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S.A.S. VISITS 1982

- 17th March—Southwark (Details below).
- 30th March to 1st April—Oxford (See below, important).
- 15th May—Shere and Gomshall.
- 17th June—Devizes and Laycock.
- 14th July—Dunsfold.
- 18th September—North Bucks including Chicheley Hall and Olney.

S.A.S. VISIT TO SOUTHWARK

March

Wednesday 17th

Guided tour of Southwark under the leadership of Mr E. E. F. Smith, Vice President of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society.

- 10.30 a.m. Assemble at the top of the steps leading to Southwark Cathedral adjacent to London Bridge Railway Station (frequent trains from Waterloo East Station). Visit the George Inn, Southwark Cathedral, the remains of Winchester Palace, Globe Theatre, etc.
  - 12 noon to 1.00 p.m. Lunch interval at the Founders Arms (Riverside Terrace).
  - 1.15 p.m. Visit the Bear Gardens Museum, St. Thomas' Hospital Chapel and old Operating Theatre, Guy's Hospital Chapel and St. George's Church.
  - 4.00 p.m. Tea and biscuits at Hopton's Almshouses. To facilitate catering arrangements members are asked to say when booking, if they require tea.  
Admission to the old Operating Theatre: 40p  
Admission to the Bear Gardens Museum: 25p
- Tickets    Members: 40p; Visitors: 50p; Students half price and accompanied children free. Available from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

S.A.S. VISIT TO OXFORD

The Oxford visit will be based on St. Edmund Hall and as with the previous trips to Cambridge and Bath, private cars will be used. The cost to members will be about £32. Please notify Mrs Major 01 398 5446 or Mr Manning 01 398 4021 at once if you are interested as the booking has to be confirmed.

**NEW MEMBERS**—Names and addresses of new members will now appear only in the Annual Report.

## NOTES AND QUERIES

**SAFETY HELMETS**—Provided the helmets are treated properly their life should be indefinite, but knocks, scoring, long periods exposed to strong sunlight, and storage in damp conditions would impair their efficiency.

Ann Watson, Tools and Equipment Officer

**FLOTATION MACHINE**—There is now a Flotation Machine available to dig directors in the S.A.S. Tool Store at Cobham. Borrowers should note that the machine needs running water syphoned from a hose and that they should make their own arrangements for the results to be analysed. The Excavations Committee may be able to advise. If necessary the undersigned could undertake the actual flotation if soil samples are bagged and delivered to her. The machine itself consists of a large oil drum with attachments. Please book from Ann Watson. Tel: Cobham 2983.

**EXCAVATION INSURANCE**—Directors of excavations are reminded that it is essential that they arrange for insurance cover for the excavation that they are undertaking. For the purpose of insurance the term 'excavation' covers all aspects of excavation where there is a 'third party risk' and not simply 'dirt archaeology'. Under certain circumstances 'field walking' and 'measuring buildings' would require cover. If in doubt, or to register for insurance cover, please contact R. J. Webber at 8 Kelvin Grove, Hook, Chessington. Telephone: 01 397 4885 (evenings and weekends). Please remember that "COVER AFTER THE EVENT IS TOO LATE!"

**PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE**—All volunteers on excavations, including field walking, measuring and other connected activities should be fully aware that the Society's insurance policy does not cover them for injury or sickness, and, thereby, loss of earnings, should that injury be self inflicted or the result of their own neglect. All volunteers should, therefore, arrange for PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE through their own insurers before they engage in excavation activities. Remember please that if put a pickaxe through someone else's foot, or they do it to you, that will be alright but if you put it through your own foot then that will be your responsibility and nobody else's! Directors of Excavations please bring this matter to the attention of all your volunteer diggers.

R. J. Webber

**BEDDINGTON: 1981 Excavation at Beddington Sewage Farm**—A Romano-British bathhouse was discovered at Beddington in 1871. Subsequent excavation failed to find the bathhouse which was therefore reported destroyed, but in 1972 over 45 acres of the area were Scheduled as an Ancient Monument. The 1981 excavation of an area threatened by gravel extraction was directed by Lesley Adkins and Roy A. Adkins for the South West London Archaeological Unit. A total of 1,190 square metres was stripped of topsoil, and the western end of the bathhouse was re-located north of the presumed site. To the south, a series of cobbled yards and rough yard surfaces were found. Overlying one cobbled yard was a spread of plaster fragments, several layers thick, painted with a geometric design

of red, yellow, pink and black lines and dots on a white background. It was found *in situ* where it had collapsed from a building almost certainly of timber-framed cob-wall construction. To the west, traces of another building, a clay-walled oven and other timber structures were found, and north of the bathhouse postholes provide evidence of further timber buildings.

