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S.A.S. VISITS 1985
INCREASE IN THE COST OF TICKETS

It is regretted that, owing to increasing administrative costs, "Ticket" monies for visits is to be increased as follows:

Members: from 40p to 50p
Non members: from 50p to 60p

This will cover visits as from 1st April, 1985.

Visits Committee

Visits Secretary

Mrs. Jean West has succeeded Mrs. Joan Major as Visits Secretary and all letters concerning visits should be addressed to her at 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 2PX.

The occasion cannot be allowed to pass without recording the thanks and appreciation of the Society to Mrs. Major for the time and effort she has given in the position of Visits Secretary. Over the past 15 years she has co-ordinated the work of the members who organise the visits, issued tickets for those visits, and ensured that details were publicised in the *Bulletin* in advance of the visit taking place.

Surrey Heath Group Headquarters

With the kind co-operation of the S.C.C. Library Service and the assistance of the Surrey Heath Borough Council the latter has granted permission for the Surrey Heath Group to use part of No. 63 High Street, Bagshot, Surrey, for the work of archaeological post-excavation processing and storage until, initially, 1987.

Funds and sponsors are being sought to convert and improve these premises so as they may commence their intended use early in 1985.

G. H. Cole

EXCAVATIONS — BRIEF REPORTS

Knapp-Drewett White Ware Kiln, Union St., Kingston upon Thames (TQ 180692)

The excavations carried out by the S.W. London Archaeological Unit for Kingston Museum on the Knapp-Drewett site in 1982 revealed only one major medieval feature: a much disturbed Surrey white ware pottery kiln. The kiln as excavated consisted of only the western stoke hole, flue arch and short segments of the north and south kiln walls. The stoke hole measured some 1.70m north-south by 2.12m east-west and was 50cm in depth; large quantities of sherds came from a number of tipped deposits

within the stoke hole. The north wall survived for 1.40m northeast-southwest but was partially destroyed along its north edge. The south wall, only 60cm in length, was 42cm wide and 55cm high and ran northwest-southeast. Considerable numbers of sherds were recovered from the fill between the kiln walls and from the walls themselves.

Processing of the pottery is still continuing and no report is possible at present but it does appear there are similarities to the material discovered at the 70-72 Eden Street kiln (Hinton: 377-383).

Dating of Surrey white ware has been a problem and the range given for the Eden Street pottery covered the period c. 1250-1400 (Hinton: 382). In an attempt to establish a more precise date for the use of the Knapp-Drewett kiln, the Ancient Monuments Laboratory took samples from the fabric of the tile and clay bonding of the north and south walls for archaeomagnetic dating. Dr. A. J. Clark has recently completed his analysis of these samples and has provided the following report:

magnetic date of AD 1345-1375 at 68% confidence level (AM 841227)

This would place the Knapp-Drewett kiln towards the end of the previously suggested date range; however, the relevance of this date for the production of Surrey white ware will not be known until a study of all the Knapp-Drewett pottery has been completed and it is suggested that the magnetic date be used with caution.

Hinton, M. 1980 'Medieval Pottery from a Kiln Site at Kingston upon Thames' *London Archaeologist* Spring 1980 Vol. 3, No. 14 pp 377-383.

J. S. McCracken

Site-watching at 20 Church Street, Kingston upon Thames (TQ 180692)

Redevelopment on this site (the old Knapp Drewett offices) in May, 1984, revealed a section of point bar deposits of the ancient river channel known to have run through this area of Kingston. A length of the riverbed, with a small stream still flowing south to north, was also exposed, c. 6 metres below the present ground surface, at 1 metre 90 O.D.

Pat Nicolaysen

Fairfield Road (south side), Kingston upon Thames TQ 182692)

The site was excavated during April, May and June, 1984; it adjoins the planned route of the Kingston Town Centre Relief Road, and was open ground up to the middle of the 19th century, possibly used as smallholdings. From 1852 to 1878 it was part of the parade ground of the 3rd Regiment of Surrey Militia, whose barracks were at that time in the Fairfield Road/Orchard Road area of Kingston. Houses built on the site c. 1885-90 were demolished a few years ago. In 1967 excavations by Mrs. Marion Hinton (Heritage Officer, Kingston upon Thames) on the north side of Fairfield Road revealed a short length of ditch cut into the underlying gravel; the ditch fill contained some fragments of prehistoric pottery. It was hoped that during this 1984 excavation evidence of the ditch's continuation on the south side of Fairfield Road might be found.

