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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL LECTURE

2.00 p.m. Saturday, 22nd November, 1986

Central Lecture Theatre Block,  
University of Surrey, Guildford

(The full agenda is enclosed with this issue of the *Bulletin*)

After the close of official business, a lecture on

#### **The Roman Army in Britain**

will be given by Professor Sheppard Frere, CB, MA, DLitt,  
FBA, FSA,

Honorary Vice-President of the Society

### Council News

Following a suggestion by a member of the Society, it was agreed at the meeting of the Council held on June 20th that items of general interest discussed at the meeting should henceforth be published in the *Bulletin*.

At the above meeting it was agreed that a donation of £1000 should be made to the Gravel Finds Appeal, launched by Chertsey Museum to raise money for the conservation of finds of national importance discovered in the Shepperton gravel pit. The finds include an Iron Age sword, dating to c. 250-100 B.C., with beautifully decorated bronze scabbard mounts and a remarkable Bronze Age axe complete with its wooden haft. The haft, made from two different types of wood, is of a far more sophisticated design than the usual reconstruction using a crooked branch as a handle. This is the only example of this type of axe known to have survived complete in Britain.

### Changes to Society representation on External Bodies

Joint Working Party on London Archaeology:

The Viscountess Hanworth, President of the Society, has replaced the retiring representative, Mr. E. S. Wood.

Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee:

Dr. G. P. Moss, formerly the Society's deputy representative has replaced Mr. E. S. Wood. Mrs. J. Bird has succeeded Dr. Moss as deputy representative.

The Council of the Society is deeply grateful to Mr. Wood for acting as one of its representatives on the Joint Working Party since its formation and for serving as the Society's representative on the Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Excavations Committee for the past 25 years.

A full list of the Society's representatives will be published in the forthcoming Annual Report.

## LIBRARY

### Recent Accessions to the Society's Library

#### GENERAL

- Aitken, M. J.: Thermoluminescence Dating. (Academic Press, 1985).  
Aston, Michael: Interpreting the Landscape. (Batsford, 1985).  
Barker, Graeme: Prehistoric Farming in Europe. (C.U.P., 1985).  
Braithwaite, L.: Exploring British Cities. (A. & C. Black, 1986).  
Branigan, Keith: The Catuvellauni. (Alan Sutton, 1985).  
Brunskill, R. W.: Timber Building in Britain. (V. Gollancz, 1985).  
Butler, L. A. S. and Morris, R. K. (Eds): The Anglo Saxon Church. CBA Research Report 60 (1986).  
Copley, Gordon: Archaeology and Place names in the Fifth and Sixth Centuries. BAR 147 (1986).  
Davey, Peter (Ed): The Archaeology of the clay tobacco pipe IX parts i and ii. BAR 146 (1985).  
Dobinson, Colin and Gilchrist, R. (Eds): Archaeology, Politics and the Public. (York University Publication, 1986).  
Dyer, James: Southern England: an Archaeological Guide. (Faber, 1977 reprint).  
Ehrenreich, R. M.: Trade, Technology and the Ironworking community in the Iron Age of Southern Britain. BAR 144 (1985).  
Elton, John and Bennett, R.: The History of Corn milling. IV Some Feudal Mills. (E. P. Pubn., 1975 reprint).  
Gale, W. K. V.: Ironworking. (Shire, 1985).  
A Guide to the Archaeology of the East Midlands. AIA and Leics H.S. (Donation).  
Hammond, Martin: Bricks and Brickmaking. (Shire, 1985).  
Hawkes, Sonia C.: Anglo Saxon studies in Archaeology and History 4. (OUC of Archaeology, 1985).  
Hawkes, Jacquetta: Shell Guide to British Archaeology. (M. Joseph, 1986).  
Kerridge, Eric: Textile Manufacture in early Modern England. (Manchester U.P., 1985).  
Ling, Roger: Romano-British wallpainting. (Shire Archaeology, 1985).  
McIntosh, Jane: The Archaeologist's Handbook. (Bell & Hyman, 1986).  
Roe, Fiona and May, Geoffrey: CBA Guide to Undergraduate University Courses in Archaeology (1983).  
Simmons, Jack: The Railway in Town and Country, 1830-1914. (David & Charles, 1986).  
Smith, Lance: Investigating Old Buildings. (Batsford, 1985).  
Turner, Tom: English Garden Design, History and Styles since 1650. (Antique Collectors Club, 1986).  
West, T. W.: Discovering English Archaeology. (Shire, 1979).

