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Subscriptions for 1973

Members are reminded that all subscriptions are due on January 1st, irrespective of the date when members joined the Society. Please note that current subscriptions are as follows:

- Ordinary Members         ... ... ... ... ... £2.00
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DAME KATHLEEN KENYON

We extend our sincere congratulations to the Society’s President on her award in the New Year’s Honours List for services to archaeology.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

M25 AT GLANTY ROUNDABOUT

Director, Mr. J. Shenton

Week-end work is being carried out under the direction of Mr. Jim Shenton for the Egham by Runnymede H.S. at the Glanty Roundabout, the start of M25 Motorway, and at Petter’s Sportsfield. Volunteers interested should contact the director, tel. Walton-on-Thames 24396. Hours, Saturday afternoons and all day Sundays.

CROYDON, OLD TOWN

Director, Mr. R. Savage

Excavations by Croydon N.H. & S.S. Archaeology Section continue in Old Town, Croydon, on Saturdays and Sundays most week-ends. Volunteers interested should telephone 01-654 5779 for details.
THORPE, MUCKHATCH FARM
Director, Mr. B. Johnson

Full-time work will be carried out on this site during January. Further
details were given in Bulletin 92. Those interested should contact the direc-
tor at S.A.E.C. Offices, Montague Chambers, Montague Close, London,
SE1 9DA. Telephone 01-407 1989. Hours, 9 a.m. to dusk.

SOUTHWARK & LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
and
SOUTHWARK ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION COMMITTEE
Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are urgently needed for the processing of material recovered
from the excavations in Southwark and Lambeth. The work covers all
aspects of the processes leading to the final report, including washing,
marking, identification, drawing and analysis. Instruction and training in
all the techniques is given, and no previous knowledge of archaeological
work is necessary. The work is carried out at various centres, as listed
below, mainly during weekday evenings, but opportunities exist for day-
time work by arrangement. The evenings, places, times and persons to
contact are listed below:

Monday in Montague Chambers (adjacent to Southwark Cathedral, near
London Bridge). 6.30-9 p.m. Graham Dawson and John Collins.
Tuesday in the Archaeological Workshop (Archbishop Temple School
Annexe, Westminster Bridge Road, near Lambeth North Underground
Station). 6.30-9 p.m. Graham Dawson and John Cresswell.
Thursday in Montague Chambers (adjacent to Southwark Cathedral,
near London Bridge). 6.30-9 p.m. Harvey Sheldon.
Work also takes place on Friday evenings in the Archaeological
Workshop, 6-9.30 p.m. (Brian Bloice).
Day-Time (every day except Monday and Tuesday, including week-
ends), in Montague Chambers and Toppings Wharf (near London
General enquiries for processing and excavation—Graham Dawson,
Cuming Museum, telephone 703 6514.

NOTES AND QUERIES


We regret having to record the death, after a short illness, at the age of
70, at Leatherhead on December 8th, 1972, of Mr. A. W. G. Lowther, a
Vice-President of the Society.

After school at Charterhouse, Lowther qualified and practised as an
architect in London until the war, but maintained wide interests, which
included philately and natural history as well as archaeology. He joined
the Society in 1927, and soon made his mark in it. He served on the then
Local History Committee, and the Excavation Committee for many years,
and was Local Secretary for Leatherhead. He was elected to the Council
in 1933. In 1948 he succeeded Dr. Wilfred Hooper as Hon. Secretary, a
post he filled for ten years. While not perhaps an innovator, he devoted
great energies to this exacting task, at a time when the Society was recover-
ing from the effects of the war, and in spite of impaired mobility due to
polio contracted while on military service in Persia. He became a Vice-President in 1958. He was also a local correspondent of the Ordnance Survey, and served on the Ancient Buildings Committee of the Surrey County Council. The Society of Antiquaries stood high in his affections throughout his life.

But Lowther will perhaps be most remembered for his long series of excavations. He made very notable contributions to Iron Age and Roman studies in Surrey, some of which are of national importance. The Collections carry a large number of reports of this work, covering several sites at Ashtead; the pottery from Farley Heath; the Iron Age fort at Carshalton; Purberry Shot, Ewell; the villa at Walton-on-the-Hill; and a Roman site at Farnham. His seminal monograph on Roman Flue Tiles (Research Paper No. 1), and his study of the Bronze, Iron, Roman and Saxon periods in the Farnham Volume (1939) deserve separate mention, as does his important report on the medieval manor-house of Pachenesham (published in the local Leatherhead journal). He contributed the article on the Society's history to the Centenary Volume in 1954.