An area 14m by 13m was opened; the topsoil and underlying 1 metre depth of brickearth were removed by machine and by hand down to a gravel surface, undisturbed except for the feature mentioned below. There was no sign of any ditch. In the north-east corner of the site, below the topsoil and the house foundations (which had to be left in situ) was a brick-lined cesspit, containing late 18th and early 19th century pottery and glass fragments, and with associated gullies and sumps draining away to the south. In the centre of the site was a sub-rectangular pit, 1 metre 90 by 1 metre, extending vertically some 4 metres below the modern ground

surface. This pit contained fragments of mathematical tiles, building rubble and 19th and 20th century pottery. At the bottom, c. 2 metres below the gravel surface, was a mass of corroded metal, mostly iron, including 3 almost complete circular vessels. The function of these vessels, and the reason for the depth of their burial are at present unknown.

Pat Nicolaysen

Nos. 48-54 High Street, Bagshot (SU 912634)

Owing to delays in the construction of a pub beer garden, at the above site, permission has been granted by the owners — Imperial Inns and Taverns Ltd., to allow a second season of rescue archaeological excavations. The first season's work having been reported in *Bulletins* 184 and 186.

Excavations commenced on 1st August, 1984 and will continue, at weekends, until they are completed about April/May, 1985.

Brick foundations and floor levels of the 18th century "Red Lion" public house and adjacent saddlers shop have been exposed, recorded and removed so as to enable excavation of the earlier sequence of timber and stone structures from the 13th and 14th century. A large buttressed stone wall with associated 14th century occupation levels, flint cobbled floor and collapsed or demolished tile roof is currently being uncovered in phases as work progresses across this restricted site. Areas of the site where excavation has been completed, and now partially backfilled, have revealed timber post structures, pre-dating the 14th century, where the lower sections of the posts have been preserved in situ, together with fragments of worked leather, a complete bone awl and a variety of pottery forms including coarse grey and "Surrey White" ware.

G. H. Cole

Skinnners Land Farm, Chiddingfold (SU 967364)

A two metre length of wall foundation has been exposed beneath the garden of a farmhouse of late fifteenth century origin in Chiddingfold by the owner, Mr. John English. The foundation of greensand stone with some chalk and Paludina limestone is 43cm in width and 30cm deep and is surmounted by the beginnings of a stone wall with the remains of four courses of irregular sized bricks at the northern end forming a corner. The foundation appears to be more massive than would have been required by the original three-bay medieval farmhouse. Although it did align with the western end frame of the medieval house (frame A-A1 in the Domestic Buildings Research Group's report no. 1863), its continuity up to the house four metres away could not be established by probing. It would however have been cut by modern drainage piping, had it existed. A resistivity survey over the rest of the rear garden failed to indicate any other wall foundation.

A large amount of brick, tile and pottery sherds were sieved from the earth taken from the excavation and more were found on cleaning the exposure. A wide range of pottery dates extended from the thirteenth to the nineteenth centuries. From pottery pieces taken from beneath the foundation, it was deduced that the structure could not be earlier than mid-seventeenth century.

From the small length of foundation exposed, we are unable to say whether it belonged to an extension to the house or to some separate building. The size of the foundation does, however, imply some fairly large structure.

J. R. Turner, Haslemere Group

Neolithic Axe

The cutting end, approximately 58mm by 50mm, of a Neolithic polished chert axe was found on the ploughed surface of Park Copse of Whitley Park Farm: grid ref: SU 926376. Nine other flints and flakes found in the area, although not in the immediate vicinity of the axe, were presumed Neolithic.

J. R. Turner, Haslemere Group

PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

Hassell Catalogue: SAC 75 (1984) 3-55 and microfiche

Additions and corrections to the catalogue of pictures by John and Edward Hassell would be appreciated by the author. It is hoped to publish a supplement in volume 77 of the *Collections*. The additions required are not only for pictures not included in the list but also identifications of houses without a name or detailed location, and any other information which would enhance the value of the catalogue to users. As many reproductions are in ephemeral publications, such as church guides, which may only be available locally, they are difficult to locate. There is a list of reproductions on page 122 of the microfiche but this is incomplete. Details of any other reproductions would be welcome.

