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EXCAVATION NOTICES

BEDDINGTON VILLA EXCAVATION 1981

Volunteers are still needed on the continuing excavation of a third century Romano-British bath-house and surrounding structures (scheduled ancient monument). The site is on a disused section of Beddington Sewage Works, and the Excavation is being conducted by the South West London Archaeological Unit in advance of redevelopment of the site. The excavation will continue at least until October 1981. For reasons of security, access to the site is possible only through the main sewage works complex and so all prospective volunteers should write in advance to: L. & R. A. Adkins, 25 Union Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2XU, or telephone: 01-679 7054 (after 6.00 p.m.).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the year 1981/82 became due on 1st April. The rates currently in force are:

Ordinary members	£6
Junior members	£2 with Collections
Junior members	50p without Collections
Associates	50p
Institutional members	£7.50

A number of subscriptions are still outstanding and members who have not yet paid are requested to do so without delay.

Hon. Treasurer

SAS VISIT

September 8th-10th

BATH VISIT (Bulletin 172)

Arranged by Mr F. E. Manning, M.A.

September 8th It is hoped to have enough cars to take the whole party; leave in time either to visit Bradford on Avon c.4.30 p.m. or arrive at the University of Bath, Claverton Down in time for dinner 6.30.

8 p.m.—Lecture—Bath, Past and Present by Mr. Hugh Ede, one of the mayor's honorary guides.

September 9th 10 a.m.—A conducted tour of Bath led by Dr Mary Ede, which will include Bath Abbey, and No. 1 Royal Crescent, Bath Preservation Trust.

1 p.m.—Lunch in Bath.

2.30 p.m.—A tour of the Roman Baths and the recent excavations.

5 p.m.—Beechen Cliff to view the city.

6.30 p.m.—Dinner.

September 10th The morning will be spent in the Lansdown Hill area and time will be found to visit the New Assembly Rooms and the Costume Museum, and the Camden Works Museum housed in an 18th century real tennis court.

1 p.m.—Lunch at the University.

2.30 p.m.—Visit the nearby American Museum in England, Claverton Down and return to Surrey after tea.

Full board for two days £30, non-members £32. All will stay at the University of Bath.

New Members List at May 1981

Miss E. Crawley, BA, 68 West Street, Ewell, Epsom KT17 1XB.

Mr J. M. Paul, Coombe Cottage, Upper Manor Road, Godalming GU7 2HZ.

Schweizerisches Landesmuseum, Bibliothek, Postfach 2760, CH-8023 Zurich, Switzerland.

Miss S. R. Sedcole, 'Beeches', Tyrrells Wood, Leatherhead KT22 8QH.

Mr T. R. G. Swayne, Pipers Barn, Chinthurst Lane, Shalford, Guildford GU4 8JS.

Mr M. R. Thorne, 'Crossways', Milland Road, Milland, Nr Liphook, Hants GU30 7JP.

Change of Address

South West London Archaeological Unit (Scott McCracken), St. Lukes House, 270 Sandycombe Road, Kew TW9 3LU. Tel: 01-940 5989.

NOTES AND QUERIES

STAINES: Market Square

An interim report on this interesting dig conducted by Rob Poulton, County Archaeological Field Officer, reveals that some good Roman material has been recovered, particularly from a Roman Well. The site is producing objects throughout the Roman period, including evidence of some form of late industry using hearths. It was then ploughed over and used for agriculture from the end of the Roman period until in medieval times it was again being used for industry with bronze and iron working. A timber based medieval well is yet to be examined.

Spelthorne Archaeological Field Group

SUNBURY WEIR: Two bronzes from the Thames (TQ 105680)

Amongst a group of artefacts recovered by a member of a Thames dredger-crew, and reported to the West London Archaeological Field Group during 1979, were the two bronze implements from 'Sunbury Weir' described below. They form part of a larger collection of artefacts, including a number of mesolithic and neolithic axes and a Late Bronze Age leaf-shaped sword, which were recovered from the river 'between Boulter's Lock and Cookham' in Berkshire. The only other item from the Surrey reaches of the Thames in the collection was a polished flint axe from 'Kingston'. All the finds are retained in private possession, although a series of colour slides of the objects, taken by Tony Lewis, is held by the W.L.A.F.G.

1. The first of the Sunbury bronzes is a fine example of a small, narrow-butted flat axe, measuring 70mm in length, 32mm in width across the cutting edge and 12mm in width at the butt. It has incipient, hammered-up flanges and a slight median bevel 38mm from the cutting edge, and belongs to Stage VI of Burgess' most recent re-working of the earlier Bronze Age metallurgical evidence,¹ which is dated c. 1700-1500 b.c. (i.e. roughly contemporary with Wessex I). The axe is of interest, not only for its diminutive size—which links it with a group of grave finds from Wessex and other areas—but also for its early date, for axes pre-dating the introduction of the Arretton Down cast-flanged series (Burgess' Stage VII) are still relatively uncommon in the lower Thames valley.