The finds include pottery dating from the late 1st to late 4th centuries A.D., but very little Post-Roman pottery has been found. Unstratified sherds of Post-Deverel Rimbury pottery indicate the likelihood of a Later Bronze Age settlement in the immediate vicinity.

Much more of the site survives than was expected, and work will continue in 1982 if sufficient funds are available.

Lesley Adkins and Roy A. Adkins

**CHELSHAM: Assemblage of worked flint from Slines Oaks and Worms Heath (TQ 5737)**—An assemblage of flint implements and cores collected from the surface of ploughed fields in the Slines Oaks/Worms Heath area by Mr R. Williams has been passed to me for safe keeping. It consists of some 1400 implements mostly scrapers and knives plus over 300 cores and appears to be chiefly of Neolithic date but includes some Mesolithic material. This concentration, but particularly the cores suggests considerable flint working in the area. A fuller report will be submitted in due course.

Roy Scott

**REIGATE, The Old Vicarage (TQ 5027): Saxon Glass**—Among the glass recovered from the site of the Old Vicarage in Church Street is a vessel which has now been indentified by R. J. Charleston and D. B. Harden as being Anglo-Saxon and dating to the 7th century. This is the first authenticated Saxon material from the locality.

The vessel, of which about  $\frac{2}{3}$  is present, is made of olive/brown glass and is similar to Group VIIIb in Harden's 1956 paper in "Dark Age Britain" where it is described as a squat jar. At that date only five of this type had been found, four from Kent and one from Suffolk.

It is unfortunate that the glass was not recognised at the time of its discovery (or at the 1981 Symposium, where it was displayed!) but it seems likely now that the poorly preserved interment found in 1980 is of similar date and raises the probability of a Saxon cemetery on the site.

It may be possible to examine the area around the discovery to locate any related burial that might still exist.

David Williams

**VIRGINIA WATER: The Devil's Highway Roman Road**—A survey of the road alignment (Margary 4a) on either side of Virginia Water Lake showed that the road had changed direction to cross the valley. No remains were found on Margary's approximate alignment, and some of the features correspond to the description in 1835 (ref. 1). The alignment of the road from Hounslow to Staines points to the locality of Bakeham House, Egham. On Bakeham Hill, near the original house (ref. 2), remains of the road, foundations and Roman coins were found in 1835 (ref.1), at approximately SU 995700. Instead of changing direction at Bakeham House, as suggested by Margary, the road continued to SU 985694, in Windsor Park, then

changed alignment to cross the lake, and continue through a valley tributary to SU 966679, where it resumed alignment to Dukes Hill, Bagshot. Remains have been found from SU 987695, through 985694 to 979689. Boundary banks and hollow ways flank and cross the remains, which are most prominent at SU 985694 as a massive embankment 16 to 22 metres wide, 1.5 to 2 metres high, with a recent boundary bank constructed on top. South-west of the lake traces follow a forest ride to SU 972684, where another massive bank, with side ditches occurs, and this is continued by a clear agger to SU 967679, flanked by a boundary bank and a hollow way. These features correspond to the description in ref.1. The agger is continued in Berkshire at SU 960676 and 953672. The Belvidere Woods were surveyed by permission of the Crown Estate Office.

- (1) **Surrey Arch. Colls.**, I (1857), 61-8.
- (2) **Codrington: Roman Roads in Britain** 1903.
- (3) **Margary: Roman Roads** 1955.

Dr Thomas C. Welsh

**Congratulations!**—One of our junior members, Michael Luke of Godalming, has won first prize in this year's British Young Archaeologist Awards. Michael is also a member of our Godalming, Guildford and Surrey Roman Villa Groups

The Young Archaeologist awards are sponsored by British Gas. The competition is organised by the Young Archaeologists' Club (formerly called Young Rescue) but is open to all young archaeologists in Britain whether or not they are members of the Club. Michael's project was on the Roman station on Stane Street at Alfoldean, near Horsham. He received his award from Michael Wood (BBC presenter of the "In search of . . ." series) at a ceremony at the Museum of London on 5th December, 1981.

**Offer of Assistance with Surveying**—L/Bdr. Rainbow, now stationed at Aldershot, is a surveyor in the Royal Artillery. He has worked in Germany, Norway, Oman, Britain and has just returned from Peru. He would like to continue doing some survey for archaeological digs in this country. He is familiar with all surveying instruments, but cannot provide his own. He does have a car and is willing to travel within two hours drive of Aldershot.

