The Society: Proposed change of status
The Council of the Society have resolved to place before a Special Meeting in 1973 the proposal that the Society should be reconstituted as a limited liability company. This proposed change of status would have several administrative and legal advantages, not least of which would be the strict limiting of the financial liability of officers and members in the event of any claim being successfully pressed against the Society. To this end, the Hon. Legal Adviser has prepared draft Memorandum and Articles of Association. Minor amendments are now being made to these and they will then be submitted to the Charity Commissioners for approval.

As soon as the amendments have been incorporated a copy of the documents will be lodged at Castle Arch and may be consulted by any member on application to Mr. Holling or Miss Smith. Comments will be welcomed: those of a general nature should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, while comments on legal technicalities should be addressed to the Hon. Legal Adviser.

EXCAVATION NOTICE
THORPE, MUCKHATCH FARM (TQ 015688)

Directors. (1) Mr. J. Shenton; (2) Mr. B. Johnson
1. Week-end work is continuing at Muckhatch Farm under the direction of Mr. Jim Shenton for the Egham by Runnymede H.S. Details were given in Bulletins 89 and 91. Volunteers interested in week-end work should contact Mr. Shenton, Tel. Walton-on-Thames 24396. Hours: Saturday afternoons and all day Sundays.
2. It is planned to undertake a full-time excavation of the site during December, 1972 and January, 1973. Evidence to date suggests a middle Bronze Age occupation of the area. Those who would like to do full time work during December and January should contact Mr. Bernard Johnson at S.A.E.C. Offices, Montague Chambers, Montague Close, London, SE1 9DA. Tel. 01-407 1989. Hours: daily, 9 a.m. to dusk.

These two stages of Emergency Excavation on this important site are part of the Society's comprehensive scheme for the Surrey Motorways. A further note on this work appears elsewhere in the Bulletin.

NOTES
Archaeological Officer
In Bulletin 89 (July 1972) we were able to announce that the Surrey County Council had made a grant to the Society towards the appointment of a full-time archaeological officer. As a condition of the grant the
specialist advice of the Society would become more formally available to
the County Council over such questions as the archaeological implications
of development proposals, planning applications, etc.

This represents an unusual and interesting way of meeting a problem
that has occupied the attention of a number of planning authorities in
recent years. We are pleased that the County Council continues to recog-
nise the value of antiquities and archaeological sites and appreciate the
confidence shown in the Society. An officer has been appointed as a first
step in implementing our policy of co-operating with the County Council
as fully as possible. We are grateful that Mr. E. G. Sibert, the County
Planning Officer, was able to interest himself personally in the appoint-
ment and took part in the selection board alongside officers of the
Society.

The new Archaeological Officer, who has an office at Castle Arch, is
Mr. David Bird, a graduate of Manchester University. Mr. Bird comes
from Croydon and is completing a Ph.D. thesis. He has wide experience
of excavation, both in Britain and overseas, and has recently carried out
some observation and recording work on the Surrey motorways as
holiday relief for Bernard Johnson.

Special arrangements are being made to enable local secretaries and
members of the Society’s Council to meet the new officer and it is hoped
that many other members will meet him on other occasions. Miss Clare
Smith has undertaken to add to her duties of Assistant Treasurer those
of part time secretary to Mr. Bird.

(D. J. Turner).

Local Secretary

The following change has been made to the Society’s team of Honorary
Local Secretaries:

Godalming Borough—J. M. Reading, 6 South Hill, Godalming.

(D. J. Turner).

New Members from 1.8.72

Mrs. A. Newton, Wayside, Headley Road, Grayshott, Hindhead.
Mr. G. W. Bingham, 33 Linnell Road, Redhill, RH1 4DH.
Mrs. M. M. Carter, Trellis Cottage, Poplar Road, Shalford, Guildford.
Miss E. M. Myatt-Price, M.A., 20 Highfield Drive, Ewell.
Woking and District Historical Group, Secretary: Mr. R. Kimmell, 2 The
Moorlands, Kingfield, Woking.

Mr. D. Mason, Little Heath Farm, Burrow Hill, Chobham.
Mr. R. C. Lock, 45 Penwortham Road, Sanderstead, CR2 0QU.
Mrs. F. M. M. Hebditch, M.A., Pond Cottage, Ewhurst, Cranleigh.
Miss R. S. Jefferies, 7 Cottingham Road, Penge, London, SE20.