2. The second piece is a socketed side-looped spearhead with an ivy-leaf shaped blade, measuring 132mm in overall length, with a blade length of 75mm. It is of classic Middle Bronze Age type, and belongs to Rowlands' Group I in having a flat blade and angular side-loops with lozenge-shaped 'protective plates'.² A number of side-looped spearheads are known from this area of the Thames valley, while Ehrenberg figures others from higher reaches of the river.³

The two pieces are the latest in a succession of bronze objects to have been recovered from the waters of the Thames west of London—a phenomenon whose significance is currently attracting considerable attention. In addition, a recent survey of the available aerial photographic evidence⁴ has demonstrated the presence of a number of crop-marks of probably Bronze Age type on the gravels of the flood plain terrace west and north-west of the area under consideration.

It is to be hoped that both finds will eventually receive full publication; in the meantime, my thanks are due to Stuart Needham for giving up his time to discuss them with me.

References

1. C. B. Burgess *The Age of Stonehouse* (1980), 112ff.
2. M. J. Rowlands *The Production and Distribution of Metalwork in the Middle Bronze Age in Southern Britain* BAR 31 (1976), 52.
3. M. R. Ehrenberg *Bronze Age Spearheads from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire* BAR 34 (1977), 7ff.
4. D. Longley 'The archaeological implications of gravel extraction in north-west Surrey' *Sy. A. S. Research Volume 3* (1976), 20.

Jonathan Cotton

INVITATION

One of our members, Mr H. A. Jones, has moved from West Clandon to: No 2, Coastguard Cottages, East Cliff, Dover, Kent. He would be pleased to see any SAS members who find themselves in the vicinity.

AN ENQUIRY

There are in existence two engravings of a rather ramshackle cottage at East Clandon called John Woolderidge's Cottage, a local poet. One is dated 1778 drawn by Russell and engraved by Faden. There is another, undated, by Smith. Musgrave's "Obituary" says Woolderidge died in 1778, but I have so far failed to trace any other reference to this rustic poet.

Has any member any knowledge of him? The East Clandon Parish Registers show that a John Woolderidge married Oct 3 1757 Eliz. Mellish

of Merrow and that both signed the register with an X. Elizabeth died June 9th 1786 as a pauper. No John Woolderidge burial is recorded for 1778, but one is recorded for 1762 and another for 1781.

J.W. must have had some sort of notoriety for his cottage to have been engraved twice. It would be interesting to recover some of his poems.

Please write to 2 Burhill Road, Hersham, Walton on Thames, Surrey.

G. B. Greenwood

LITERARY SECTION

Surrey Earthwork Plans (Bulletin 172)

Members may wish to note that the SAS Library also has a complete set of Surrey Earthwork Plans by E. A. Downman, excepting one for Guildford. If anyone has a Guildford plan in their possession please contact the Librarian at Castle Arch.

"Chertsey and Addlestone in the Past"

This book, reviewed in Bulletin 172, is obtainable from bookshops in the Chertsey, Addlestone, Woking and Byfleet area and from Thorps in Guildford, or postfree from H. J. M. Stratton, "Langtons", Guildford Road, Ottershaw, Surrey, price £2.85.

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Send, Surrey

This is a particularly well written and produced church guide/history which includes more information than is usually found in church guides. It is welcome also because so many of our churches are finding it too expensive to maintain their stocks of guides at the present time. Much scholarship has gone into the Send church booklet (32 pages with plans, photographs and drawings) which has been reviewed by the expert eye of Dr Kenneth Gravett, who recommends it.

Copies are available from L. Bowerman, Send History Society, Heath Farm, Tannery Lane, Send, Woking, Surrey. Tel: Ripley 2876. Price 75p plus p. and p.

The Excavation of the Roman Classis Britannica Forts at Dover 1970-1977 by Brian Philp

This monograph relates the discovery, excavation and preservation of the unique second century Roman naval forts at Dover before and during the construction of the A20 by-pass and ahead of the town centre re-development. It includes information about the unfinished early fort; the defensive wall and ditches of the main fort; two gatehouses; two granaries, twelve other internal buildings and specialist reports on coins, tiles, intaglios, small finds, building materials, pottery, etc. Size 11 x 8½ inches; 220 pages; 70 pages of line drawings; 30 halftone plates; six pull-outs; in rigid case-binding with gold blocking on spine. Price £9.80 + £1.20 p. and p. from CIB HQ, Dover Castle, Kent.

CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE ON MEDIEVAL SURREY (Bulletin 171)

It is proposed that a one-day conference of persons interested in medieval Surrey should be held in the autumn. The conference will probably take the form of a series of very short papers (some circulated in advance) reporting recent discoveries, work in progress, suggested lines of enquiry, etc., on which discussion can take place. The location and timing of the proposed conference has yet to be decided but it will probably be held on a Saturday.

Members interested in attending should write in the first instance (enclosing an s.a.e.) to D. J. Turner, 21 Evesham Road, Reigate. Offers of papers on any relevant subject or discipline would be welcome, as would suggestions regarding topics. Costs will be kept to a minimum and the venue will be chosen in the light of preliminary responses. Consequently it may not be possible to accommodate all persons applying after the venue has been fixed.

COURSES

Practical Training Course: The Handling of Archaeological Materials.

This intensive two-day course will provide an opportunity to examine and handle a wide range of materials, including flintwork, pottery of the Iron Age and Roman and Medieval periods, coins, bones and a range of geological materials that frequently turn up on archaeological sites.

Course Directors: David Rudling, B.Sc., M.A. and Dr Owen Bedwin.

Dates: Friday 13th to Sunday 15th November, 1981.

Cost: £35 per person to include full board.

Application forms from: Southern Archaeological Services Ltd., 30 Albion Hill, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 2NW.

MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

EXCAVATION SYMPOSIUM, DORKING 1982—Change of date

Please note this Symposium will now take place on Saturday, 22nd May, 1982 (not 1st May as previously arranged).

WINTER SEASON

DECEMBER 1981

Saturday 5th

"THE TWILIGHT OF VERNACULAR HOUSES IN SURREY". Lecture with slides by Joan Harding, Chairman of the Domestic Buildings Research Group, at Friends Meeting House, Dorking at 2.30 p.m.. All welcome.

The Group has, to date, recorded approximately 2,000 houses in Surrey.

University of London

Department of Extra Mural Studies

Courses in Archaeology—Diploma in Archaeology

Each course consists of 28 meetings including four field visits.

The Archaeology of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Man (Course 1)

J0104 Thursday, 1st October, 6.30. £20.00. M. Hemingway, MA, PhD. Institute of Archaeology.

J0105 Wednesday, 30th September, 6.30. £20.00. M. Hemingway, MA, PhD. Institute of Archaeology.

J0101 Monday, 28th September, 7.30. £17.00. Ms R. E. Webb, BA, MSc. Mary Ward Centre.

J0103 Wednesday, 30th September, 6.30. £15.50. Ms R. E. Webb, BA, MSc. Morley College.

J0106 Tuesday, 29th September, 7.15. £21.60. Ms R. E. Webb, BA, MSc. Richmond Adult College, Parkshot, Richmond, Surrey.

Prehistoric Europe (Course 3)

J0303 Tuesday, 22nd September, 7.00. £16.00. Miss S. Hamilton, BA. Goldsmiths' College.

J0304 Wednesday, 30th September, 6.30. £20.00. Miss S. Hamilton, BA. Institute of Archaeology.

J0301 Monday, 21st September, 8.00. £17.00. Miss S. Hamilton, BA. Mary Ward Centre.

J0302 Wednesday, 23rd September, 6.30. £15.50. R. T. Schadla-Hall, MA. Morley College.

Prehistoric Britain (Course 5)

J0501 Monday, 21st September, 6.30. £20.00. R. T. Schadla-Hall, MA. Institute of Archaeology.

Roman Britain (Course 6)

J0601 Wednesday, 23rd September, 6.30. £15.50. H. Sheldon, BSc. Morley College.

Environmental Archaeology (Course 7)

J0701 Tuesday, 29th September, 6.30. £20.00. A. J. Legge, MA. Extra Mural Department, 26 Russell Square, WC1.

Post Diploma Courses in Archaeology

Post-diploma courses are intended to introduce students to the problems of analysis on excavated materials. Space may be limited in some cases and regular attendance is essential. Previous experience of the subject (eg botany) is not essential. Several research investigations are in progress in these courses.

Animal Bones in Archaeology (Advanced Course)

J3101 Monday, 28th September, 6.30, 24 mtgs. £20.00. A. J. Legge, MA. Extra Mural Department, 26 Russell Square, WC1.

Animal Bones in Archaeology (Elementary)

J3104 Wednesday, 30th September, 6.30, 28 mtgs inc 4 vis. £20.00. D. Serjeantson, MA. Extra Mural Department, 26 Russell Square, WC1.