Offprints of the catalogue will be available with an illustrated cover as well as the 95 reproduced in the catalogue. This will cost £4.00 — postage and packing 50p extra.

G. P. Moss

Recent Society Publications

All paid-up members should have received a copy of Vol. 75 of the *Collections* and the Joint Society/LAMAS Publication: 'Excavations in Staines 1975-76' in November, either by post or by hand. Will any member who has not received a copy of either or both publications please contact Mrs. Janaway at Castle Arch. Additional copies of both publications and offprints from Vol. 75 are available from Castle Arch — prices on application to Mrs. M. Roberts.

IMPORTANT

Microfiches, Staines report and *Collections* vol. 75

Please would all members check whether their copies contain a master fiche rather than a fiche copy, as the masters were inadvertently sent to the printers and have been despatched with the copies. The master fiches are silvery in colour, and lack the coloured title strip (white or lavender for Staines, green for the *Collections*).

If you do find a master, please return it to the Honorary Editor, Quoin Cottage, Shamley Green, GU5 0UJ, by recorded delivery. Cost will be refunded, and a replacement copy sent to you.

Hand-Delivery of Society Publications

The Council of the Society is most grateful to the following members for assisting with the hand-delivery of publications in recent months. The latest delivery has resulted in a saving of about £1,400 on postage and packing costs.

Mr. & Mrs. Adkins, Mr. & Mrs. Ashworth, L. Bowerman, Miss J. Carter, A. J. Clark, G. H. Cole, Miss G. M. Drew, R. L. Ellaby, Ms. J. English, J. L. Gower, K. D. Graham, L. E. Green, G. B. Greenwood,

Lady Hanworth, D. M. N. Hardy, Mrs. N. Hawkins, Miss E. P. Humphreys, O. A. Kibble, L. Le Mottée, Dr. G. P. Moss, Mrs. P. C. Nicolaysen, C. R. Orton, B. F. J. Pardoe, D. Pottinger, S. R. C. Poulter, J. H. Rendall, L. J. Simmons, Mrs. E. A. Stazicker, C. J. W. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Temple, J. R. Turner, T. E. C. Walker, Mrs. A. Watson, R. J. Webber, M. Wilkinson, R. W. Williams. Delivery in the Guildford area was organised by Miss J. A. Cowie, who was assisted by the following members of the Guildford Group: S. S. Bates, Mrs. B. M. Blatchford, Lyn Clark, Mrs. Y. Jeffrey, Miss J. S. Jury, Kim Knee, Mrs. J. M. Lee, J. K. Marshall, Mrs. M. Newman, Mrs. D. Sturley.

Thanks are also due to those who helped the above-named volunteers delivery the publications.

Comments, suggestions etc. on the hand-delivery should be addressed to the Hon. Secretaries.

Marian Gower

Staines Causewayed Monument: Flint Artefacts

In a recent issue of the newsletter of the Lithic Studies Society (*Lithics* No. 4 (1984)), the following article was published: "The lithic industries from Staines causewayed enclosure and their relationship to other earlier Neolithic industries in southern Britain." A copy of the paper is available in the Library at Castle Arch.

Library News

The Library Committee has agreed to continue the Current Contents Service which was instituted for a trial period of one year (*Bulletin* 186). A copy of the content pages of any journal currently received in the library will be sent to members requesting it, and subject to copyright, a photocopy of any article listed will also be supplied on request, at the Librarian's discretion. This service is provided free of any charge to personal members residing more than 20 miles from Guildford, subject only to the limitation of six titles per year. Titles in excess of six will be charged at 10p a copy plus postage. Members within 20 miles of Castle Arch must meet the costs of all photocopies supplied. If you are interested in availing yourself of this service, please contact the Librarian, Mrs. Pat Ashworth, at Castle Arch, from whom a copy of the Short Title List of Journals currently received in the Library, can also be obtained.