Help needed in S.A.S. Library

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

(R. A. Christophers).

Local Societies

The Secretary of the Bourne Society, Mrs. Dorothy Tutt is changing
address to 16 Warren Park, Warlingham. Tel. Upper Warlingham 2586.

(J. Batley).
As a result of a resolution passed at their Special General Meeting held on 6th September, 1972, the name of the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society has been changed to The Nonsuch Antiquarian Society (for Epsom, Ewell, Cheam and Banstead). To be effective from the date of the meeting.

This change has been made in order to bring the name of the society into line with the actual area of its activities.

(N. Nail).

Archaeology on the Surrey Motorways

The M23 from Hooley-Pease Pottage is now in an advanced stage of construction. The M25 between Godstone, A22 and Margery Wood, Reigate Hill, is also well under way. A trench was dug by machine through the terraced field at Merstham and evidence for methods of construction was found. A report on this excavation is due out in early October. Roman pottery has been found in a ditch-like feature on the edge of the Motorway roundabout at Godstone.

Field Walking with local groups has also taken place, well before road work starts. The Egham Society organised walking between the Glanty Roundabout, Egham, and Thorpe Green. The Motorway crosses a Roman road at Egham, late Roman pottery has been found in allotments nearby. There is a moat at Thorpe Lea House; Roman pottery was found during the construction of Thorpe Lea Nurseries and features have been found cut into gravel at Muckhatch Farm, Thorpe. Mr. Jim Shenton has done trial work at Muckhatch Farm, and from the pottery obtained, the site looks of Middle Bronze Age date. Work is continuing here at weekends, and a full time excavation is planned for December (see Excavation Notices).

Miss Mary Daniel of the Chertsey Society organised the field-walking from Thorpe Green to Addlestone, and documentary research is now being carried out.

A field walk has been arranged for mid October to cover the M25 route from Margery Wood to Headley.

Field walking is being arranged for the section between Godstone and the County Boundary, where construction work is due to begin in 1973. As soon as the route around Leatherhead is finalised, field walking will take place.

(B. Johnson).

Surrey Canals

Surrey is a county rich in canals of historic interest, both workable and otherwise. It is in fact only some three years since commercial traffic ceased on the Wey Navigation, though happily the National Trust is now maintaining this as a recreational waterway. The canal system of the western part of Surrey is well described in P. A. L. Vine's two books on London's Lost Routes to Basingstoke and to the Sea. Interest in those waterways no longer navigable in toto continues to increase. Enthusiastic societies exist both for the Basingstoke and for the Wey and Arun canals, and hopes for their restoration run high. In the latter case at least this will be a major physical task.

At the beginning of the year Mr. Saunders, the director of a Camberley firm, wrote to the Society seeking to enlist support for the rehabilitation of the Basingstoke Canal. Possible courses of action were considered by the Conservation Committee. Coincidentally, at that time the Hampshire and
Surrey County Councils, already in negotiation with the canal's owners over purchase for restoration announced they were to seek compulsory powers. A news item at the time quoted estimates that the cost of restoration to full navigation capacity would be between £50,000 and £150,000 depending on the availability of voluntary labour. In this situation the Conservation Committee decided the best immediate response would be to join the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society which is the association who wish to see the canal restored.

On the Wey and Arun, enthusiastic working parties have already started clearance work at Loxwood, Newbridge and Cranleigh, and progress on this major task will be followed with interest. The Honorary Secretary of the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society is Mrs. E. Nicholson, 1 Kielder Walk, Heatherside, Camberley and of the Wey and Arun Canal Society Mr. J. P. Markwick, 59 Ardsheal Road, Worthing.
(R. M. S. Hall).

The Nineteenth Century “Forts” of the North Downs

Between 1889 and 1896 a series of defensible storehouses were built on the escarpment of the North Downs between Guildford and Knockholt and along the western side of the Darent valley. They were constructed as part of a defensive scheme proposed by General Sir Edward Bruce Hamley (1824-93) in the face of growing unease over the ability of the Navy to defend our shores. The defence of London against attack by an invading army was to depend on the use of the Volunteers since much of the regular army was deployed overseas. The Volunteers were to be based on the line of defensible storehouses which was planned to extend across the Thames into South Essex. The scheme was abandoned by Viscount Haldane while Secretary of State for War from 1905, and several of the storehouses were disposed of.

