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S.A.S. VISITS

September 9th, Visit to Houses by Sir Edwin Lutyens in the Godalming Area.
Details of this and other Meetings are given elsewhere in this Bulletin.

EXCAVATION NOTICE

SOUTH NORWOOD SEWAGE WORKS: MEDIEVAL DOUBLE-MOATED SITE

Directors: Mr. R. Savage, Mrs. Lilian Thornhill
For Croydon N.H. & S.S.

The excavation of this site started on 3rd July, and will continue every week-end in July, and daily from 31st July to 16th August, excepting 6th August, and possibly longer at week-ends. It is situated in the Sewage Works, there is some lead pollution, but the Medical Officer of Health for Croydon has been consulted and has given his approval.

Access:

Pedestrians and cyclists. A track runs across from Harrington Road to Elmers End Station. From station yard take track beside sleeper fence on N. side of the railway, turn right along asphalt path. The spoil heap can be seen on left after passing belt of trees, 5 minutes walk.

Cars, Access road runs between new school and playing fields adjacent to Croydon Arena in Albert Road near Portland Road but it is some distance. Drive in as far as possible and look for directions.

Transport:

Trains from Sanderstead, Selsdon etc, call at Elmers End Station also trains from West Wickham & Hayes, Beckenham etc.
Buses: 54 and Forest Hill 194 serve the district.

Enquiries by telephone to:
Richard Savage 01-654 5779 or Lilian Thornhill 01-777-5563

NOTES & QUERIES

New Members from 1.6.72

Mrs. E. T. Slade, Kendal, Upper Manor Road, Godalming.
Mrs. A. D. Parry, B.A., LL.B., Holly Lodge, 15 Manorgate Road, Kingston upon Thames
Mrs. M. E. Cover, 63 Chapel Way, Epsom Downs.
Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, 37 Higher Drive, Banstead.
Guildford County Technical College, Stoke Park, Guildford.
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lunt, 22d Lyme Regis Road, Banstead.

The Limpsfield Sword

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation made by 52 members of the Merton Historical Society on the occasion of their July outing.
Errata

1. **Library**

The Library is most grateful for the bequest from the late R. S. Scragg for the following first editions of works by Surrey authors. We apologise for the mis-spelling of Mr. Scragg’s name in the annual report and for the confusion in listing the books in Bulletin 88 for June 1972.

**JORDAN (Denham) “A Son of the Marshes”**
- Annals of a fishing village. 1891
- Drift from longshore. 1898.
- Forest tithes. 1893.
- From spring to fall. 1894.
- In the green leaf and the sere. 1896.
- On Surrey hills. 1892.
- Wild fowl and sea fowl of Great Britain. 1895.
- With the woodlanders, and by the tide. 1893.
- Within an hour of London town. 1894.
- Wood, moor and stream. 1911.

**STURT (George) “George Bourne”**
- The Bettsworth book. 1901.
- Change in the village. 1920.
- A farmer’s life. 1927.
- Lady Bettsworth. 1918.
- The wheelwright’s shop. 1934.

(R. A. Christophers).

2. **New members**

Bulletin 88 for June 1972 listed Mr. A. C. Maxwell as a new member from 1.4.72. The entry should read ‘Farnborough & District Local History Society’.

(Clare Smith).

3. **Excavation Notices**

The telephone number of Kingston Museum referred to in the Old Bridge Street Excavation Notice in Bulletin 89 should read 01-546 8905.

**Help needed in S.A.S. Library**

It would be greatly appreciated if some member would volunteer to help in the Library, either for the months of May and September, or December and January. Volunteers should get in touch with the Curator, Guildford Museum, Castle Arch, Guildford, in the first instance.

(R. A. Christophers).

**Help needed with S.A.S. Visits Committee**

The Visits Committee have suffered the loss of several very helpful organisers and would be pleased to hear from any members who would like to arrange or assist in arranging visits. Please contact the undersigned, who is the Hon. Visits Secretary, at 3, Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

(Joan Major).