This distinguished work ensured for Lowther a sound reputation well beyond the borders of Surrey.

(E. S. Wood).

New Members from 1.9.72
S. R. C. Poulter, Esq., 14 Yarm Court Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.
W. Masiewicz, N.D.D., F.S.I.A., 3 Harvey Road, Walton on Thames, Surrey.
Mrs. M. Fraser, Waverley, Heath Road, Woking, Surrey.
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jupe, The Well House, Thursley, Godalming, Surrey.

New Members from 1.10.72
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D. S. Fitzsimmons, Esq., Hatchets, Limpfield, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0SW.
Alley's School, History Department, Dulwich, London, S.E.22.
Miss S. Masters, 9 Daryngton Drive, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey.
Miss C. M. George, The Deeringings, Southern Lane, Chipstead, Surrey, CR3 3SN.
Miss P. L. Kelly, 3 Parklands Place, Guildford, Surrey.

Index of Lecturers
Members are reminded of the list of Lecturers held by the Secretary of the Visits Committee (3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL) who would also like to hear of anyone else interested in inclusion on this list or of alterations in details of those already on it.

(J. Major).

Hon. Local Secretaries
The following addition has been made to the Society's team of Honorary Local Secretaries:

Guildford Rural District
Ockham, Ripley, Send and Wisley—Mrs. A. Watson, Well Cottage, Hatchford End, Cobham.
Some areas allocated to Local Secretaries are too large for one person to be able to look after satisfactorily. In the past, where this situation has been recognised, the usual solution has been to divide the area geographically. In some cases, however, it may be more appropriate to appoint more than one Local Secretary to share the work informally in a given area.

It has been decided to do this in Guildford Borough, and Miss J. A. Cowie, 27 Austen Road, Guildford, has been appointed Hon. Local Secretary for Guildford in addition to Mr. F. Holling.

(D. J. Turner).

Antiquities of Surrey

Through their Historic Buildings & Antiquities Department the County Council has sought the help of the Society, through their Conservation Committee, on the revision of the list of Surrey Antiquities contained in the last (5th) edition of "Antiquities of Surrey".

The original list for the first edition was compiled by the Society but this is the first time that a comprehensive revision has been attempted through local secretaries and local societies. There will be two innovations:

1. All secular monuments will be included of sufficient merit up to 1914 and, in exceptional cases, certain outstanding buildings erected between the wars. This, of course, means that industrial archaeology will be represented.

2. All monuments will have eight-figure grid references. This will be particularly useful, not only in identifying extant buildings, but also in recording the sites of some that will inevitably be destroyed in the current wave of development.

(J. W. Lindus Forge).

New Provisions for Conservation Areas

In recent years, there has been increasing concern about the loss of so much of the historic environment and recognition that groups of buildings or old street patterns can be as important visually and historically as individual building "gems". Major reasons which made it difficult to change the trend were the lack of control over demolition (except for buildings formally listed as of architectural or historic interest) and shortage of money to carry out improvements. The concept of Conservation Areas, introduced in the Civic Amenities Act 1967, gave an opportunity for local authorities to recognize areas of distinctive character, but still gave no control over the demolition of unlisted buildings in these areas, or other positive powers to preserve or enhance them.

Two new provisions in the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act 1972 go a little way towards remedying these shortcomings:

a) The control of the demolition of buildings in Conservation Areas which are not specifically listed, but which may be essential to the character of the area. The local planning authority has to select the buildings, groups and streets of importance and direct that they shall be subject to control;

b) The introduction of government grants for schemes for the enhancement or preservation of Conservation Areas of outstanding interest (but not for house improvement which is covered by other legislation). The grants may be made to local authorities, private owners or voluntary organizations, and could provide for measures
such as exclusion of traffic, removal of overhead wires and tree planting as well as works to buildings.