Sites for 15 or 16 storehouses were purchased, nine of them in Surrey, and now appear on the large-scale O.S. maps as “Forts”—a name by which they were generally known.

The fort at Reigate does not seem to have been completed and others may have similarly remained only partly finished. They do not follow a single standard design and at least two completely different approaches were used in their planning.

The first type, typified by forts at Box Hill and Alderstead (Merstham) consists of a sizeable bunker containing strongly constructed ammunition stores flanked by strong spur walls embrasured for fixed guns. The second type, of which Fosterdown (Caterham) and Reigate are examples, consisted of ranges of ammunition stores set under ramparts surrounding a courtyard. Both types had ranges of living accommodation and large “garages” (well preserved at Alderstead) for gun carriages or guns.

The fort at Halstead (Knockholt, Kent) is still used by the military; that at Alderstead is used as a store and those at Fosterdown and Reigate are used by the Scouts as camp centres. It is understood that one at Guildford is used as a scrap yard. The domestic range at Alderstead is lived in and is well preserved, while that at Box Hill is incorporated in a tea room.

The fort at Denbies, near Ranmore, was of the courtyard type and consisted of three substantial ramparts, containing ammunition stores, set round a rectangle. The stores occupied a semi-basement position beneath the ramparts, and access was via concrete stairways and sunken pathways.
The rectangle was closed by a single-storey range of domestic buildings which were protected from the effects of accidental explosion by a substantial brick blast wall. This was an unusual, possibly unique, feature as elsewhere the domestic range was set at a greater distance from the stores. The fort was, until its demolition in 1971, virtually intact and one of the best preserved of the series. It was especially interesting because of this and because of its unusual features.

In the autumn of 1970, the fort was the subject of a planning application. Despite representations by the Society and its position in the heart of the Green Belt, permission was granted for it to be bull-dozed and replaced by bungalows. Before destruction, the fort was recorded by the Surrey Domestic Building Research Group.

Following a suggestion by the Society, the County Council asked the Department of the Environment to consider scheduling a selection of these forts under the Ancient Monuments Acts. The Department have now recommended that five of the nine Surrey forts should be scheduled—Fort Henley (S.W. of Guildford); Box Hill; Reigate; Alderstead and Fosterdown. Pewley (Guildford) and Woldingham forts are thought to be too altered for scheduling while the Denbies fort has been demolished. It is understood that Betchworth fort is in domestic occupation and thus cannot be scheduled.

(See Kent Archaeological Review, 27, (Spring 1972) for a description of the fort at Farningham).

(D. J. Turner).

Addington: Coin Find (TQ 381623)
The discovery of a Roman coin at Addington, Croydon, was recently reported to the Bourne Society:

A small silver coin 1.7 cm. in diameter, 1 mm. thick.

Obverse: Inscribed D. N. GRATIANUS P. F. AUG. showing profile of the emperor.

Reverse: A seated female figure holding a spear and trophy inscribed URBS ROMA LUG P.S.

This is a coin of the Roman emperor Gratian (367-383 A.D.) minted at Lyons. It was found in the garden on the surface by Paul Brazier, 82 Parkway, New Addington, Croydon. The site is not far from the London-Lewes Roman Road.

(Mary Saaler).

Cobham: Leigh Hill Iron Age Settlement
The settlement was found and excavated in 1906 and 1907. (S.A.C. XXI and XXII). It is now threatened by building development. The objects of the present series of excavations are:

1. To examine the site applying modern techniques and principles.
2. To determine the extent of the site.
3. To recover artifacts and information before the site is destroyed.

During August a trench was cut north of the 1905 bank so that it would be partly in undisturbed ground, partly overlapping the 1907 excavation, and so that the ditch feature (XIV) would be cut. The ditch was found but there was no trace of the 1907 work. The ditch and an undisturbed pit and the overlying stratum yielded 180 pot sherds and several iron objects. A smaller pit, possibly a post hole, and a pile of clay were also found. On top of the pile were several pieces of baked clay loom weights, and a large hammer stone. Under the clay pile the
gravel had been scraped away indicating that the pile had been dumped and used more than once. The prehistoric surface produced over 500 burnt flints.

