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BULLETIN
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Notice of Annual General Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archaeological Society, to receive and consider the Report of the Council and the Accounts for the year 1970, will be held, by kind permission of His Worship, the Mayor of Guildford, in the Courtroom of the Guildhall, Guildford, on Saturday, 24th April, 1971, at 3 p.m. The Society's Patron, Dr. Kathleen M. Kenyon, C.B.E., F.B.A., F.S.A., will be in the chair.

D. J. Turner, Honorary Secretary

Agenda of Annual General Meeting
1. The Honorary Secretary to read the notice convening the Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Death of the President, Dr. R. A. Skelton, M.A., F.S.A.
4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
6. Election of President.
   The Council of the Surrey Archaeological Society have the honour to nominate Mr. J. L. Nevinson, M.A., F.S.A., for election as President for the coming year.
7. Re-election of Vice-Presidents.
8. Election of additional Vice-President.
   The Council has the honour to nominate Mr. A. R. Dufty, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., for election as Vice-President.
9. Re-election of other Honorary Officers.
10. Election of Council Members.
   There are six vacancies to be filled under Rule 11. The following members have been nominated by Council for election: Mrs. J. F. T. Banks, A.I.A.; Mr. G. J. Dawson, B.A.; Mr. J. Lindus Forgie, A.R.I.B.A.; Mr. G. A. Goulty, M.Sc., A.R.I.B.A.; Mr. J. N. Hampton; and Capt. M. A. Wilson, R.N.R.
   Further nominations should be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee and must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than 17th April, 1971.
11. Election of Honorary Auditor.
12. Vote of thanks to the Mayor of Guildford.
13. Any other business.
14. Vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

Tea will be served after the meeting in the Old Council Chamber, at a price of 20p per head. It is not necessary to send any money in advance.

EXHIBITION
A small exhibition of air photographs of archaeological and other subjects will be shown at the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archaeological Society, by courtesy of the National Monuments Record of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments.
NOTES

S.A.S. Rescue Excavation Scheme

In 1967 the Excavation Committee, faced with the threats posed by the ever-increasing pace of development, considered how they could be dealt with by the interested organisations. There appeared to be a need for closer co-operation between the societies in the county in the organisation of rescue excavations, observation, and the mobilisation of resources. A series of meetings between the Surrey Archaeological Society and representatives of local societies considered these problems in some detail.

From the initial discussions developed a two-part scheme to enable societies to call on resources needed for emergency excavation. Each holds a list of the resources of all the others, and the names of those they can approach when the need arises. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, the societies continue to meet three times a year to discuss current problems. These meetings have provided a forum for a wide range of topics; currently the subjects under discussion include training for archaeological observation, the development of industrial archaeology, the impact of the M.23/25 Motorway and collaboration in recording for the Central Index.

There is little doubt that the exchange of ideas is most beneficial to all who participate, and indeed we have all learnt much from each other. Perhaps it is of some significance that about 90% of the archaeological groups in the historical county regularly send representatives.

Any new local societies or groups who do not know of this scheme are invited to write to the undersigned at 5 Lindsay Close, Epsom.

(J. N. Hampton.)

Museums in Surrey

Miss Frances M. Gadd, B.A., A.M.A. has recently been appointed curator of Chertsey Museum. A collection of items on local history, and another on eighteenth century costume are being added to the nucleus mentioned in Bulletin 61. The Museum is open Tuesdays to Fridays, 2—5 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.—1 p.m., 2—5 p.m. The address is Old Town Hall, 9 London Street. Tel. Chertsey 3423.

(Editor).

A Late Bronze Age Socketed Axe from the Thames

A late Bronze Age socketed axehead has been found by Mr. Fisher, of 11 Campbell Road, Weybridge, an employee of the Thames Conservancy, while raking over material which had been used to build up the banks of the Penton Hook yacht basin. This material had previously been dredged from the Thames, somewhere between Teddington and Windsor. The axe is in good condition except that there is a recent chip off one corner of the cutting edge. There are three ribs on each side and a loop at the socket end. It measures 11 cm. long, 5.5 cm. across the cutting edge, 4.5 cm. across at the centre. The axe has been reported to the Thames Conservancy Collection at Reading Museum, and will be displayed in the Weybridge Museum.

