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S.A.S. VISITS 1985

Wednesday, 17th April	Farnham and Waverley Abbey (details given below)
Saturday, 11th May	Salisbury and Old Sarum
Saturday, 15th June	Southampton
Saturday, 20th July	Rochester and Cobham
Saturday, 10th August	Otford and Limpsfield
Saturday, 14th September	Godalming and Charterhouse
October	Bagshot and Windlesham

Details about these visits will be given in later issues of the *Bulletin*.

S.A.S. VISIT TO FARNHAM AND WAVERLEY ABBEY

Arranged by Lt. Col. H. Deighton and Mrs. Joan Major

APRIL

Wednesday, 17th

- 10.00 a.m. Meet in Farnham Castle car park for a guided tour of the medieval Palace of the Bishops of Winchester, begun in 1138 and still retaining many Romanesque and early Gothic features. (Entrance 30p payable on the day).
- 11.00 Depart from Farnham Castle by car for the ruins of Waverley Abbey, once the largest Cistercian foundation in England: thence for a brief look at Moor Park, a 17th century house restyled in the 18th century, associated with Sir William Temple and Jonathan Swift.
- 12.45 Return to The Maltings car park, Farnham, to disperse for lunch. There are many restaurants, cafes and pubs within easy reach, including The Maltings itself, an interesting industrial relic now converted to civic use as a community centre.
- 2.15 Reassemble at The Maltings car park for a guided town walk of about 1½ hours duration, taking in the Museum and other buildings of historical interest. For those who wish to take tea at the end of the programme there are several facilities in the town. (A further 25p payable on the day).

Tickets: Members 50p, Visitors 60p, Students half price and accompanied children free, from Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 2PX (Please send a stamped addressed envelope). Numbers limited to 36 persons. Please bring your ticket with you.

St. Botolph's Church, Bramber

Members who came on the tour of Romanesque churches in Sussex at the end of June last year, may like to know that the "Save St. Botolph's Society" have succeeded in saving from closure the delightful church near Bramber which we visited.

Josephine Carter

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Surrey on November 24th, 1984 with the President in the chair. The Viscountess Hanworth was elected President, and Mr. D. J. Turner proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Mr. E. S. Wood. The remaining Honorary Officers were re-elected. Professor Sheppard Frere was elected an Honorary Vice-President and Honorary Member, and the existing Honorary Vice-Presidents were re-elected. Guilford Museum was elected an Honorary Institutional Member. The serving Vice-Presidents were re-elected, and Mr. E. S. Wood was elected a Vice-President. The following were elected as members of Council for the next four years: Mrs. M. P. Hinton, Mr. S. R. C. Poulter, Dr. D. F. Renn, Mr. D. P. E. Taylor and Dr. W. R. Trotter.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Professor Crocker and the University of Surrey for their generous hospitality, and to Miss Gwyneth Price for preparing the Roman food. The meeting was followed by a lecture on 'Roman Diet' by the Viscountess Hanworth, FSA, our new President, and the afternoon's proceedings were brought to a most enjoyable conclusion with wine and the sampling of some Roman food.

Hon. Secretaries

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

From November, 1984 — Mr. T. Ellis, 27 Balcombe Road, Horley RH6 7JR; Mr. A. Barnett, 18a Coombe Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 7AG; Mrs. M. Whaler, 51 Ballards Way, South Croydon, CR2 7JP.

From December, 1984 — Mr. T. C. East, 53 Oxted Green, Milford, Godalming, GU8 5DD; Mr. A. G. Tarry, 171 Guildford Road, Lightwater, GU18 5RB; Miss L. F. Steel, 20 Burwood Close, Merrow GU1 2SB; Mrs. P. F. McKenna, Flat B, 11-15 The Bittoms, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2AN. Miss D. M. Herridge, Ferrers, Coast Hill, Westcott, Dorking RH4 3LH. Miss J. W. Holman, 20 Forest Way, Ashted, KT21 1JL; Miss M. K. Pratt, Ashbourne, Plough Road, Dormansland RH7 6PS; Miss K. Y. Trehane, 74 Ringwood Avenue, West Croydon, CRO 3DW; Mrs. C. Charlish, The Mount, Queens Drive, Oxshott, KT22 0PF; K. B. Stoddart, Tretower, Merrow Street, Guildford, GU4 7AT; Miss B. E. Knockton, 4 Trelawney, Rydens Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 3AR.

