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S.A.S. BULLETIN 20 YEARS — 200 ISSUES

In January, 1965, Dame Kathleen Kenyon, then our President, launched the Surrey Archaeological Society's *Bulletin* with a message outlining its aims: to bring all members of the Society into closer touch with its many activities; to be a forum whereby members can either pass on or ask for information on subjects of a kind not warranting full publication but which nevertheless should not pass without mention; and thirdly, to serve as a liaison between the County Society and the numerous active Local Societies and Groups.

Now, twenty years and two hundred issues later, it can be seen how well the *Bulletin* has justified the hopes placed in it. The Society, active as ever, if not more so, has passed through many phases of growth and change, and the *Bulletin* has proved itself an indispensable means of communication — something without which a voluntary body such as ours would wither and atrophy. Not only that, because of pressures placed upon them, some people still find it impossible to shorten the time-lag between investigation and full publication; without the *Bulletin's* retrieval system, much would have been lost. It is more than a popular ephemeral newsletter, though it possesses those qualities, it is an organ of the Society which we would neglect at our peril.

In her launching message Dame Kathleen paid tribute to 'a number of most generous offers of voluntary assistance from public spirited members to whom the gratitude of the Society is due'. This 200th issue bears witness to the truth of those words.

Rosamond Hanworth

. . . The Story So Far . . .

It was agreed by Council in June, 1964, that a *Bulletin* should be sent out to all members for a trial period of six months. Prior to this the *Collections* and a Visits Card were the only publications sent to all members. Those interested in excavations received duplicated excavation notices whilst members with a particular interest in visits paid 3/- a year to have detailed lists sent to them. The first *Bulletin* came out in January, 1965. It, and subsequent issues, were so well received that the Annual Report for 1965 considered it ". . . an outstanding success . . ."

Since its inception there have only been four changes in editorship. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Turner were responsible for converting the idea into print on paper and in building a framework for the monthly which has altered very little over the years. A four or six page *Bulletin* was issued every month. Shortly after the editorship passed to Viscountess Hanworth in 1970 the number of pages was raised to eight and in 1973 it even reached 12, although some pages contained advertisements. Miss Nancy

Cox, now Mrs. Hawkins, took over as editor in October, 1975, and saw 32 issues through the press before relinquishing the position to Miss Lesley Ketteringham at the end of 1978. In 1980 in order to cut printing and postage costs the number of issues was reduced to six per year. Complaints were received that infrequent issues meant that organisers of excavations, visits, meetings, etc., had to be very alert and send in publicity material well in advance of the event, possibly before details had been completed. When the subscription increase was agreed at the 1983 A.G.M. it was recorded that some of the money would go to increasing the number of *Bulletin* issues per year. When the present editor took over at the end of 1983 it was thought that ten issues each year should meet requirements.

In 1965 the annual subscription was £2, this rose to £4 in 1975; postal charges in this period rising from 3d (1¼p) to 3½p. 1979 saw the subscription at £6 where it stayed until April, 1984, (£10), postal charges moving ever upwards to the present 13p. Responsibility for mailing arrangements (addressing, filling and posting) was assumed by Mrs. R. K. Chiles for the first four years. Miss Clare Smith carried on the work until mid-1973. In that year Mrs. Irene Atherstone took on this essential task which goes largely un-noticed by members until their *Bulletin* fails to arrive. Our printer since 1971, Mr. Ian Dormor, has made life smoother for the editors: not only coping with copy which is often untidy but by his willingness to meet editorial requirements, an understanding supported by the fact that he too is a long standing and active member of the Society.

Scanning past numbers of the *Bulletin* it is interesting to follow the progress and expansion of the Society's work. Some projects span almost the whole period. In October, 1969, James Batley requested information from members to help him fill in the gaps in his card index of pictures by John and Edward Hassell. The fruition of his work appeared 16 years later in the recent volume of the *Collections* dedicated to his memory. The paper was completed and prepared for publication by Dr. G. Moss. (SAC, 75, (1984) 3-55 and microfiche).