(Avril Lansdell).

Effingham: Roman Coin found at TQ 121535.

An As of Tiberius (AD 14—37) with reverse showing the seated figure of his mother Livia was found in the autumn of 1970 by Dr. C. T.
Sutton on ground being prepared for a football pitch at Effingham, in circumstances which suggested that it was probably disturbed from its original position, but had not been brought to the site with soil from elsewhere. The coin is in good condition.

(Felix Holling).

Godstone: Finds of worked flint (TQ 364488, 352517 and 364510)

Mr. Darby has reported further finds of worked flint from the Godstone area. (See Bulletin 34, October, 1967). Two more small blade fragments have come from Mr. Darby's own garden (TQ 364488) on the Wealden Clay and half a dozen more pieces—mainly of distinctly mesolithic appearance—have been found near Bay Pond (TQ 352517) which reinforce the earlier finds. Two small flakes have also been found near Diana's Fountain (TQ 364510) a new site.

More importantly, however, Mr. Darby reports the find of a leaf-shaped arrowhead of translucent brown flint from a neighbour's garden at South Godstone (TQ 362517). It closely resembles, in shape and size, an unstratified specimen from Maiden Castle termed by Wheeler a 'willow leaf' arrowhead (Maiden Castle, 1943, Fig. 42 No. 37). Tip broken but originally approximately 5 cm. long. (D. J. Turner).

Mickleham: Roman Coin Hoard found at TQ 175534.

A hoard of 24 coins of Crispus and Constantine I was found recently by Mr. A. White of Leatherhead very close to the line of Stane Street on Mickleham Downs. Mr. White found one coin on the surface, and located the rest by means of a metal detector. They were grouped close together and were probably dropped or buried in a leather or fabric purse. All are well preserved and one at least retains a coating of silver. The date of the coins is given by Mr. R. A. G. Carson of the British Museum, Department of Coins and Medals as from 317 to 322 AD, and a note including his identification of the individual coins will be published in the Surrey Archaeological Collections. (Felix Holling).

Recent Publications


Budd, Margaret (1970) Kimber Road, S.W. 18., Thomas Baines Road, S.W. 11. Wandsworth H.S. News Sheet, 92, 3-4.


Down, Alec and Rule, Margaret (1971) Chichester Excavations, I 1963-69. Introductory chapter by Professor B. W. Cunliffe. 173pp. 16 pl. numerous figs. Published by Chichester Civic Society Excavations Committee as a Festschrift for Dr. A. Wilson. Obtainable from A. H. Collins, F.S.A., 132 Cedar Drive, Chichester or Chichester bookshops. £2.50. (This first of volume reports on a major work of urban archaeology is confined to the Romano-British period of Chichester's history. It is of prime importance to workers in the Arethabo territories of Surrey and Sussex).

Eedle, Marie de G. (1970) Notes on the Administration of the Early Poor Law by the Parish of Walton-on-Thames. Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. Monograph No. 11, Parts I & II.


MEETINGS

APRIL

Friday 2nd, 7.45 p.m.
ENGLISH MEDIEVAL POTTERY, its manufacture, distribution and types. Talk by Mr. K. J. Barton to Farnham Museum Society at West Surrey College of Art and Design, Falkner Road, The Hart, Farnham.

Saturday, 3rd 2.15 p.m.

S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM
At the University of Surrey, Guildford.

Saturday 17th

S.A.S. VISIT TO LANGNEY PRIORY, EASTBOURNE AND MICHELHAM PRIORY

Arranged by Mrs. R. K. Chiles

8.00 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford Park Road (rear of B.R. Station.) Car Park in Guildford Park Road.
8.30 a.m. Coach leaves Dorking Post Office.
8.45 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate, Red Cross Public House.
11.45 a.m. Arrive Langney Priory which will be viewed by kind permission of Mrs. and Miss Fenwick Owen. Limited to 40 persons.
12.30 p.m. Proceed to Pevensey where time permitting, the Castle and Mint House can be visited. Packed lunches can be taken in the Castle Grounds (Entrance 5p (1s.)). Sandwiches or a la Carte from 68p (13s.6d.) from Priory Court if ordered.
1.50 p.m. Leave Pevensey.
2.30 p.m. Conducted tour of Michelham Priory (Admission House and Grounds 20p (4s.) by the Curator, Commander Harrison.
3.45 p.m Tea (17½p (3s.6d.) per head) after which the grounds can be viewed.
5.15 p.m. Coach departs.