EXCAVATIONS

Nore Hill, Chelsham (TQ 381574)

The earthwork on Nore Hill will be sample excavated for two weeks from Monday, 25th March, in order to assess its date and purpose. It is possible that it may be a Late Bronze Age site. Anyone willing to help please send name and experience details to:

The Nore Hill Excavation Group,
c/o 61 Lavender Vale,
Wallington, SM6 9QR

Letters must be received by Friday, 15th March. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for a reply.

A. C. Skelton

St. Mary's Church Hall, Chart Lane, Reigate (TQ 259502)

Last Spring the Holmesdale Archaeological Group carried out a short excavation on open land opposite the Parish Church. It had been hoped that the work would provide evidence in support of the hypothesis that the church was sited in an area of Saxon settlement. Apart from two small shell-tempered sherds no pottery or finds earlier than the 13th century were found and no features earlier than the 19th century.

The land thus appears to have been used for agriculture until the last century.

David Williams

St. Nicolas Church, Guildford (SU 994493)

It is sometimes said that there was a Saxon church on this site. To find evidence that might support this hypothesis a small area of the churchyard was excavated in advance of building work. It was also hoped to find evidence for the date of the medieval church known to have been demolished in 1836.

Nothing was found however to suggest a pre-Conquest church, or the date of the medieval church. A full report of the excavation has been lodged with the Society at Castle Arch, together with the site notebook and retained finds.

Audrey Monk,
Guildford Group, S.A.S.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Roman Tile from Dunsfold

a) Roman Tile from near Dunsfold Church (SU 999364)

A fragment (14cm x 10cm) of the face of a box flue tile (*tubulum*) was found in about 1967 close to Dunsfold church by Mr. J. English. It has combed decoration made with a 7-tooth comb probably that used at the Itchingfield tile-works near Horsham (see T. K. Green, *Sussex Archaeological Collections* vol. 108, pp. 23-38).

Whether this find is an indication of a previously unknown Roman building or not remains uncertain as the find spot is only 2 km from the Chiddingfold villa (see T. S. Cooper *et al*, *SyAC*, 75, 57-85). There are no records of other Romano-British material being found in the vicinity of Dunsfold church.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. English of Skinners Land Farm, Chiddingfold, for bringing the tile to our attention. Mr. English retains the tile.

b) Roman Tile from High Billingshurst near Dunsfold (TQ 023368)

Part of a Roman roofing tile (*tegula*) has recently been found during fieldwalking near the site where several Romano-British pits have been found (see F. Holling, *SyAC*, 63, 171-3, and *ibid* 64, 164). This is the first ceramic building material from this site.

John Leveson Gower & Judie English
(Surrey Roman Villa Study Group)

Traders' Tokens of William Castleman

A traders' token of William Castleman 'of Rigate', dated 1652, was found in early 1984 in the grounds of Priory Cottage, Park Lane, Reigate, by D. G. Wilson, Esq. He retains the token. Another token of Castleman was also brought to my attention recently by a member of the East Grinstead Society. This appears to have been recovered from the grounds of the vicarage in that town but now must be regarded as lost as enquiries have remained unanswered.

David Williams

What and where were Limpsfield's Domesday pits?

The Domesday entry for Limpsfield includes 'duae fossae Lapidum . . . ' usually translated as 'two stone quarries.' Fagg, in his *Mineral and Agricultural Industries of the Regional Survey Area . . .* (Proc. Croydon NHSS 7, 161-174) commented that these 'may have been' in the Upper Greensand, for firestone for building. However the Upper Greensand thins eastwards and the easternmost known (subterranean) quarries in it, at Cobb Hill at Godstone, are some 5 km west of Limpsfield, where it is thought no worthwhile workable stone could be found. The ancient focus for Medieval and earlier working of Surrey firestone was evidently even further west, in and around the parishes of Merstham and Reigate.

The Domesday survey is noteworthy in that mentions of excavations for minerals of any kind are few and far between. Stone of one kind or another was worked from 'molaria' (for mill-stone) at Bignor, Sussex, and Whatton, Nottinghamshire; squared stone for building came from 'quad-raria' at Grittenham, Iping, and Stedham, all in Sussex, and from Taynton, Oxfordshire.