Surrey County Council has made reasonably good progress in the designation of Conservation Areas although a number of important villages and town centres still await formal recognition. There is much useful action which can be taken by people with local knowledge by keeping an eye on the progress made by local authorities and by putting forward suggestions (to the local Council or through an amenity group) for measures of enhancement. The Conservation Committee of the Surrey Archaeological Society is always ready to give advice if needed, but vigilance by all individual members in their own localities is essential.

(Katherine Kay).

Charlwood: Planting of Scots Pines

The writers have recently made a rough count of the Scots Pines in the parish of Charlwood. They find that a very large majority of them are in salient positions on land enclosed from the commons under the Inclosure Acts of 1846 and 1850.

190 are on plot boundaries or in the corners of enclosed fields or plots
32 In rondels in the middle of enclosed fields
35 In spinneys beside the roads where a narrow strip of common has been enclosed
11 Almost filling one rectangular plot
11 are on land beside the road where the other side of the road has been enclosed
7 (4 recently felled) were where the new road, presumably made at this time, joined the old road
40 in private gardens apparently unconnected with the enclosures

Thus 286 appear to be closely connected with the enclosures of 1846 and 1850 as against 40 unconnected.

They would be most interested to learn whether this same pattern has emerged in other parishes. Also how this apparent unanimity was arrived at by the numerous new owners and where the young trees came from in such numbers the nearest natural source being either the Ashdown Forest or Leith Hill, both a considerable distance by horse transport.

If anyone has any information or even suggestions to help them to solve these problems the writers would be most grateful to receive them. The address is New Ivy Cottage, Russ Hill Road, Charlwood, Nr.. Horley, Surrey.

(Jean Shelley, Ruth Sewill).

Cove: Site of Seventeenth Century pottery kiln (SU 847568)

An excavation was undertaken on behalf of the Department of the Environment at Minley Road, near Cove, Farnborough, in April 1972 on the suspected site of an early 17th century pottery kiln on or near the line of the M3. Wasters and large sherds had been found in two places in the sides of the drainage ditch for the motorway, and it was hoped to locate the kiln and working areas. An area of 10 by 20 metres was stripped on a site adjoining the motorway fence, and long exploratory trenches cut across the rest of the site. No structures or waster dumps were located in the main excavation, but the easterly test trench located a silt-filled ditch running N-S in part underneath the motorway,
and containing a large amount of dumped pottery. Of several complete vessels and a large number of sherds, only comparatively few were definite wasters, suggesting that the dump was of waste and broken material from the pottery storage shed nearby. A very large number of forms of vessels were represented amongst the material from this ditch, including pipkins, chamber pots, bowls, plates, candlesticks and chafing dishes, etc., in green and yellow glazes, many finely decorated mugs in brown glaze, as well as oddities such as a child's top, marbles, two very finely decorated chafing dishes in brown glaze, and earthenware copies of 'Bellarmine' masked stoneware bottles. The shapes of the mugs are identical to several tin-glazed mugs in the V. & A. and other museums dating to between 1628 and 1642.

Even without the evidence of the associated kiln structures, this group of pottery demonstrates the importance of the W. Surrey and E. Hampshire potteries in the industrial history of the period, possibly developed largely in response to the attracting power of the rapidly expanding markets available in London. Vessels from this kiln, moreover, have been noted as far away as Oxford, Portsmouth, Southampton and Dover.

(Jeremy Haslam).

**Croydon: Excavation at Nos. 72-74 Church Street (TQ 320656)**

The excavation was undertaken during October 1971 by the Archaeology Section of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. A 1648 Whitgift Records reference mentions the existence of the Falcon Inn on the site. The inn had been demolished by 1724, and replaced by two houses, whose occupants were involved in a Chancery Case over drawing rights from a water conduit belonging to the Archbishop's Palace. The houses were subsequently demolished, and the shops which replaced them were demolished early in 1971.

A fifteen by ten foot trench was dug through the concrete floor of one of the shops, revealing two features: east-west foundation walls for the shop, and the remains of one of the houses. These remains consisted of one interior wall parallel to the foundation walls, its remaining eight courses forming another of these; a tiled hearth and fireplace extending 9 feet 6 inches to the North before merging with later foundations; floors of greensand slabs some 3 feet below present street level; and an oven to the south of the fireplace.