Plant Remains in Archaeology

J3103 Monday, 28th September, 6.30, 24 mtgs. £20.00. R. Hubbard, MA, MSc. Institute of Archaeology.

Certificate in Field Archaeology

This three-year certificate combines lectures and demonstrations of field work, with a study of man in SE England.

Each course consists of 28 meetings, including four field visits.

Field Archaeology and the Prehistory of SE England (Course 1)

T0105 Thursday, 24th September, 7.00. J. Moss-Eccardt, MA. South Lewisham AEI, Horniman Museum, London Road, SE23.

Human Skeletal Remains in Archaeology

J3102 Thursday, 1st October, 6.30. 28 mtgs inc 4 vis. £20.00. Miss T. Molleson, PhD. Extra Mural Department, 26 Russell Square, WC1.

T0104 Wednesday, 23rd September, 7.30. £14.50. J. S. McCracken, BA. Marylebone-Paddington Inst, Maida Vale Branch, Elgin Av W9.

T0101 Thursday, 24th September, 7.30. P. T. Craddock, PhD, FSA. The City Lit.

Field Archaeology and the Romano-British Period in SE England (Course 2)

T0205 Tuesday, 22nd September, 7.15. A. R. F. Martin, MA. Surbiton AEC, Surbiton Hill, Surbiton.

T0204 Wednesday, 23rd September, 7.00. £16.00. Miss O. S. Farrington, BSc, MA. Goldsmiths' College.

T0201 Tuesday, 22nd September, 7.30. H. Sheldon, BSc. The City Lit.

Field Archaeology and the Post-Roman Period in SE England (Course 3)

T0301 Monday, 21st September, 7.30. £18.00. Miss O. S. Farrington, BSc. MA. Coombe Cliff Centre, Coombe Road, Croydon.

University Extension Courses

The Archaeology of Medieval London

X5913 Wednesday, 23rd September, 7.30, 26 mtgs inc 2 vis. D. J. Beard, MA. South Greenwich AEI, Eltham Hill School, SE9.

Industrial Archaeology

X5912 Tuesday, 22nd September, 7.00, 26 mtgs inc 2 vis. £16.00. D. P. Smith, MSc, PhD. Goldsmiths' College.

Late Medieval Archaeology

X5908 Wednesday, 23rd September, 1.30, 26 mtgs inc 2 vis. Mrs E. S. Eames, MBE, MA, MLITT, FSA. Kingston AEC, King Athelstan School, Villiers Road, Kingston.

The Archaeology of Southern Britain

X5911 Tuesday, 22nd September, 7.30, 22 mtgs inc 2 vis. B. Johnson, BA. Edmonton College of FE, Southgate Lower Sch, Chase Road, Southgate.

Archaeology of Later Medieval Britain 1300-1500 AD

X5907 Wednesday, 10.00 a.m., 16th September, 26 mtgs inc 2 vis. Mrs E. S. Eames, MBE, MA, MLITT, FSA. Sutton College of Liberal Arts.

Weekend Courses

Paleolithic and Mesolithic Seminar

Z5918 Saturday/Sunday, 3rd and 4th April, 10.00 a.m. £10.00. Various Lecturers. Diploma Students only. Extra Mural Department, 26 Russell Square, WC1.

Field Archaeology of SE England Seminar

Z5921 Saturday, 8th May, 10.00 a.m. £7.00. Various Lectures. Field Certificate Students only. Extra Mural Department, 26 Russell Square, WC1.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA MURAL STUDIES

Thursday evening lectures at the Institute of Archaeology, Gordon Square, commencing at 7.00 p.m. from 29th October, 1981.

Provisional programme (as at 1st July, 1981—actual lecture titles to be submitted by invited lecturers).

LATER PREHISTORY OF BRITAIN

The Mesolithic-Neolithic transition
Continental Origins for the British Neolithic
Causewayed Camps
Mortuary rituals in the Neolithic Period
Henge Monuments
Flint Mines
Axe factories and Axe trade
Animal Husbandry
Arable Husbandry in British Prehistory
Origins of the Bronze Age
Bronze Age settlements
Bronze Age Barrows
Bronze Age Metalwork
Origins of the Iron Age
Continental Influence in the British Iron Age
Hill Forts
A Scottish Tell: The Udal

Tickets for the series: £15.00 each.

Entry at the door for single lectures: £1.00.

Information from Mrs E. M. Clancy, University Extension Courses, University of London, Dept. of Extra Mural Studies, 26 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DQ. Tel: 01-636 8000.

Next Bulletin: September, for which copy is required by 6th August.
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