Book Review

The Earthen Long Barrow in Britain, by Paul Ashbee. Second edition, published 1984 by Geo Books, 34 Duke Street, Norwich, price £14.50 (hardback)

The county of Surrey is not well endowed with long barrows, in fact the Badshot barrow is the only one which the reviewer can call to mind. Nevertheless the long barrow is an important Neolithic monument, many examples of which are to be found on the chalk downlands of adjacent counties. The pattern of distribution is very dense in Wiltshire and Dorset but long barrows occur throughout the British Isles and also on the Continent.

The author, Paul Ashbee, has had practical experience in excavating a number of long barrows in Southern England. Since his book was first published in 1970 it has been recognised as a useful, comprehensive and authoritative survey. In the second edition the core of the text is retained from the original book and a new preface and introduction have been added. The new introduction of 15 pages summarises results obtained over the last decade and examines recent views and the consequent

modification of earlier theories. Also added is a bibliography of relevant publications which have appeared since the first edition. An additional appendix gives radiocarbon dates obtained since 1970. It is a pity that a new index was not prepared in order to incorporate the new material.

For those who are interested in the appearance of a book as well as its contents: hidden behind a rather dull dust jacket is an attractive, well designed, *cloth bound* volume which is a pleasure to handle as well as to read.

Publications of the Society

The Publications Committee has recently revised the prices of many of the Society's publications still currently available and full details are printed below. Members are reminded that all these publications are available by post from Mrs. Maureen Roberts at Castle Arch — N.B. postage and packing *extra*. Research Papers, Research Volumes, and Offprints can also be purchased in person from the Guildford Museum desk, and volumes of the Collections from the Society's library, but please give at least 2 days' notice for the latter as most copies of these are stored away from Castle Arch.

Discounts are available as follows: 5% on orders of £30-£50; 10% on orders over £50.

Surrey Archaeological Collections

Vols 15-32, 36, 39	£4.00 (paperback copies where available £3.00)
40-70	£3.00 (paperback copies where available £2.00)
71, 72, 74	£6.00
Index to Vols 21-38	£4.00
39-60	£2.00
61-70	£2.00

Volumes not listed

The Society often receives returned copies of volumes not listed above for resale second-hand. For up to date information on these holdings please contact Mrs. Roberts. A file of members' "wants" (*desiderata*) is also maintained and all members are invited to submit their requirements so that they can be contacted should such volumes become available.

Offprints

Offprints of articles from many of the earlier volumes are still available — separate list on application. Please send a stamped addressed envelope foolscap size.

Research Papers

1. Roman Relief-Patterned Flue-tiles, by A. W. G. Lowther, 1948 50p
2. A Mesolithic Survey of the West Surrey Greensand, by W. F. Rankine, 1949 50p
4. The Mesolithic of Southern England, by W. F. Rankine, 1956 75p
5. Excavations in Southwark, by Kathleen M. Kenyon, 1959 50p

Research Volumes

- No. 1. Excavations in Old Town, Croydon*/The Montague Close Delftware Factory*/Excavations of a Glasshouse at Norfolk House, Lambeth*/The River Wey bridges between Farnham and Guildford £2.00
- No. 2. Alsted: excavation of a 13th/14th century sub-manor house at Netherne Wood, Merstham, by Lesley Ketteringham £2.00

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| No. 3. Archaeological implications of gravel extraction in North-west Surrey*/Montague Close Excavations*/ Saxon barrow at Gally Hills*/St. Catherine's Hill* | £2.00 |
| No. 4. Brooklands, Weybridge, 1964-5, 1970-1, by Rosamond Hanworth and D. J. Tomalin | £2.00 |
| No. 5. Historic Towns in Surrey, by Martin O'Connell | £2.00 |
| No. 6. Excavations at Runnymede Bridge, Egham, 1976, by David Longley | £4.50 |
| No. 7. 199 Borough High Street, Southwark: excavations in 1962*/Excavations at Guy's Hospital 1967* (includes microfiche) | £4.00 |
| No. 8. Catteshall Mill: a survey of the History and Archaeology of an Industrial site at Godalming, Surrey, by Alan and Glenys Crocker | £2.00 |
| No. 9. Excavations at Guildford Friary, 1974 & 1978, by R. Poulton and H. Woods (includes microfiche) | £5.00 |
- *offprints of individual articles also available

Joint Publications with the London & Middlesex Archaeological Society

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| No. 1. Southwark excavations 1972/4, Vols 1 & 2 | £6.00 |
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Special Volumes

All out of print. Some second-hand copies available — details from Mrs. Roberts.