Cleverly produced programmes on television and radio have stimulated the interest of the general public in archaeology; regrettably this interest is not reflected in support for the County Society. Membership levels have fluctuated between 1000 and 1200, with a downward movement in the last few years. To reverse this trend and to maintain a high level of activity must be the aim for the next twenty years to carry the Society into the 21st century.

In the preparation for this note the assistance of the Library staff at Castle Arch is gratefully acknowledged.

"Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1985/86 are due on 1st April. The current rates are as follows:

Ordinary Member	£10.00
Associate Member	£1.00
Junior Member (with <i>Collections</i>)	£3.00
Institutional Member	£12.50
Junior Member living at same address as Ordinary Member (but without Society Publications)	free of charge

If you have not already paid your subscription by standing order, would you kindly send your remittance to Mrs. Susan Janaway at Castle Arch. Please note that in view of the high postage costs, personal reminders are not issued to members."

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

From 1st January

Mrs. A. J. Birch, 8 Raglan Road, St. Johns, Woking. Mrs. A. M. Bowyer, 60 Reading Road, Frogmore, Camberley GU17 0BA. J. J. Chapman, 8 Caselden Close, Addlestone KT15 1PS. B. K. Howell, Brambles, Bushey Leas, Green Lane West, Ash Green, Aldershot GU12 6EA. G. D. Waterer, Crooked Acre, Pardlestone Lane, Kilve, Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 1SQ.

From 1st February

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dunning, The Moat House, Nr. Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, St. Catherines, Guildford GU2 5EB. J. R. Phillips, 54 Egmont Road, Sutton. Mrs. M. A. Roberts, 16 Merrow Croft, Merrow, Guildford GU1 2XH. Miss S. E. Roberts, 4 The Birches, Ockham Road South, East Horsley. Ms. S. L. Roggero, 24 Curling Vale, Onslow Village, Guildford GU2 5PH. Miss S. L. Smith, Orchardlea, High Street, Dormansland RH7 6PU. Dr. J. C. Turquet, 9 Stanlake Villas, London W12 7EX.

Surrey Archaeological Society Research Fund

This fund has been set up to support research on any aspect of the history and archaeology of the historic or administrative county of Surrey. Projects involving Surrey as part of a wider region will also be considered. The fund is available to any individual, whether or not a member of the Society, and to local historical or archaeological societies or groups. The success of an application is not dependent on a proven record of research. The fund is intended to supplement rather than to supplant existing sources of finance, which are listed below. An application form and a copy of the general conditions of grants are available from the Hon. Secretary, Surrey Archaeological Society, Castle Arch, Guildford GU1 3SX.

Existing Sources

Excavation and Fieldwork — grants are administered by the Excavation Committee. Contact Dr. D. G. Bird, 14 Kings Road, Guildford GU1 4JW (Excavations Committee Secretary). Conservation work — grants are administered by the Conservation Committee. Contact Mrs. K. R. Kay, 1 Beech Lawn, Guildford GU1 3PE (Conservation Committee Secretary).

The Publications and Editorial Committee will continue to consider requests for *loans* towards the cost of publication. Contact Mrs. P. C. Nicolaysen, 295 West Barnes Lane, New Malden KT3 6JE.

Hon. Secretaries

Archaeological Site Archives

It has been decided by Council that site archives relating to any Surrey Archaeological Society excavation should be housed in the Guildford Museum's store along with the objects.

Until recently the archives were stored in the Society's library, separated from the objects in the Museum's store. This caused many problems for researchers who wished to compare the archive and objects from a particular site.

Most of the site archives previously held by the library have now been transferred on a long loan to the Museum. All future site archives emanating from SAS excavations should be deposited on long loan directly with the Museum.

Site Archive Appeal!