**Ordinary Level Syllabus in Archaeology**

The writer is on the staff of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Woldingham and has been requested by the Headmistress to prepare an Ordinary Level syllabus in Archaeology to be submitted to the Oxford Examination Board for approval. She feels sure that other schools in the county must have already approved syllabi, and she would very much like to hear from
them. If, in fact, she is the first to make this attempt, she feels she might interest others in the idea and so find teachers with whom to discuss the possibilities. Her address is: 4 Oakwood Close, South Nutfield, Surrey RH1 5RX.

(Mrs. Olive K. Main).

West Horsley Parish Church: Wall-Paintings

The recently-discovered wall-paintings on the west wall of the nave are now under restoration. The paintings are dated 1200 and have been covered with lime-wash since the Reformation. The finished work on the north side shows a giant-size figure of St. Christopher and the Christ-Child. The colour used is predominantly red with the addition of yellow in the hair and beard. The right hand and head of the staff are lost where a later doorway for a gallery was cut in the centre of the wall, but a band of roses appears to sprout from the head of the staff in two directions. Across the folds of the garments is a scroll upon which letters can be detected and fragments of the words “Christopher” and “Jesus” would seem to be there. The painting technique was a combination of fresco and secco. The St. Christopher would appear to be in a remarkably fine state of preservation.

On the north side of the wall work is still in progress, but it is apparent that there are strip pictures in three tiers with decorative bands between, and these extend around the corner on to part of the south arcade. The upper tier represents the Crucifixion and the middle tier shows the Scourging.

(H. W. Forder).

Alice Holt Forest: Archaeological Survey

A detailed survey of the Alice Holt Forest Roman Potteries has been in progress since December 1971. The area is being covered with a 10 metre grid which has so far been projected over the farmland south of the Forest and part of Abbots Wood Inclosure, with promising results.

Several new waster dumps have been located including a small complex of three Medieval ones with late fourteenth-fifteenth century material. The Roman dumps examined have tended to be arranged in lines following water-courses. Large areas of light pottery scatter both inside and outside the Forest may relate to both settlement sites and potting activities.

Two large earth dams have been located across stream valleys in the Forest. One is of complex construction with extensions enclosing a small reservoir downstream and bypassed by an artificial water channel. A Roman date is indicated by a waster dump over part of the feature. The object of these dams was perhaps to conserve water during the summer when the forest streams all but dry up.

One aspect of the survey is directed at communication in the area during Roman times. There are already indications of a route entering the potteries from the south and future work should confirm this as well as throw light on other problems.

The site was scheduled, circa 1963.

(M. A. B. Lyne and R. S. Jefferies).

Weybridge: Outlands Palace Excavation

In order to obtain further information on the construction of the north-west side range of the Middle Court of the Palace, a short season of work was undertaken from the 1st to the 8th of April 1972 by the Walton and Weybridge L.H.S. As had been determined by excavation in 1968, the remains of this Range partly lie below allotment gardens approached from Grotto Road, Weybridge. Their Excavation Committee is most grateful to the allotment holders and to the Walton and Weybridge Urban District Council, for permission to work again in this area.
One aim of the excavation was to examine the Range at its north-east end, as close as possible to its junction with the bridge over the former moat. This link, in fact, survives under the adjoining property; however, the excavation provided very valuable evidence of the internal planning at this point. A large solid-well staircase was discovered which must have provided one of the principal stair entries to the upper floor of the Palace in its last stage of development. The central stair-well foundation was eight feet square leaving room for surrounding flights of stairs about eight feet wide. This is almost identical to the stairs found at Nonsuch Palace by Mr. Martin Biddle in 1959. The stair foundation was built up on re-used monastic masonry, in common with all other foundations seen during the season of work.

Within the narrow path leading to the allotments, a vaulted garderobe pit with shaft was found, but it is difficult to say yet whether this feature belongs to the bridge structure or to the subsequently added range. Some seventeenth century pottery was recovered from it.

At the south-east end of the allotment gardens a small excavation uncovered a cross wall of the range, the position of which had been noted in 1968. The excavation showed that the cross wall was, in fact, the north-east wall of the palace cellar and one jamb of a doorway was seen which still retained its cast-iron door pintle. A flight of steps led down through the door and is presumed to continue to the cellar floor at a sub-basement level. This end of the cellar itself is not available for excavation at the present time. The door to the cellar seems to have been protected by a small lobby inserted at a later date. It is highly probable that the cellar extends from the cross wall discovered as far as the south-west corner of the main block of the middle court which was shown to be part of the cellar in 1969. (See F site on the published block plan). It is hoped that the whole of the cellar cross wall can be exposed for a complete examination next year.