In September a magnetometer survey produced no conclusive evidence of ground features, and a second trench has been started in an attempt to find the boundary of the settlement. Apart from confirming that the 1905 bank was made by digging the ground from the field behind it, nothing of interest has been found.

Our thanks must be expressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Brooke who not only allowed the team to dig up and trample on their garden, but also for inviting all the diggers to tea at the end of every day's work. The excavation will continue at the end of the year, weather permitting, but there will be no more cake . . .

(R. J. Webber).

Esher: Sandown Park (The Warren) TQ 13956508
An excavation was carried out at TQ 13956508 to examine the strata at a point on the hillside where redeveloping was to destroy the ground. The examination confirmed the findings of the post-war investigation that the occupation level did not extend down the hillside. (See Ant. Journ. Vol. XXVI and XXVII). With the co-operation of the contractors a watch is being kept on soil removed from this area. So far nothing of interest has been seen.

(R. J. Webber).

Pease Pottage: Hardriding Farm (TQ 265335): Interim Report
Initial fieldwork on the course of the M23 produced a scatter of worked flints in a field just east of the present course of the A23 near Hardriding Farm. Trial Excavation was carried out by Mr. J. Gibson-Hill of the Crawley Archaeological Group, and further work was undertaken by members of the Motorway Rescue Central Group for Surrey Archaeological Society.

The site had been extensively ploughed down to the natural subsoil and excavation of several trenches over the area of the flint scatter failed to locate any archaeological features. A large sample of worked flints was however recovered and these date mainly to the Mesolithic period.

Several dark circular features approximately 15 metres across were noticed in the same area. One of these on the path of the motorway was accordingly investigated. It proved to be a shallow deposit containing a large quantity of charcoal and some twentieth century pottery. No other dating material was recovered from this feature.

A full report will be forthcoming.

(J. C. Barrett, D. G. Bird and B. Johnson).

Recent Publications
Anon (1972). Responsibility and Safeguards in Archaeology (Entirely revised and expanded version of previous publication "Safety Precautions". Essential reading for excavators), 15p but discount for bulk orders. CBA, 8 St. Andrew's Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4LB.
Anon (1972). First Aid for Finds. Rescue Publication No. 1 published jointly with the Department of Archaeology, University of Southampton, and obtainable from Rescue, 25a The Tything, Worcester. 50p post free (40p to members of Rescue).


Anon (1972). Putting Esher on the Map (Catalogue of Esher District L.H.S. Map Exhibition in St. George's Church, Esher from April 19th to May 6th). Published by Esher District L.H.S.


Anon (1972). Laying an Ash Lime Floor (A photograph with caption of a floor being laid in this 16th century technique). National Trust News, 14, 11.


Anon (1972). The Handbook of Scientific Aids and Evidence for Archaeologists. 50p. CBA, 8 St. Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB.

Anon (1972). Archaeological Site Index to Radio Carbon Dates for Great Britain and Ireland. 65p. CBA, 8 St. Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB.


MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 7th, 8 p.m.
WINDSOR GREAT PARK. Talk by Mr. Elliott to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. in the Library, Strode's School, High Street, Egham. Visitors welcome—12½p (Juniors 5p).

Friday 10th, 8.15 p.m.
THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF FARNHAM DURING THE CIVIL WAR 1642-1646. Talk by Mr. D. E. Hall to the Puttenham & Wanborough H.S. at the Marwick Hall, Puttenham.
Saturday 11th, 10.30-4 p.m.
SYMPOSIUM ON LOCAL HISTORY. Organised jointly by Surrey Local History Council and Surrey Archaeological Society. At the Dorking Halls, Dorking. Full details were enclosed in Bulletin 91.

Tuesday 14th, 8 p.m.
GRIMES GRAVES FLINT MINE EXCAVATION, 1971-72. Talk by Mr. R. Mercer to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Lecture Hall, Kingston Museum, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Thursday 16th, 7.30 p.m.
LOST LONDON. Talk by Hermione Hobhouse to Clapham A.S. in St. Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, S.W.12.

Thursday 16th, 8 p.m.
OLD BUILDINGS AT LINGFIELD AND DORMANSLAND. Talk by Mr. P. J. Gray to Oxted & District H.S. at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane, Oxted.