The Guildford Museum staff are currently reorganising the archaeological site archives and are most anxious to receive archives relating to sites held by the museum. The museum is particularly interested in acquiring:

- site notebooks
- correspondence
- context sheets
- finds registers
- plans
- research notes
- drawings for publication
- scripts for publication
- full copy of final publication
(this is particularly useful when part of the article/publication is in microfiche)
- black and white negatives
- black and white prints
- colour negatives
- colour transparencies

Please contact Julia Arthur at the Museum (Guildford 505050 ext. 3542) for further information.

EXCAVATION NOTICE

Beddington Sewage Works Excavation

Excavations resumed on the above site in November 1984 with a Manpower Services Commission Programme, but volunteers are still required for all aspects of the work (including finds work if preferred). No previous experience necessary. If you wish to help please write to: L. & R. Adkins, Dept. of Greater London Archaeology (SW London), c/o 157 Valley Road, Kenley CR2 5BZ, or phone 01-669 6466 (mornings).

INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

Excavation Directors and Diggers please note:

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 you put a pickaxe through someone else's foot, or they do it to you, that will be all right 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

Indemnities

Some indemnities required by landowners and contractors go beyond the acceptable liability of Surrey Archaeological Society and its insurance cover for excavations. In future all indemnity forms MUST be signed by one or other of the OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY who have been appointed by The Council of the Society to act in this matter.

A copy of every indemnity required must be forwarded to Mr. R. J. Webber at 8 Kelvin Grove, Hook, Chessington, Surrey KT9 1DP who will, where necessary, clear the terms and conditions with the insurers. A further copy should, at the same time, be sent to the Society's Hon. LEGAL ADVISER.

LOCAL SOCIETIES or GROUPS excavating under Surrey Archaeological Society's name or using the Society's insurance cover MUST COMPLY with this procedure. Other excavators would be well advised to take legal advice before signing any form of indemnity.

The following officers of the Society have been authorised by the Council to sign indemnities on behalf of the Society: The President, The Secretary, The Hon. Treasurer.

J. L. Gower, Hon. Secretary

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Witley: Flint Collection (SU 918368)

A collection of flints was made during the period 1968-71 in the area of Witley Farm by Mr. John Cresswell assisted by his nephews Steven and Andrew Penney. Mr. Cresswell has now generously given this collection together with his working notes and maps, to the Haslemere Group. The collection consists of about 220 worked flints and the bulk of these appears, from a preliminary inspection, to be of Mesolithic date. Some pieces have previously been listed in the CBA gazetteer. The collection will be made available to interested people or groups if arrangements are made with the Haslemere Group Secretary, telephone Haslemere 2692.

J. R. Turner

The Hart, Farnham (SU 837469)

Following demolition of the Kingham's Depot and associated buildings to the rear of The Hart, Farnham, the Farnham & District Museum Society Archaeological Group carried out a trial investigation of the site. A number of small trial trenches were dug, sampling the whole area of the proposed development. While no features were discovered, the southern section of the site produced reasonable quantities of pottery dating from the 13th Century onwards. As the site lies to the rear of properties fronting West Street, it seems likely that this material represents domestic rubbish thrown from these properties into what was then open ground. One piece of Roman pottery and several fragments of tile of possible Roman date were found scattered over the site, though there was no sign of any occupation level. Several flint flakes were recovered from just above the natural gravel, which occurred at depths varying from 0.85m to 1.2m.

David Graham

Limpsfield's Domesday Pits (See *Bulletin* 198)

The Manor of Limpsfield consisted of several parts situated within four ecclesiastical parishes, Lingfield, Limpsfield, Hever and Chaldon. The Chaldon estate centred on Willey Farm. Work on the Willey estate indicates that the stone quarries in Chaldon were included in Willey and

therefore in the manor of Limpsfield. These quarries were of considerable importance for in the time of Edward III a bailiff for the Crown was put in charge (Pat. Rolls. 33 Edward III).

The High Chart in Limpsfield parish shows signs of 'quarrying'. It could be the result of taking the chart stone in the 19th century for road metal. However, R. H. Cunnington in 'Oxted & Limpsfield' edited Lewis Fry, (1932). p.118 states that at "Champions Pitts on Limpsfield Chart local stone had once been quarried by sinking pits 25 feet deep or more and tunnelling where suitable beds of stone were met with — very like the prehistoric flint mines".