(Alan Cook).

Binscombe: Animal Bones from the Romano-British Site
(Bulletins Nos. 79 & 82)

Skeletal remains of five domestic species were recovered at the Binscombe site, horse, ox, sheep, pig and dog have been identified, the horse bones being of particular interest.

The virtually complete skeleton found is that of a male horse of approximately 14 hands (56 inches) aged about 25 years. The bones of the lower parts of the limbs, i.e. metapodials and phalanges, are remarkably clean for an aged animal in which bony outgrowths of the ringbone type might perhaps be expected. However, extensive changes have occurred in some lumbar vertebrae leading to a considerable amount of fusion. The general picture presented suggests that the animal may have been used to carry heavy loads over soft ground and that it was not ridden or driven on hard roads.

Each shin bone (tibia) is disfigured by a notch cut across the tibial tuberosity (a ridge on the upper end of the bone near the stifle joint which corresponds to the knee joint in man). The notches are very similar in shape and extent, the result of deliberate and precise use of a sharp implement in such a way as to sever the important patellar ligaments. One can only speculate as to the reason for this operation, and whether it took place before or after death; if before, the horse would have been immobilised, and this may account for its failure to escape from the fallen stones with which it was covered.

(Geraldine Done).

(Mrs. G. Done, B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. is a member of the Society, she has recently completed examination of the bones from Binscombe and
Brooklands, Weybridge, and is prepared to undertake similar examination of material from other sites. Her address is 3, The Oaks, West Byfleet.—Editor).

Addington: Church Meadow

Earthworks in Church Meadow, TQ372638, were examined by members of the Archaeology Section, Croydon N. H. & S. S. to see if an original lynchet had been utilised as a boundary for a Manor House thought to have been sited here; and also to date the land use. The survey plan indicated "Celtic" fields.

A trench 48ft. x 4ft. was cut across the main lynchet. The top layers containing tile, clay tobacco pipe, stoneware and red ware fragments represent the period of pastoral use; no record of ploughing exists for the last 200 years. Below these, alternate layers were marled, but since this stopped short of the crest of the lynchet, it must have formed a field boundary over all this period. Fragments of quern stone, sherds of calcined flint-tempered ware, hard grey ware and shell-tempered ware were found together with a portion of rotary quern polished from use and with a sherd of mortarium. The two bottom layers contained much decayed sherd, bone and charcoal. Rim sherd indicated a twelfth century date.

The natural soil was yellow clay with flint and scored into it under the positive lynchet were roughly parallel lines of darker soil, criss-crossed by others. These were accepted as plough-marks caused by cross ploughing. Cutting into the plough-marks was a rubbish pit containing basically twelfth century wares. No plough-marks were found under the negative lynchet, they must have preceded the pit and they represent more than one ploughing since the numbers increase and the distance between each decreases at about eight feet from the pit.

A small ditch and bank, the original marking-out boundary, was uncovered well down the negative lynchet. The spoil from the rubbish pit had been thrown against the bank, accentuating its effect.

The sherds, spread with the midden, were small and abraded from ploughing which also mixed the layers. This was aggravated by a honeycomb of mole runs extending down into the pit and ditch.

Cross ploughing is usually thought to be Pre-Roman but appears to have continued in Addington well into Medieval times, creating small square fields, it indicates a backward area. The meadow was given to the Priory Church of St. Mary Overy in 1187, and its agricultural use could date from then.

(Lilian Thornhill).

Elsted, near Midhurst, Sussex: Lost Church Bell

The writer is trying to trace the present whereabouts of a bell which used to hang in the Church of St. Paul, Elsted, until some time in the second half of the nineteenth century.

It is a tenor bell probably cast by John White of Reading early in the Sixteenth Century and is inscribed "Sancte Paule ora pro nobis" preceded by the Arms of Chertsey Abbey. It was evidently still hanging in Elsted church in the early 1860s but had disappeared by 1887, possibly having being sold to pay for restoration work on the church in 1873. It does not appear to be in any church in Sussex or Hampshire and so it would seem appropriate to enquire in Surrey.

