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**S.A.S. VISIT: ROMANESQUE AT THE HAYWARD GALLERY
AND ST. BARTHOLOMEWS, LONDON**

Arranged by Miss J. M. Carter

April

Thursday 12th

10.15 a.m.

Meet at St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, E.C.1. Revd. A. W. S. Brown.

Tube: Farringdon or Barbican. Red Arrow 502 from Waterloo (fare 30p). Descend at Museum of London and walk along Little Britain.

11.30 a.m.

Tour of the old building of St. Bartholomews Hospital and the church of St. Bartholomew the Less with Mrs. Janet Foster, the hospital archivist.

For this tour there is a charge.

Disperse for lunch. Nearby are several pubs and cafes.

At 1.10 p.m. there is a concert at the church of St. Bartholomew the Great with a leaving collection

Regan Crowley (violin)

Auda Anastasescu (piano)

Mozart, Beethoven, Debussy

2.15 p.m.

Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square (near Smithfield Market) for a guided tour of the building with the Master (fee 50p). For the tour of Charterhouse, the group is limited to 30. Members unable to join this party will be able to go to the Museum of London or the Barbican nearby.

4.00 p.m.

Hayward Gallery, South Bank, S.E.1.

English Romanesque Art 1066-1200.

Admission £2.00. Retirement Pensioners, Students and Registered Unemployed £1.00.

Red Arrow 502 from Charterhouse to the Hayward Gallery.

Tickets: Members 40p, Visitors 50p, Students half price and accompanied children free from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

All admission fees payable on the day.

This visit is related to "The Art and Architecture of the Conquest: The Romanesque in South East England" series of lectures at Guildford starting on 27th March. Details given in Bulletin 188 and in the Meetings section of this and future issues of the Bulletin.

S.A.S. VISIT TO MAIDSTONE AND UNDERRIVER

Arranged by Mrs. J. West

Limited to 40 persons

May

Saturday 19th

- 10.15 a.m. Meet at the Carriage Museum (opposite the Archbishops Palace – small car parks adjacent, but it is recommended to arrive earlier) for coffee and to view the Museum, one of the largest of its kind in the country. We will be admitted free by kind permission of the Curator.
- 11.15 a.m. Walk through the town to see some historic buildings.
- 11.30 a.m. View the County Museum and hear a talk by the Keeper of Saxon Archaeology.
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch, obtainable in town or in picnic area.
- 2.15 p.m. Walk from Carriage Museum around the Archbishop's Palace complex to see 13th century Gatehouse, College of Priests and the Medieval Bridge now under present road system.
- 2.45 p.m. Leave for Underriver.
- 3.15 p.m. Arrive Underriver for 'Black Charles', a 14th century timber-framed Hall House for a tour of the house by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Gamon. Admission £1.00 payable on the day.
- 4.15 p.m. Tea booked in Village Hall (approx. cost £1.20 payable on the day).
- 6.00 p.m. View Parish Church.

General: As some members will no doubt travel by train but will need transport in the afternoon, will car drivers able to offer spare seats please indicate when booking.

Tickets: Members 40p, Visitors 50p, Students half price and accompanied children free from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QL.

Honorary Local Secretary

Mr. Christopher Taylor, 20 Pine Walk, Woodmansterne, Surrey SM7 3PY has been appointed Hon. Local Secretary for Banstead and Woodmansterne.

The vacancy in Capel, Holmwood, Newdigate and Ockley still exists. Would any member interested in acting as Local Secretary for this area please contact the Hon. Secretaries.

Hon. Secretaries

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

Mrs. J. A. Malyon, 70 Manor Drive, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey KT10 0BA

J. M. Hobrough, 43 Hamilton Drive, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6PL

D. W. Webb, Springs, Rookery Drive, Westcott, Surrey RH4 3LQ

Miss M. D. Fry, 8 Heathcote Close, Church Path, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants GU12 5BE

Miss J. M. Merrick, 122 Byfleet Road, New Haw, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 3LE

Observation on Applications for Listed Building Consent

Many members write, as individuals or representing local groups, to the relevant local planning authorities about advertised proposals to demolish or change historic buildings. The Society's official views are sent through the Conservation Committee, which also acts as local agent for the Council for British Archaeology, a statutory consultee in many cases.