Should you wish to contact this experienced surveyor his address is: 24304055 L/Bdr Rainbow A.M.S.S.T., 4th Fd. Regt. RA, Lille Barracks, Aldershot, Hants.

**Search for a Microscope**—The Society would very much like to possess a binocular microscope for use by members in identifying pottery sherds. Much information has been built up by this useful method of comparing sherds and discovering geologically the areas where the potters were working and thus the spread of trade, and it is felt that it would be of great assistance to our excavation teams to have access to one. It needs to be low-powered, not more than x20.

Should anybody know of such an instrument requiring a good home for a small sum, please contact Ann Watson, Tools and Equipment Officer. Tel: Cobham 2983.

## THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT, 1979

The Secretary of State implemented the new Act on 9th October, 1981. Changes in previous legislation now include:

1. A system under which it will be necessary to obtain "Scheduled Monument Consent" before any person executes, causes or permits certain works to a scheduled monument, replacing the old three months notice of works procedure and system of interim preservation notices and preservation orders. The normal life of a consent will be five years although this can be revoked or modified by the Secretary of State.
2. Section 42 makes it an offence, subject to a maximum fine of £200 to use a metal detector in a protected place without the written consent of the Secretary of State. It is also made an offence, with a maximum penalty of an unlimited fine, for a person to remove an object of archaeological or historical interest that has been found with a metal detector from a protected place without the Secretary of State's consent.
3. Section 10 replaces the power of compulsory guardianship with a system which allows the Secretary of State to acquire compulsorily any ancient monument for the purpose of securing its preservation.

### DOMESTIC BUILDING RESEARCH GROUP (SURREY) REPORTS

These are no longer being deposited with the Society as originally reported in Bulletin no. 110 of September 1974, and the collection to date has been removed.

G. Drew

**The Ice House Hunt**—A study of the OS 6" maps for 1866 plus local knowledge has produced a further list of Ice Houses in Surrey. This list has been passed to the Secretary of the Ice House Hunt at Everton, Beds.

#### Weybridge:

—TQ 073624—OS 1866. Demolished.

#### Walton on Thames:

—TQ 098617—Convent Lane. Served Burwood Ho. Good condition.

—TQ 103626—Served Burhill Ho. Good condition.

—TQ 102637—Served Burwood Park. Good condition but bricked up.

—TQ 097655—Served Ashley Park. Now infilled.

—TQ 098667—Served Mount Felix. Demolished.

—TQ 098657—Served Oatlands Park. Site approximate.

—TQ 096604—Served Painshill Park. Good condition.

#### Esher:

—TQ 144649 } Shown on OS 1866. South side of High Street; may be in

—TQ 138642 } back gardens but more probably demolished.

—TQ 141638—Served Milbourne House. On OS 1866. Probably demolished.

—TQ 132634—Served Claremont House. Upper works damaged by vandals.

#### East Molesey:

—TQ 142679—Beauchamp Road. Perhaps served Molesey Park.

OS 1866—Upperworks survive.

**Long Ditton:**

—TQ 172657—Perhaps served Manor House. OS 1866. Condition?

**Thames Ditton:**

—TQ 148665—Probably served Weston House. OS 1866? Demolished.

—TQ 162632—Probably served Ruxley Lodge, Claygate. OS 1866.  
Condition?

—TQ 159638—Near former Upper Crouchmore Farm. OS 1866.  
Condition?

List compiled by G. B. Greenwood, Walton-on-Thames.

## MEETINGS

### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 3rd**

"Excavation of a Tudor Manor House at West Drayton". Talk by Jonathan Cotton to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell at 8.00 p.m.

**Thursday 9th**

"The Early History of Railways in Southwark and Lambeth". Talk by John Parker to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at the John Harwood Library Hall, Borough High Street.

### MARCH

**Tuesday 30th**

"Winstanley". A film about Gerrard Winstanley and the activities of diggers in 17th Century Cobham and district, introduced by Dr Christopher Hill, a leading authority on the English Revolution at the Cobham Day Centre at 8.00 p.m. Further details and tickets (price: £1) from Richard Anstis. Tel: Cobham 2598.

### APRIL

**Tuesday 13th**

"Aerial Photography in Archaeology". Talk by C. Stanley to the Egham by Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham at 8.00 p.m.

**An Apology**—I wish to apologise to all members for the very late arrival of the November Bulletin (No. 175). It was held up in order to include the Annual Report which should have been ready for the A.G.M., thus saving £115 postage, but unfortunately the Report was not ready in time and is included with this Bulletin.

Hon. Bulletin Editor

**Next Bulletin:** March, for which copy is required by 6th February, 1982.

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