Any information would be appreciated. The writer's address is Treyford Manor, Nr. Midhurst, Sussex.

(B. Aykroyd).
Recent Publications

Anon (1972) Needlework and Allied Crafts in Guildford Museum. Published by Guildford Corporation. 20p

Anon (1972) St. Mary’s Church, Balham (projected history). Clapham A.S. Newsletter 291, 1.


Manning, Elfrida (1972) Local Place Names—Downing Street and Snare Hill, Farnham Mus. Soc. Newsletter III, 1, 4-5.


Michell, C. A. (1972). The Hospital of St. Mary and Hamilton Almshouses, Beddington (see Recent Accessions to the Society’s Library in Bulletin 88.)


West, I. J. (1972) A Summary of the Timber Framing of Well House, 11 High Street, Ewell (one of a row. It is the writer's intention to examine nos. 13 and 15 and to make a comprehensive report). Nonsuch and Ewell A.S. Bulletin 1971 15 (including plans).


COURSES


Surrey Education Committee, Dorking Institute of Further Education, Dene Street, Dorking
Farmhouse & Cottage in Surrey

Surrey is rich in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century buildings which are now threatened with demolition or modernisation, and last term under the leadership of Miss Joan Harding the institute ran a short course which materials in the construction of the buildings, a study of some Surrey The group visited several houses and record cards were made for buildings in the Dorking area. Such was the interest that in September they are continuing this course which will also include the use of local materials in the construction of the buildings, a study of some Surrey inventories and other records which will give a guide to the use of rooms and the furniture at that time. The group will help in the project of recording local listed and other buildings for permanent records which will be handed over to the Surrey Archaeological Society.

The course commences Monday, 25th September, 1972, at 7.30 p.m.

Further information and details from the Principal, Dorking Institute of Further Education, Dorking 3351.

Workers' Educational Association, Guildford Branch.
Practical Archaeology

A one-year course arranged by the Guildford Branch, W.E.A. to be held on Mondays, 7.30 p.m. at the Royal Grammar School (Beckingham Room) starting on September 18th. Tutor, Mrs. M. Smith. Fee for 24 meetings, £3.

The class will discuss whether archaeologists are adequately organised and equipped to meet the twentieth century crisis in archaeology. Many new techniques and theories have appeared in the last few decades to supplement, or in some instances replace, more traditional methods of reconnaissance, excavation and interpretation. These will be discussed alongside problems of organisation in the light of the current rate of site development.

Students can enrol at the opening meeting.

University of London, Department of Extra-Mural Studies,
7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AD Telephone 01-636 8000

Diploma in Archaeology 1972/73

Year One—The Archaeology of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Man

Institute of Archaeology—Mrs. P. M. L. Christie, Wednesdays, 6.15 p.m. Beginning: 29.9 (central)* £3.00
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Beginning 25.9 (central)* £3.00
Congregational Church Hall, Watling Street, Radlett—D. Price Williams,
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Hampstead Garden Suburb—D. Price Williams, Tuesdays, 7.30, beginning 26.9 £3.00
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Institute of Archaeology—Dr. Seton-Williams, Wednesdays, 6.45 p.m.
Beginning: 27.9 (central)* £3.00

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Institute of Archaeology—Dr. J. Wainwright, Mondays, 6.45 p.m. Beginning: 25.9 (central)* £3.00

Roman Britain (3)
Institute of Archaeology—Mr. H. J. Green, Wednesdays, 6.45 p.m., beginning 27.9 (central)* £3.00

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City Literary Institute—Mr. M. Hull, Mondays, 7.30 p.m., beginning 25.9 £2.15
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Harlow Technical College—Dr. J. A. Alexander, Wednesdays, 7.00 p.m.
Beginning: 20.9 £3.70
Barnet College—M. Fulford, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. Beginning 27.9 £3.00
Staines AEC—Lecturer to be announced, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. Beginning 20.9 £3.00

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Haslemere Educational Museum—Mr. M. Hull, Wednesdays, 7.15 p.m.
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Beginning: 28.9 £2.05
For courses marked ‘central’ applications should be made to
the Department of Extra-Mural Studies.
For information regarding the numerous non-diploma classes students
should apply for a prospectus to the above address.