The Committee welcomes these individual representations as indicative of informed public opinion, and is always glad to advise or assist (through the Secretary or Local Representatives as given in the Annual Report) in difficult cases.

People making representations should bear in mind that proposals are often changed or resubmitted many times. It is important to keep up the pressure in such cases. If you object to a proposal, you must watch out for resubmission and reiterate your views. If there is a public inquiry, attend if possible, or at least send written views to the Inspector. All these things can influence the final result.

Katherine Kay (Secretary, Conservation Committee)

Publications: Secondhand and Damaged Volumes for Sale

We are now offering for sale to members, at greatly reduced prices, volumes of the Collections and other Society Publications which have been damaged or spoilt or bear the marks of previous owners. In most cases the damage or soiling is confined to the covers or edges of the pages, the text remaining unmarked, but prices have been reduced as much as 90% for some copies. They are available for sale at Castle Arch to *personal callers* only at such time as the Librarian is on duty.

A list giving full details is available from Mrs. Maureen Edwards on receipt of an s.a.e. We regret that volumes will not be available by post and will not be reserved for longer than four days unless payment is made *in advance*. Any volumes remaining will be available for sale at the Excavations Committee Symposium at Dorking on Saturday, 28th April. The offer closes on Saturday, 12th May, 1984.

Pat Ashworth, Librarian

Research in progress

The forthcoming volume of the Collections will contain a list, compiled by E. M. Myatt-Price, of university theses, completed and in progress up to January, 1983, relating to the history and archaeology of Surrey. The list will be revised at regular intervals. An index of the theses has been deposited with the Librarian at Castle Arch and may be consulted for current information.

Intermittent attempts have been made in the past to keep a record of research work in progress but these were in no way comprehensive and quickly became out of date. It is known that a great deal of research is being carried out by individual workers and by groups which is a long way from publication: indeed some of it may not be intended for wide publication. Much current research is known only to those most closely concerned with it. Occasionally time and effort have been expended on a project and then it is found that similar work is in progress elsewhere, and may be at a more advanced stage. To help avoid duplication and to encourage exchange of information and ideas it is proposed to publish in the Bulletin, from time to time, a list of current research. Individuals or Groups, whether members of the Society or not, are invited to send to the Bulletin Editor *brief* details of the specific area of study, together with a name and address for contact.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Southwark: Restoration of Kirkaldy's Experimenting and Testing Works
Kirkaldy's Experimenting and Testing Works, Southwark Street, still contains the machinery designed in 1873 by Glaswegian David Kirkaldy to test to breaking point materials such as steel. Kirkaldy carried out tests for the Tay Bridge replacement parts. The ground floor of the building, where the machinery is located, is to become a museum of testing.

The four storeyed building has been restored and the upper floors reopened in October 1983 as offices and workshops to form a centre for small businesses. The work has been done by Urbed and the Industrial Buildings Preservation Trust and funded by the National Westminster Bank, Southwark Borough Council, the G.L.C., and the Pilgrim Trust.
(Building Design)

A Bloomery in the Charlwood area

The 1-inch Geological Map of the Horsham area (no. 302) shows a broad outcrop of Weald Clay iron-stone running through Charlwood parish immediately to the west of Gatwick Airport. Examination of this outcrop revealed plenty of this ore, generally in pieces smaller than 8 cm³. Also, a widespread and infrequent scatter of bloomery was noticed with a concentration immediately to the west of the airport runway, at TQ 248399, where part of a furnace bottom was found. Associated with the cinder was a scatter of medieval pottery sherds and an elongated hollow (perhaps a former pond), both suggestive of an abandoned habitation site. Elsewhere a long low ridge was noted. This was perhaps formed by the deposited overburden from linear surface quarrying for the iron ore. There are many references to the presence and mining of ore in Charlwood as early as the 14th century, and Tifters Farm was the subject of a deed of 1692 which specifically refers to ore.

(Note taken from "Wealden Iron" 2nd series (1983) (3) The Bulletin of the Wealden Iron Research Group)

Kent County Archive Office.

Researchers who may wish to consult documents at this Office in Maidstone should note that it will be closed from mid-April for about a year while structural alterations are carried out. Some records will be available at Tonbridge Library.

