARCHAEOLOGY OF BRITAIN.** Guildford. Tutor: MRS. M. CANHAM, B.A. Thursdays.

**BRITAIN, THE FAR WEST OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.** Redhill. Tutor: MRS. M. M. ROXAN, B.SC. From 24.9.70.

**ARCHAEOLOGY IN BRITAIN.** Walton on Thames. Tutor: MRS. P. WALLACE ZEUNER. From 29.9.70.

**ARCHAEOLOGY.** Woking. Tutor: F.E.I. HAMILTON, PH.D. Mondays

Apply for full details to: University of London, Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, 7 Ridgmount Street. WC1E 7AD.

## MEETINGS

### OCTOBER

Friday, 2nd. 7.45 p.m.

**THE ROMAN SITE AT NEATHAM.** Talk by MR. D. GRAHAM, and **THE MESOLITHIC SITE AT HEATH BROW.** Talk by MR. K. VARNEY to Farnham Museum Society at The Committee Room (behind the Council Offices) South Street, Farnham.

Saturday, 3rd

**S.A.S. Visit to Weybridge**

Thursday, 6th. 7 p.m.

**POTTERY AND POTTING.** Talk by MISS D. GRIFFITHS to Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road.

Wednesday, 14th. 8 p.m.

**THE WIMBLEDON AREA AND THE GREAT REBELLION, 1640-1660.** Talk by MR. R. J. MILWARD to Wandsworth Historical Society, at West Hill Library.

Thursday, 15th. 8 p.m.

**THE SURREY RECORD OFFICE** with special reference to the Oxted district. Talk by MISS M. GOLLANZ to Oxted and District Historical Society at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane.

Friday, 16th. 7.45 p.m.

**TEAM WORK IN LOCAL HISTORY.** Talk by MRS. E. MANNING to Farnham Museum Society, as on 2nd October.

Saturday, 17th.

**Clapham Transport Museum Open Day.**

Tuesday, 20th. 8 p.m.

**THE SURREY RECORD OFFICE: RECORDS RELATING TO KINGSTON.** Talk by MISS M. GOLLANZ to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.