What, then, were the excavations at Limpsfield, and where were they? 'Fossae' seems better rendered 'pits' than 'quarries' if quarries are taken to mean sources of squared stone for building. Lapidum presumably means stone, or stones, without particular specification — much as the modern word stone(s) does?

Paul W. Sowan

London Bridge — a further last word

To prolong the discussion raised — or perpetuated — by Messrs. Jeremy Greenwood and A. Buckland Kent (see *Bulletins* 193 and 195), may I contribute the following information and opinions?

"A Century and a Quarter" is not, in my opinion, a reliable source for early 19th century developments at Merstham and, apart from some rather inconsequential bits of information quoted from an odd surviving ledger, is not based on primary sources for that period. The Hylton archives at Somerset Record Office, and various other sources, are to be preferred. A far more detailed account of the quarries' development can be pieced together from the estate papers and from the geological literature, etc., than Dobson was able to manage. It is quite clear that the

subterranean quarries were largely abandoned and flooded by the 1820s. (Although there is clear evidence for some later working.) The Hylton archives fail to substantiate what Dobson says about the early history of the Halls' interest in Merstham. The Halls are mentioned, but generally as minor tenants rather than as substantial leaseholders.

Shortly after the erection of the new London Bridge problems were met with resulting in parts falling out of true alignment. The printed reports of several engineers commissioned to report on the slight leaning and cracking of the structure go into considerable detail, as do documents describing the bridge in prospect and under construction. Nowhere is Merstham stone mentioned and nowhere is there anything but praise for the well-selected materials.

Paul W. Sowan

REVIEWS

"Mill Green Ware" by J. E. Pearce, A. G. Vince, R. White and C. M. Cunningham. 33 page booklet published by Dept. of Urban Archaeology. Available from the Museum of London, London Wall EC2Y 5HN. Price £1.75 if collected or £2.00 by post. (Cheques should be made payable to C. R. Orton not the Museum).

Mill Green pottery, formerly known as 'West Kent ware' has been identified from a number of excavations in and around London. Croydon N.H.S.S. has a very fine specimen at their Chipstead Valley museum. (See *Bulletin* No. 191). This paper, reprinted from *Trans. LAMAS* (1983) 33, is the first in a series proposing a chronological framework for medieval pottery from the London area. The framework is based on the sequence of deposits at the Seal House and Trig Lane sites and is concerned mainly with fine glazed ware.

Other papers are in preparation and, when complete, the series should be of particular value and importance in assessing medieval sites.

"Dorking People" by Coffey Holland. Published by Kohler & Coombes. (1984) Price £3.90.

A first impression is that £3.90 seems an awfully high price to pay for some 50 pages of text and eight pages of black and white pictures. The author, who is Chairman of the Dorking Local History Group, has compiled 71 short biographies of people or families who lived, for at least some part of their lives, in Dorking or one of the nearby villages. A great deal of research must have gone into the preparation for this book and M/s Holland has succeeded in compressing an astonishing amount of information into a very readable form. It is surprising what a large number of Dorking residents have made a mark nationally and, in some cases, internationally. For anyone who knows the district well the book will supply many additional details. Even readers who are only occasional visitors to Dorking will find many items of interest. One small example: the reviewer at last discovered why the hall, in which is held the Annual SAS Excavations Symposium, is known as the Martineau Hall.

"Good value" is a second and more lasting impression of this book.

"E. G., Gentleman Architect" by Brian Bloice. Published by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. Price 25p plus postage. (Available from SLAS).

An eight page A4 pamphlet giving a profile of Sir Ernest George, R.A., 1839-1922, the architect of many buildings, particularly in South London.

**SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
30 March 1985 in the Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls, Dorking**

- Programme: Chairman: Eric Wood
- 10.30 Judie English: *Alfoldean — recent work on this Roman 'posting station'*
- 11.00 Jeremy Hodgkinson: *The work of the Wealden Iron Research Group*
- 11.30 Anna Mercer: *The Rankine Collection* (mostly Mesolithic material recently placed in Farnham Museum)
- 12.00 Lesley Adkins: *The Late Bronze Age enclosure at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton*
- 12.30 Lunch and opportunity to view exhibits
- 2.00 David Field: *Felday Enclosure — a brief report on the survey and trial excavation of this newly discovered earthwork enclosure*
- 2.15 Stuart Needham: *Runnymede Bridge — the story to date: results of processing the 1978 and 1980 material and of the excavations in 1984*
- 3.00 Robin Densem: *Recent excavations in Southwark (prehistoric to post-medieval, including the Winchester Palace sites)*
- 4.00 Tea
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Coffee and tea will be available at a small charge at the breaks, and afternoon teas may be ordered in advance (at a cost of 75p). Admittance will be £2.00 at the door, but tickets may be bought in advance for £1.50 including postage. Applications for tickets and afternoon teas should be made to Mrs. S. Janaway at Castle Arch, Guildford. Cheques should be made payable to Surrey Archaeological Society. There is ample car parking space adjacent to the Dorking Halls; a cheaper all-day price is available in certain parts of the car park, towards the back.