Romano-British remains were found in one of the filled-in pits dated AD 45-95. Were these pits perhaps the 'fossae' to which Domesday refers together with the quarry in Chaldon.

Peter Gray & Kay Percy

Surrey Heath Group H.Q. — Fund Raising by "Litter Lift"

A sum of £1460 was needed to equip the recently acquired H.Q. (See *Bulletin* 197). By mid-February over £1100 had been collected by local efforts. Andrea Lowson and Katy Hunter, two members of the junior section of the group, thought up a novel and public spirited way of raising money. They carried out a sponsored litter collection. Between them they raised £40 by clearing 17 sacks of rubbish from Bagshot. A report and photography appeared in the local "Camberley News" describing their work, which, in turn, gained useful publicity for archaeology in the Surrey Heath area.

Juniper Hall Field Centre Library

Members are reminded that under an agreement between this Society and the Juniper Hall Field Centre, Dorking, they are entitled to free access to the latter's library provided that no conference or meetings are in progress. All that is required is a phone call to the Centre in advance, and the SyAS library card must be shown on arrival. Tel. Dorking 883849. The books and journals in the Field Centre Library cover Ecology, Natural History and all aspects of Geography.

Recent Accessions to the Society's Library (Part I)

1. GENERAL

- Anglo-Saxon England 12; ed P. Clemoes. 1983.
Ashbee, P. The earthen long barrow in Britain, 2nd ed. 1984.
Baker, D. Living in the past: the historic environment. 1983.
British Museum. A guide to the antiquities of the Bronze Age in the Dept. of British & Medieval Antiquities. 2nd ed. 1920.
Burke, Sir B. A genealogical and heraldic dictionary of the peerage and baronetage of the British Empire. 37th ed. 1875.
— A genealogical and heraldic dictionary of the landed gentry of Great Britain. 10th ed. 1900.
Cambridgeshire County Council. A guide to historic buildings law. Rev. ed. 1984.
Computer applications in archaeology 1981: proceedings of the Conference on Quantitative methods, 1981.
Detsicas, A. The Cantiaci. 1983.
East Sussex Record Office. A short guide. 1983.
Engle, A., Ed. The glassmakers of Altare. 1981. (Readings in glass history 12).
Ganderton, P. S. Environmental archaeology: site methods and interpretation 1981 (Vorda research series 2).

- Haslam, J. *Ed. Anglo-Saxon towns in southern England*. 1984.
 Henige, D. *Oral historiography*. 1982.
 Hoskins, W. G. *Fieldwork in local history*. 2nd ed. 1982.
 Jewitt, L. *Grave-mounds and their contents: a manual of archaeology*. 1870.
 Kitzinger, E. *Early medieval art in the British Museum*. 2nd ed. 1955.

Members are reminded that most books may be borrowed by post. For members residing more than 20 miles from Guildford, the Society will bear the outward cost of postage but in all other instances, members are responsible for refunding postage and paying to return the books.

Issues of periodicals are also available for loan as above, or a photocopy of a single article can be supplied subject to copyright. A short-title list of the periodicals and newsletters currently received at the library is available on application to the Librarian at Castle Arch — please supply a s.a.e. if you wish it to be sent to you.

COMING EVENTS

S.A.S. VISIT TO SOUTHAMPTON AND LYNDHURST AREAS SATURDAY 15th JUNE, 1985

arranged by Mrs. Joyce Banks

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| 7.50 a.m. | Coach leaves Reigate opposite Red Cross Public House. |
| 8.00 a.m. | Coach leaves Dorking Halls. |
| 8.30 a.m. | Coach leaves Guildford, rear of B.R. Station in (sharp) |
| 10.15 a.m. | Arrive Southampton to meet Guide. |
| 10.30 a.m. | Guided tour of Medieval Town and some of the Vaults, ending with a visit to the Southampton Gods House Tower Archaeological Museum. |
| 12.30 p.m. | Lunch break. Refreshments available in numerous pubs, and cafes or picnic in the Mayflower Park. |
| 1.50 p.m. | Rejoin coach. |
| 2.15 p.m. | Guided tour of the recently restored Eling Tide Mill. |
| 3.00 p.m. | Leave for Lyndhurst to view the New Forest tapestry and afterwards Minstead church. |
| 5.00 p.m. | Tea at Acres Down Farm, Minstead (£1.20 per head, pay on the day). |