Tickets: Members 15p (3s.) Visitors 20p (4s.), students half price, children under 16 accompanied by an adult, free.

Coach fare 75p (15s.) from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton. It is essential that lunch and tea are ordered in advance and, if required, members should notify Mrs. Major by April 10th, although payment in advance is not required. Admission charges and prices of meals are those quoted in 1970, and will not necessarily apply.

Please note that the wrong dates were given in Bulletin 75. The error is regretted.
Tuesday 20th, 8 p.m.
THE HISTORY OF SURBITON. Talk by Mr. P. H. Grevatt to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Friday 23rd, 7.45 p.m.
WOMEN’S COSTUME OF THE VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN PERIODS. Demonstration by Mrs. V. Smith to Farnham Museum Society at Willmer House Museum, 38 West Street, Farnham. Admission by ticket, free to members, 10p (2/-) to non-members, application before 9th April.

Saturday 24th, 3 p.m.
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, S.A.S.

Friday 30th, 8 p.m.
DIGGING UP BONES. Talk by Mrs. Robin Kenward to Wandsworth H.S. at The Friends’ Meeting House, High Street, Wandsworth.

MAY

Monday 3rd, 8 p.m.
SOME ASPECTS OF THE ART AND CULTURE OF ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND. Talk by Mr. J. C. M. Blatch to the Mayford History Society, at Mayford Village Hall.

Saturday, 15th

S.A.S. WALK FROM BUCKLAND GREEN TO MERSTHAM

Buckland Green, where cars can be parked, is on the A.25, Reigate 2 miles, Dorking 4 miles, and served by the 414 but. Nearest railway station, Betchworth, 1 ½ miles.

10.30 a.m. Leave Buckland Green and walk through back of village to join trackway called ‘Pilgrims Way’ arriving at top of Reigate Hill for picnic lunch.
2.30 p.m. Gatton Church.
3.00 p.m. Continue walk to Merstham, visit Quality Street and St. Catherine’s Church, where a talk will be given by the Rector, The Rev. P. E. Duval.
4.30 p.m. Tea at Uplands, Church Hill (by kind invitation of Mrs. Sherman). Contribution towards the cost, 10p.
5.15 p.m. Depart by coach for Buckland Green.

Tickets (Members 15p. Visitors 20p. Students half price, children under 16 accompanied by adult, free) from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton.

Tuesday 18th, 8 p.m.
THE HISTORY OF BUSHY PARK. Talk by Mr. C. Murray Anstead to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Saturday 22nd, 3 p.m.
A.G.M. of Walton & Weybrige Local History Society at Brooklands College, Heath Road, Weybridge.

Friday 28th, 8 p.m.
THE LONDON AIRPORT SITE. Talk by Mr. Roy Canham to Wandsworth H.S. at The Friends’ Meeting House, High Street, Wandsworth.
JUNE

Wednesday, 2nd

S.A.S. VISIT TO ST. ALBANS

Coach departures are at the following times: 8.30 a.m. Red Cross Public House, Reigate, 8.45 a.m. Dorking Halls, Dorking, 9.15 a.m. Esher B.R. Station.

11.00 a.m. Verulamium Museum, at St. Michael's, St. Albans. 5p including hypocaust.
12.00 a.m. Roman Theatre and Shop site, 10p.
1.00 a.m. Lunch in adjoining car park. There is a Refreshment Chalet, but sandwiches might be advisable.
2.00 p.m. Hypocaust, Roman Wall, and if possible, St. Michael's Church.
3.30 p.m. Abbey Church.
5.00 p.m. Tea at Waterend Barn, a noteworthy ancient building, 30p if requested when booking.


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