Medieval Penny from Lingfield

During field walking in the Lingfield area, members of the Bourne Society Archaeological Group found a silver long-cross penny. The coin was submitted to Mrs. Marion Archibald of the British Museum who has identified it as Continental sterling of Robert of Bethune, Count of Flanders 1305-22, struck at Alost. *Obverse*: R COMES FLANDRIE. *Reverse*: MONETA ALOTEN. Mrs. Archibald remarks that such coins were struck in imitation of English pennies to cash in on the good reputation of English currency. Slight wear suggests a deposition date in the mid-14th century. The coin is now in the possession of the East Surrey Museum.

Michael Russell

MUSEUM NEWS

"Words Across The Centuries — Literacy in Roman Southwark"

A temporary exhibition at the Cuming Museum, Newington, running until May. A display of inscriptions, writing tablets, makers names on pottery, etc. to show the standard of literacy in the Southwark area in the Roman period.

Cuming Museum is above Newington District Library, 155-157 Walworth Road, London, S.E.17. Open Monday to Friday 10.00-5.30 (Thursday until 7.00), Saturday 10.00-5.00, closed on Sunday.

Camberley Museum formerly at Knoll Road has moved to Surrey Heath Museum, 271 London Road, Camberley. The museum is not yet open to the public. When interior rearrangements have been completed details about opening hours will be given in the Bulletin.

East Surrey Museum at Caterham has an exhibition on "The History of English Embroidery", tracing the development of the art since the 13th century. The display is presented by Miss Barbara Cooper of the Embroiderers' Guild who is involved with work on the embroideries in Hampton Court. The exhibition continues until the end of May. The museum is very near Caterham railway station. It is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.00-5.00, and on Sunday afternoons 2.00-5.00.

Proposed Wandle Industrial Museum

The Merton Community Trust is sponsoring a comprehensive study with a view to establishing a permanent display of the industrial history of the River Wandle. This would encompass the banks of the river, all relevant industrial buildings and the open space and property belonging to the National Trust. The Wandle is one of the few lower river tributaries of the Thames which has not been turned into a sewer. At one time in the 19th century the river powered over 90 corn mills which served many different industries including the corn, hemp, snuff, iron, woollen, peppermint and lavender industries. A "Friends of the Wandle Industrial Museum" group has been formed. More information can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, St. Marks Church Room, St. Marks Place, London, SW19 7ND.

LITERARY SECTION

Three recent publications by Sutton Libraries and Arts Services. Brief reviews

"Courts of the Manors of Bandon and Beddington 1498-1552." Transcribed and translated by Hedley Gowans. Edited, with an introduction, by Michael Wilks and Jennifer Bray. Published in conjunction with Beddington, Carshalton & Wallington Archaeological Society. Price £7.00.

"No Small Change: 100 Years of Sutton High Street" by Frank Burgess. Price £2.50.

". . . Some Sunny Day . . ." Reminiscences of a young wife in the Second World War. By Eileen Whiteing. Price £2.95.

Available from libraries in Sutton, some bookshops, or by post from Sutton Central Library, St. Nicholas Way, Sutton, SM1 1EA. (Post and packing extra). Further information from Douglas Cluett. 01-661 5001.

Sutton Libraries and Arts Services are to be congratulated on their enterprise in publishing these three books, all of which are well designed, printed and produced.

The publication of the "Courts of the Manors of Bandon and Beddington 1498-1552" is especially commendable since this book is not likely to be so commercially successful as the other two, nevertheless it is probably the most valuable for the historian and archaeologist. There is an explanatory introduction of 28 pages. This is followed by the Latin text of the rolls with the English translation on the facing pages. More details about the book can be found in Bulletin 188.

The sub-title of "No Small Change" describes the content of the book. Over 70 "then and now" photographs record the changes which have taken place in Sutton High Street during the years from 1865 to the present day.

"... Some Sunny Day ..." takes its title from the war-time song made famous by Vera Lynn. It is a sequel to "Anyone for Tennis" and continues the reminiscences of Eileen Whiteing for the years 1938-1947. The narrative begins and ends in Wallington but Mrs. Whiteing moved to various parts of England to be near her airman husband. The book is more social history than local history and gives a good insight into the everyday difficulties that the ordinary citizen had to cope with during the second world war. For those with personal experience of the period it will conjure up not a few amusing and sad memories.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

MARCH

Tuesday, 13th

MILLS ON THE TILLINGBOURNE. Lecture by Alan Crocker to Shere, Gomshall and Peaslake L.H.S. 8.15 p.m. Village Hall, Shere.