Tickets: Members 50p, Visitors 60p, Students half price, accompanied children free. Cost is £6.50 to include coach, gratuity, town guide and Eling Mill. Please send cheques to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 2PX. It is regretted that coaches cannot be run at a loss, but if well supported a rebate may be made. Please state if TEA is NOT required. Please indicate picking-up point. Bookings not later than 8th June to enable final arrangements to be made.

APRIL

Tuesday 16th, 8.00 p.m.

THE KNIGHT IN ARMOUR, lecture by Claude Blair, the third in "The Gothic Centuries" course. Lecture Theatre E, University of Surrey, Guildford.

Tuesday 16th, 8.00 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF TRINITY HOUSE, talk by Mr. K. Lucas to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. The Literary Institute, Egham.

Wednesday 17th

S.A.S. visit to Farnham and Waverley Abbey. See *Bulletin* 198 for details.

Friday 19th, 8.00 p.m.

ANTIQUARIES & ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN WEST LONDON, talk by Philip Philo to Richmond A.S. at the Sun Inn, Parkshot, Richmond.

Saturday 20th

Coach visit to Roman Dorchester arranged by Surrey Roman Villa Study Group. See *Bulletin* 199 for details.

Tuesday 23rd, 8.00 p.m.

MUSIC & LITURGY, lecture by Clive Wearing, the fourth in "The Gothic Centuries" course. Lecture Theatre E, University of Surrey, Guildford.

Tuesday 23rd, 8.00 p.m.

THAMES DITTON, talk by Mr. R. G. M. Baker to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Weybridge Library Hall.

Tuesday 30th, 8.00 p.m.

STAINED GLASS, lecture by Sarah Brown, the fifth in "The Gothic Centuries" course. Lecture Theatre E, University of Surrey, Guildford.

MAY

Tuesday 7th, 8.00 p.m.

TOMBS, CHANTRIES & CHURCHES AS RELIQUARIES, lecture by Richard Pestell, the sixth in "The Gothic Centuries" course. Lecture Theatre E, University of Surrey, Guildford.

Saturday 11th

S.A.S. visit to Salisbury and Old Sarum. See *Bulletin* 199 for details.

Holmesdale Natural History Club Museum Open Days

The Museum at 14a Croydon Road, Reigate will be open from Saturday, 27th April, to Monday, 6th May, 1985, 10-6 Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Monday, 2-6 Monday to Friday. Special displays as well as permanent exhibits on natural history, archaeology and local history. Some items will be linked to the following:

Reigate Society's Environment Week

The Reigate Society are arranging for guided tours of The Barons, Church Street, Reigate; Priory School, Bell Street, Reigate; St. Mary's Church and Cranston Library, Reigate; The Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate and the Mill Church, Reigate Heath. In addition conducted tours of Priory Park and Reigate Heath; Reigate Town Centre; Quality Street, Merstham and Linkfield Street, Redhill will be organised. Details available locally.

EARLY NOTICE

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWALKING: A one-day Symposium, organised by the S.A.S. is to be held at the University of Surrey on Saturday, 26th October, 1985. Speakers from throughout the South-East area will be covering a variety of different approaches to fieldwalking. Further details will be given in later *Bulletins*, or can be obtained by writing to the Society's H.Q., Castle Arch, Guildford GU1 3SX.



The next *Bulletin* for which copy is required will cover June and July. Copy should be sent to the editor by Saturday, 11th May.