The floors were removed, but no further structures were revealed, and the Taplow Gravels were reached at a depth of 4 feet 7 inches. However, a layer of mortar, sandstone, chalk blocks, brick and tile was found immediately beneath the floors, possibly demolition material from the Falcon Inn.

Two ten by five foot trenches were dug in the rear garden of the shops, and, despite disturbance by nineteenth century pits, revealed two earlier features. At a depth of 4 feet 4 inches in the northermmost trench was discovered a lead conduit, which is likely to be the one described in the Chancery Case. In both trenches a medieval ploughsoil level was traced. Finds included clay tobacco pipes, animal bones, glass fragments, post-medieval pottery, medieval coarse-ware sherds, tiles, and a Nuremberg jetton.

(Keith Ray).
Croydon: St. John's Road, Old Town (TQ 319654)
Maps of the early 19th century show a large building just to the south-west of the parish church. This was reputed to be the Parson's Barn and excavations by the Archaeology Section of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society were carried out on the site on the demolition of the Victorian houses for the construction of the Croydon Inner Ring Road in the spring of 1972. A small area of the western end of the building was uncovered, showing brick walls on chalk footings with floors of clay and rammed chalk. It seems unlikely that the building was constructed before 1700 A.D. although it underwent several major repairs and rebuildings. Evidence for conversion of the building into cottages in the first half of the 19th century is clear and it is now thought that the original building is unlikely to have been a barn. A medieval drainage gully cut in the Taplow Gravels ran under the building.

(R. W. Savage).

Croydon: Purley Way, Waddon (TQ 312651)
Construction operations at 375 Purley Way revealed structures cut into the underlying sandstone. The existence of subterranean structures of probable late Iron Age date in the immediate area is well known, and although concrete was being poured a quick investigation was carried out by the Archaeology Section of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. A 10 metre section revealing an underground cellar and two pits was recorded, and the fill of the pits sampled. One of these pits yielded a collection of pottery and other small finds closely datable to the end of the 17th century. These pits are in the grounds of the old Waddon House and are only 50 metres north of the late Iron Age structure investigated by Reid in 1953 (Croydon N.H. & H.S. Proceedings, 1954, p.145).

(R. W. Savage).

Putney: 10 Bemish Road
During the five weekends between the granting of planning permission and the commencement of building, an excavation was undertaken by Wandsworth Historical Society to determine the extent of Roman occupation already discovered in The Platt, which is the next road along from Bemish Road.

Earth moving machinery was used to remove the top three feet of earth in three trenches, each approximately 150 feet long and from ten to 17 feet wide.

Find: Roman coarse ware and some Samian; ten coins dating between 70 and 346 A.D.; metal work from the Roman level including a key and part of a hinge, and a bronze circular brooch. Sherds of Early Iron Age; Late Neolithic decorated rims, possibly Fengate ware, and a small piece of base with a portion of decorated wall. There may be more early pottery in the finds bags awaiting sorting.

A recut ditch and a gully with postholes were found, and gravel areas, and signs of burnt mud. A number of hearths were uncovered, one being overlaid with pieces of a smashed mortarium and a sherd of Samian ware. A circle, six feet in diameter, of small post holes with half of another circle abutting it were of great interest.

Roman occupation appears to spread over the whole area excavated. Materials, drawings and photographs await analysis.

(S. E. Warren).
Recent Publications

Blair, W. J. (1972). A Medieval Grave-Slab in Great Bookham Churchyard. (Briefly recorded in S.A.C. XXVII (1914) p. 109, now re-examined and identified as commemorating a member of the de Pollesdene family). Leatherhead & District L.H.S. Proceedings III, 5, 139-145.
Batley, J. (1972) (a) The Bourne Society, 14 years of archaeological excavation; (b) London’s Archaeological Societies: 11—The Bourne Society. The London Archaeologist I, 14, 317-319.
Coles, J. (1972). Field Archaeology in Britain. 288pp. 8 half-tone and 78 line illustrations, Methuen. Hard cover £3.50; Paperback £1.75.

Heighway, Carolyn. The Erosion of History. Archaeology and Planning in Towns. 126 pp., figs., refs., tables. £1.25 post free from The Administrative Assistant (Urban Research), CBA, 8 St. Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB.