EXHIBITIONS

Weybridge Museum. An exhibition of material excavated from Oatlands
Palace, in the Museum Annexe (Weybridge Car Park). July 31st to August
26th, Mondays to Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
Display by Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society at the Borough
Show, Epsom, Saturday August 26th and Sunday August 27th.

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

Monday 4th, 8 p.m.
A Visit to Russia, Talk by Mr. J. C. M. Blatch to Mayford Historical
Society in Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford.

Tuesday 5th, 8 p.m.
A.G.M. Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library,
Fairfield Road, Kingston.

Wednesday 6th, 7.30 p.m.
Special General Meeting of the Nonsuch & Ewell A.S. Followed by Tutan-
khamun and the Pharoahs of Egypt. Talk by Mr. N. Nail at 8 p.m. at
Glyn Hall, Cheam Road, Ewell.

Saturday 9th
S.A.S. Visit to Houses by Sir Edwin Lutyens in the Godalming area
Arranged by Mr. J. C. M. Blatch

10.30 a.m. Meet at Busbridge Church which is approximately 1 mile
from Godalming on the Hascombe Road (from Guildford turn
left along B2130 just before reaching the main part of Godal-
ming)

11.00 a.m. Visit Munstead Wood by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Clark.

11.45 a.m. Orchards, by kind permission of Mr. P. L. de Laszlo.

12.45 p.m. Lunch, Godalming.

2.00 p.m. Meet at Godalming Railway Station.

2.30 p.m. Tigbourne Court, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Alistair
Smith and Miss Maggie Smith. (On A283 from Milford
towards Petworth).

3.30 p.m. Hoe Farm and possibly Hascombe Church. Lifts might be
arranged if members with spare car seats and those in need
will tell Mrs. Major of 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton,
KT7 0QL. Tel. 01-398 5446 from whom tickets should be
obtained (members 15p, visitors 20p, students half price,
children under 16 accompanied by an adult free).
Saturday 16th, 2.00-5.30 p.m.
Recent Archaeology in Croydon. Croydon N. H. & S. S. Symposium covering work carried out between 1970 and 1972 inclusive. At the Unitarian Church Hall, Friends Road, Croydon. Please note change of venue.

Tuesday 19th, 8 p.m.
The Duchess of Lauderdale. Talk by Mr. H. Tims to Kingston upon Thames H.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield Road, Kingston.

Friday 29th, 8 p.m.
Archaeology of Wandsworth. Talk by Mr. R. Hearst to Wandsworth H.S. at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

OCTOBER

It is regretted that difficulties have arisen preventing the S.A.S. visit to Smallfield and Burstow, previously announced for October, but it is hoped to arrange this in 1973.

Monday 2nd, 8 p.m.
The Local Iron Industry in the eighteenth century. Talk by Mr. G. E. Buttriss to Ockham Local History Society at the Parish Room, Ockham.

Wednesday 4th, 8 p.m.
Armoury of Henry VIII. Talk by Dr. Alan C. Borg to Nonsuch & Ewell A.S. at Glyn Hall, Cheam Road, Ewell.

Friday 6th, 8.15 p.m.
The Manor of Poyle. Talk by Mr. G. Birch to the Puttenham and Wandborough History Society at the Marwick Hall, Puttenham.

Thursday 19th, 7.30 p.m.
Shrewsbury. Talk by Mr. C. T. B. Simmons to Clapham Antiquarian Society at St. Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, London S.W.12.

Friday 27th, 8 p.m.
The Development of the Castle. Talk by Mr. A. Shaw to Wandsworth H.S. at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

Advance Notice

Local History Symposium
The local History Symposium will be held at Dorking Halls on Saturday, 11th November. The theme will be 'Aspects of Early Settlement' and both Mr. Uvedale Lambert and Dr. E. M. Yates have promised contributions. There will again be an exhibition under the superintendence of Mr. James Batley, who would be pleased to hear from exhibitors.

Next Issue
The next issue of the Bulletin will be in October, there will be none in September. Copy for the October issue is required by 5th September.
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