Saturday 18th, 11.15-4.55 p.m.
PRESEVING THE PAST. Conference organised by C.B.A. Group 11A. At the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Full details were enclosed in Bulletin 91.

Tuesday 21st, 7.30 p.m.
SURREY DURING THE CIVIL WARS. Talk by Mr. A. R. Mitchell to West Surrey Branch, Historical Association, at The Brew House, Guildford House, Guildford.

Wednesday 22nd, 3 p.m.
AN INTRODUCTION TO RESCUE ARCHAEOLOGY. Illustrated talks by Messrs. Harrison, Holling and Hampton to the Ockham Local History Society at the Parish Room, Ockham.

Wednesday 22nd, 8.15 p.m.
ESHER THEN AND NOW. Talk by Mr. D. Brown to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Elmgrove, Walton-on-Thames.

Friday 24th, 8 p.m.
THE FULHAM POTTERY EXCAVATIONS. Talk by Mr. V. R. Christophers to Wandsworth H.S. at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

DECEMBER

Monday 4th, 8 p.m.
A.G.M. Mayford Historical Society at the Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford.

Wednesday 6th, 8 p.m.
HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS CARDS. Talk by Mr. G. F. Crabbe to Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at Glyn Hall, Cheam Road, Ewell.

Thursday 7th, 8 p.m.
THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF SUTTON HOE. Talk by Mr. H. C. Withers to Oxted & District Historical Society at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane, Oxted.
Saturday 9th, 2.30 p.m.
RECORDING RENAISSANCE BUILDINGS. Annual Lecture by Mr. J. W. Lindus. Forth to Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) at The Brew House, Guildford House, Guildford. Members of S.A.S. welcome. (If you wish to have tea in the Brew House at 4 p.m. please let Mrs. Stevens know. Tel. Farnham 3547).

Thursday 12th, 8 p.m.
THE SEALED KNOT SOCIETY. Talk by Mr. D. Disbury to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at Strodes School Library, Egham.

Tuesday 12th, 8 p.m.
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY. Talk by Mr. M. Sturley to West Surrey Branch, Historical Association, at the Guildhall, High Street, Guildford.

JANUARY

Tuesday 9th, 8 p.m.
THE HISTORY OF STANWELL. Talk by Mr. D. Miles to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at Strode’s School Library, Egham.

Tuesday 16th, 7.30 p.m.
TUDOR AND EARLY STUART CLERGY IN SURREY. Talk by Mr. R. A. Christophers to West Surrey Branch, Historical Association at The Brew House, Guildford House, Guildford.

Tuesday 16th, 8 p.m.
PERCIVAL’S KINGSTON. Talk by Mr. R. H. Taylor to Kingston upon Thames A.S. in the Lecture Hall, Kingston Museum, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Saturday 20th, 3 p.m.

Wednesday 24th, 8.15 p.m.
THE HAMPTON COURT BRIDGES. Talk by Mr. R. W. Baker to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Elmgrove, Walton-on-Thames.

Thursday 25th, 8 p.m.
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Thursday 25th, 8 p.m.
THE BOURNE AND ITS HISTORY. Talk by Mr. J. C. Batley to Oxted & District H.S. at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane, Oxted.

Saturday 27th, 2.30 p.m.
ASPECTS OF MEDIEVAL VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE. Talk by Mr. E. Mercer to Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey). Venue to be announced later. Open Meeting, visitors welcome.

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LOCAL HISTORY RECORDS

The Bourne Society is publishing the twelfth issue of its Local History Records towards the middle of November. This year there are articles on subjects ranging from The Old Roads of Coulsdon to Sir Edward Banks of Iron Railway fame, from the physical setting of Whyteleafe to Chipsteads benefactor Mary Stephens.

Maps include the beautiful survey of Mary Stephens’ estate and the front cover shows Lesley Ketteringham’s reconstruction of an aquamanile, parts of which were found at the Netherne excavation.

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Opens on 4th November at Conference

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UNTIL 1st JANUARY, 1973

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Both places are five minutes south of the Elephant & Castle Southern Region and Underground Stations, and on bus routes 12, 17, 35, 40, 45, 68, 171, 176, 184 and 196.

A booklet entitled "Ten Years' Work" will be available price 12p from the Cuming Museum (15p including postage).

The Exhibition is being organised by the Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee with the co-operation of the Cuming Museum (London Borough of Southwark).