Lownter, A. W. G. and Holling, F. (1972). Celtic and Roman coins found in this District (Leatherhead). (Two have already been published in the Bulletin, the third at Rowhurst, Oxshott Road, Leatherhead, is newly published). Leatherhead & District L.H.S. Proceedings III, 5, 128-9.


Misson, W. and Berry, J. G. (1972). Cannizaro House, Wimbledon, and its Park, (History and natural history), 41 pp., 3 colour plates, 1 plan, 9 monochrome figs. Published by The John Evelyn Society and obtainable from the author at 128 Mostyn Road, Merton Park, S.W.19. 50p plus 5p postage.

Montague, E. N. (1972). Mitcham Workhouse (Fifth in Merton H.S. series on the old buildings and history of Merton). Obtainable from Miss A. J. Honeyman, 32 Bruce Road, Mitcham, 10p plus 2½p postage.


COURSES

Aspects of Roman Britain
A lecture course (8-12 meetings) is being arranged to take place in Farnham, starting in late January/early February. A provisional list of subjects includes Roman London, Roman Britain from the Air, Roman Chichester, Roman Villas, Romano-British settlement south of the Hog's Back and Roman Dover. The fee will be 20p a session. Further details will be available from David Graham, 19 Old Frensham Road, Farnham, (Farnham Museum Society), or David Bird (Surrey Archaeological Officer), at Castle Arch, Guildford.

Splendours of the Past
A Bourne Society repeat course of ten lectures by James Batley on Egypt, Greece, Rome, Mexico, Peru, Japan, India, Angkor Wat, Byzantium and the Middle Ages will be given on Wednesdays at 7.30 in Taunton Manor School, Old Coulsdon, beginning on January 10th, 1973.

S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM
Advance Notice—The Society's Symposium will be held on Saturday, 28th April at Surbiton Library Lecture Hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton. Theme: Recent Archaeology in Surrey.

MEETINGS

JANUARY

Tuesday 9th, 8 p.m.
THE HISTORY OF STANWELL. Talk by Mr. D. Miles to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at Strodes 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 Archaeological Society in the Lecture Hall, Kingston Museum, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.
Friday 19th, 8.15 p.m.
SOME MORE REFLECTIONS ON COTTAGES IN THE STREET, PUTTENHAM. Talk by Mrs. Gibbons, and The Church of St. Bartholomew, Wanborough. Talk by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall to The Puttenham & Wanborough H.S. at the Warwick Hall, Puttenham.

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. Please note correct date, as due to an error two dates were given for this meeting in Bulletin 92.

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

Friday 26th, 8 p.m.
PORCELAIN. Talk by Mr. John Riley to Wandsworth H.S. at The Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

Saturday 27th, 2.30 p.m.
ASPECTS OF MEDIEVAL VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE. Talk by Mr. Eric Mercer to Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) at Honeywood, Carshalton (Situated at west end of Carshalton Ponds. Open Meeting).

FEBRUARY

Thursday 13th, 8 p.m.
MEDIEVAL FARMHOUSES AND COTTAGES IN SURREY. Talk by Joan Harding to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Lecture Hall, Kingston Museum, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Thursday 15th, 7.30 p.m.
MEDIEVAL LONDON. Talk by Mr. T. F. T. Baker to Clapham A.S. in St. Luke's Hall, Ramsden Road, S.W.12.

Saturday 17th, 3 p.m.
THE RAILWAY IN WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE. Talk by Mr. J. W. Lindus Forge at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall.

Thursday 22nd, 8 p.m.
THE ECOLOGY OF OUR DISTRICT (Part 2). Talk by Mr. D. M. Elcome to Oxted & District H.S. at Oxted County School, Blue House Lane, Oxted.

Friday 23rd, 8 p.m.
ROMAN URBAN LIFE. Talk by Mr. H. Chapman to Wandsworth H.S. at The Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

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Next Issue

The next issue of the Bulletin will be in February, there will be none in March. Copy for the February issue is required by 15th January.
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PUTTENHAM & WANBOROUGH HISTORY SOCIETY

EXHIBITION

Footpaths, Lanes and Roads of Puttenham & Wanborough

Saturday, March 17th, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday, March 18th, 12 midday to 1 p.m.
2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

at the

Marwick Hall, Puttenham.