Friday, 16th

FARLEY HEATH AND TITSEY ROMAN TEMPLES. Lecture by Chris Atkins to Surrey Roman Villa Study Group. 7.30 p.m. Dorking Christian Centre (next to St. Martin's Church).

Tuesday, 27th

THE BACKGROUND AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCH. Lecture by Dr. John Lowerson. First lecture in the SAS series "The Romanesque in South East England". 8.00 p.m. Lecture Theatre "E", Surrey University, Guildford.

Friday, 30th

MAKING AND SELLING ROMAN POTTERY. Talk by Tony King to Wandsworth H.S. 8.00 p.m. Friends Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street.

Saturday, 31st

Third A.G.M. of the Lithic Tool Group at Glyn Hall, Ewell, at 2.00 p.m. (Map in Bulletin 184). Talk by Nick Barton on "Hengistbury Head". Enquiries to Chris Taylor, tel. Downland 54694.

APRIL

Tuesday, 3rd

BRITISH CASTLES. Lecture by Dr. Derek Renn. (Second in SAS Romanesque series). 8.00 p.m. Lecture Theatre "M", Surrey University, Guildford.

Thursday, 5th

QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL SITE, CARSHALTON. Reassessment of this important Bronze Age site by Lesley Adkins to Croydon N.H.S.S. 7.45 p.m. East Croydon U.R. Church, Addiscombe Grove.

Saturday, 7th

South East Region Industrial Archaeology Conference at University of Sussex, Falmer. 9.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Theme of conference "The Development of Transport in the South East". Registration fee £4.00. Reservations to be made by 26th March to The Administration Officer, Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building, University of Sussex, Falmer BN1 9RG. (Tel. Brighton 606755, ext. 866).

Early notice — Saturday, 13th October

INDUSTRIAL HISTORY IN WAVERLEY. Half-day symposium at Godalming Library arranged by Waverley Archaeological Advisory Committee.

Early notice — Saturday, 10th November

Surrey Local History Council **SYMPOSIUM** on "SURREY CHURCHES". University of Surrey, Guildford.

Tuesday, 10th

THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY. Lecture by Mrs. Mary Alexander. (Dr. Taylor's lecture on Castles in France will now be held on 29th May).

Tuesday, 10th

THE HISTORY OF FELTHAM. Lecture by Mr. Kenneth Baldwin to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. 8.00 p.m. Literary Institute, High Street, Egham.

Tuesday, 10th

RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT MERTON PRIORY. Lecture by Scott McCracken to Southwark and Lambeth A.S. 7.30 p.m. John Harvard Library Hall, Borough High Street.

Wednesday, 18th

MERSTHAM QUARRIES, MERSTHAM STONE AND THE MERSTHAM GAP. Presidential Address by Paul Sowan to Croydon N.H.S.S. at A.G.M. beginning at 7.45 p.m. East Croydon U.R. Church, Addiscombe Grove. Non-members welcome.

Saturday, 28th

SAS EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM at Dorking Halls. 10.30-4.00. Details in Bulletin 189.

Early notice — Saturday, 2nd June

SAS MEDIEVAL POTTERY WORKSHOP. Dorking Christian Centre. 10.00-4.00. Full details will be given in a later Bulletin.

Some Archaeological Study Holidays

Courses arranged by the Field Studies Council:

May 23–30. West Country Railways and Waterways. Leonard Wills Field Centre, Nettlecombe Court, Williton, Taunton TA4 4HT (Tel. Washford 40320).

June 1–3. Vernacular Architecture. Preston Montford Field Centre, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury SY4 1DX. (Tel. Shrewsbury 850380).

August 24–31. Landscape and Townscape Photography. Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking RH5 6DA. (Tel. Dorking 883849).

August 31–Sept. 7. Industrial Archaeology in South-East England. Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking RH5 6DA. (Tel. Dorking 883849).

Study tours arranged by Southern Archaeological Services Ltd.

April 14–18. Prehistoric Man.

May 5–6. Beachy Head and Beyond.

May 12–13. Prehistoric Wessex.

May 19–20. Hillforts of Sussex.

Sept. 13–17. Viking Man.

Sept. 22–23. Roman Sussex.

Sept. 29–30. Sussex Castles.

Oct. 26–28. Churches of Romney Marsh.

Full details available from 30 Albion Hill, Brighton BN2 2NW.