MEETINGS, ETC.

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 12th

CHERTSEY ABBEY. Talk by B. F. Pardoe to Walton & Weybridge LHS. 8.00 p.m. Weybridge Library Hall.

Wednesday 13th

SURREY WEATHER — LOCAL PHENOMENA. Talk by Mark Davison and Ian Currie to Esher LHS. 8.00 p.m. U.R. Church Hall, Speer Road, Thames Ditton.

Friday 15th

GLASS AND GLASS MAKING IN BRITAIN TO 1500. Talk by Roy Adkins to Holmesdale NHC. 8.15 p.m. The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

Thursday 21st

THE ENCLOSURE OF CHURT AND FRENESHAM COMMONS. Talk by Gillian Devine to Farnham DMS. 7.45 p.m. U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

MARCH

PUBLIC LECTURE — THURSDAY MARCH 7th

Organised by the Society and the Department of Educational Studies,
University of Surrey

An illustrated lecture on THE EXCAVATIONS ON THE SITE OF THE DOMINICAN FRIARY AT GUILDFORD will be given by Rob Poulton on March 7th at 8.00 p.m. in Lecture Theatre D, University of Surrey, Guildford. Refreshments will be provided. Copies of the Excavation Report and related publications will be on sale.

Thursday 7th

ARCHAEOLOGY OF NORTH WEST SURREY. Talk by G. H. Cole to Farnham DMS. 7.45 p.m. U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Friday 8th

ASPECTS OF EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY. Talk by Mark Newcomer to Richmond AS. 8.00 p.m. Sun Inn, Parkshot, Richmond.

Thursday 14th

DIGS AND THINGS. Muriel Shaw and Jim Davison talk to Croydon NHSS about local excavations and finds. 7.45 p.m. East Croydon U.R. Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Saturday 16th

SURREY AND SOUTHERN ENGLAND STONE QUARRIES. Symposium arranged by Croydon NHSS and Subterranea Britannica. 3.30–7.30 p.m. East Croydon U.R. Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

THE GOTHIC CENTURIES
MEDIEVAL ART & ARCHITECTURE
IN SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

A course of nine lectures arranged jointly by the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Department of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, will be held at the Central Lecture Block, University of Surrey, Guildford on **Tuesday** evenings at 8 p.m.

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26th March	"Church Architecture"	R. W. McDowall
2nd April	"Castles"	Arnold Taylor
	(9th April: Easter break)	
16th April	"The Knight in Armour"	Claude Blair
23rd April	"Music and Liturgy"	Clive Wearing*
30th April	"Stained Glass"	Sarah Brown
7th May	"Tombs, Chantries & Churches as Reliquaries"	Richard Pestell
14th May	"The World beneath their Feet"	Elizabeth Eames
21st May	"The Running of a large Cathedral"	John Lowerson
28th May	"A Stitch in Time: Costume & Embroidery"	Mary Alexander

*Clive Wearing's talk will be illustrated by recordings of medieval music, and it is hoped to arrange a performance of the Mass of St. Alban, the first English martyr, with Fayrfax's *Missa Albanus* in the Sarum Rite on 4th or 6th May at a venue to be decided.

The lecture on 26th March will be in Lecture Theatre L, and on 2nd April in Lecture Theatre M: all the rest in Lecture Theatre E. A series of visits related to the topics will be arranged.

Fee for Course: £12.00 (Members of Surrey Archaeological Society £8.00). Cheques, made payable to "Surrey Archaeological Society", to: Mrs. Marian Gower, 28 Gingers Close, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7JL. Please enclose s.a.e. Fee for individual lectures, payable at door: £2.00 (Members of Surrey Archaeological Society £1.50).

The S.A.S. Bulletin in 1985

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