Other publications

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| Blechingley, by Uvedale Lambert, 1949 | 50p |
| Godstone, by Uvedale Lambert, 1982 | £1.00 |

MEETINGS ETC.

Conference on Medieval Surrey

The conference which had to be postponed from 20th October will now be held at Juniper Hall Field Study Centre, Mickleham, on Saturday, 9th February, 1985, between 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. The speakers are the same as advertised for the October meeting, namely: John Blair, Scott McCracken, Kenneth Gravett, Mrs. Kay Percy and Philip Jones. The conference fee will probably be in the region of £8.50, including coffee, lunch and tea. Enquiries for further information should be made to Dennis Turner, 21 Evesham Road, Reigate RH2 9DL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Dennis Turner

DECEMBER

Saturday, 15th

"BEST OF THE YEAR". Illustrated reports by all sections of the Croydon NHSS. 3.30-7.30 p.m. East Croydon U.R. Church, Addiscombe Grove. Visitors very welcome — no entrance fee — refreshments available.

JANUARY

Tuesday, 8th

"CITY OF LONDON CHURCHES". A talk by Mr. L. Freeman to Egham H.S. 8.00 p.m. Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

"CHAUCER'S PILGRIMS". Talk by Kenneth Whitehorn to S.L.A.S. 7.30 p.m. John Harvard Library Hall, Borough High Street.

Thursday, 10th

"THE LAST ICE AGE". Lecture by Dr. Roger Jacobi to C.N.H.S.S., 7.45 p.m., East Croydon U.R. Church, Addiscombe Grove.

Friday, 11th

"DEVELOPMENT OF THE IRON AGE IN SURREY". Talk by Rosamond Hanworth to Richmond A.S. 8.00 p.m. Sun Inn, Parkshot, Richmond.

Saturday, 19th

"SMALLER HOUSES UNDER THE TUDORS". Talk by Kenneth Gravett to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. 3.00 p.m. Weybridge Library Hall.

"ARCHAEOLOGICAL ILLUSTRATION". S.A.S. Symposium at Central Library, Sutton. 10.00-4.30. Tickets £2.50 from 157 Valley Road, Kenley, CR2 5BZ.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 6th

"RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN GUILDFORD". A talk by Julia Arthur to Nonsuch A.S. 8.00 p.m. St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell.

Friday, 8th

"A TECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH TO PREHISTORIC POTTERY". A lecture by Sue Hamilton to Richmond A.S. 8.00 p.m. Sun Inn, Parkshot, Richmond.

Tuesday, 12th

"TOWER BRIDGE HOUSE". A talk by L. W. E. Groome to S.L.A.S. 7.30 p.m. John Harvard Library Hall, Borough High Street.

"CHERTSEY ABBEY". A talk by B. F. Pardoe to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. 8.00 p.m. Weybridge Library Hall.

Friday, 15th

"GLASS & GLASS MAKING IN BRITAIN TO 1500". A talk by Roy Adkins to Holmesdale N.H.C. 8.15 p.m. The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

The Gothic Centuries

Following the success of the Romanesque series earlier this year, a course of nine lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings starting on 26th March, 1985 and running until 28th May. The subject will be Medieval Art and Architecture in South East England and it is hoped to include talks on Church Architecture, The Knight in Armour, Castles, Costume and Embroidery, and Music, amongst others. A series of visits relevant to the lectures will also be arranged.

The course is being organised by the Surrey Archaeological Society and will be held at the University of Surrey. Further details will be announced later.

Next Bulletin — February, 1985. Copy is required by Saturday, 5th January. The following Bulletin will cover March and copy will be needed by Saturday, 2nd February.

Details about other Bulletin issues for 1985 will be given as soon as the Editor has booked holiday dates for the year.

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The Bulletin Editor wishes all members of the Society a very happy Christmas and an archaeologically interesting 1985.

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