#### LOCAL — SURREY

- Blackman, Michael: Oatlands and the Golden Ball. Paper 22. (Walton & Weybridge LHS, 1986). (Pamphlet, donation).  
Crocker, Glenys: The Godalming Water Turbine. (Godalming WT Trust, 1986). (Donation).  
Electricity Council: Staff College — Horsley Towers. (Pamphlet, donation).  
Parratt, Jean: Bygone Farnham. (Phillimore, 1985).  
Poulton, Rob: Catalogue of materials in SAS research collection to 19th century excavation of Chertsey Abbey. (Surrey County Council, 1986). (Pamphlet).  
Shalford Parish Magazine. Last in old format, April, 1986. (Donation).  
Wakeford, Iain: Woking as it was. (Phillimore, 1985).  
Wood, R. and Harmer, G. M.: The well at Dunley Hill House, Ranmore. (Report, pamphlet).

## MEETINGS, ETC.

### OCTOBER

#### Thursday 16th

S.A.S. VISIT TO SELBORNE AND CHAWTON. Details given in *Bulletin* 213.

#### Thursday 16th, 7.45 p.m.

"THE PARISH OF YATELEY IN MEDIEVAL AND TUDOR TIMES". Talk by Dr. John Porter to Farnham & District Museum Society at U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

#### Friday 17th, 8.15 p.m.

TEN YEARS OF RESCUE ARCHAEOLOGY IN SURREY. The Dallaway lecture given by Dr. David Bird at the City of London Freemans School, Ashted Park. Leatherhead & District LHS.

#### Saturday 25th, 3.00 p.m.

RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT OATLANDS PALACE. Talk by Rob Poulton to Walton & Weybridge LHS at Weybridge Library Hall.

#### Thursday 30th, 8.00 p.m.

INSURANCE COMPANY FIRE BRIGADES. Talk by Brian Wright to Egham-by-Runnymede HS at the Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

#### Friday 31st, 7.45 p.m.

EXCAVATIONS AT PREHISTORIC AND ROMAN BEDDINGTON: 1981-1986. Talk by Lesley Adkins at U.R. Church, Widmore Road, Bromley.

### NOVEMBER

#### Saturday 1st, 2.30 p.m.

RURAL LIFE IN TUDOR AND STUART SURREY. Lecture by Dr Peter Edwards for the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) at Old Barn Hall, Great Bookham. Details given in *Bulletin* 213.

#### Wednesday 5th, 8.00 p.m.

STONE BUILDINGS IN ENGLAND AND NORMANDY. Talk by Richard Butler to Nonsuch AS at St. Mary's Church Hall, Ewell.

#### Thursday 6th

ASPECTS OF PREHISTORY IN SURREY. Talk by David Field to Spelthorne AFG at the Old Town Hall, Market Square, Staines.

#### Thursday 6th

UNDER THE SLUDGE: THE PREHISTORIC AND ROMAN SITE AT BEDDINGTON. Talks by Lesley and Roy Adkins at the Central Library, St. Nicholas Way, Sutton. Tickets available from local libraries.

#### Thursday 6th, 7.45 p.m.

ENGLISH CASTLES 1066-1166: SOME COMPARISONS WITH FARNHAM CASTLE. Talk by Dennis Turner to Farnham & District MS at U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

#### Saturday 8th

A LOAD OF RUBBISH: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND. A WEA day school at Emmanuel Church, West Wickham, Kent. More information available from G. Whitehouse, 3 Southcroft Avenue, West Wickham, BR4 9JX.

### Next Bulletin

Copy for the November issue is required by the *Bulletin* Editor by Saturday, 4th October. The following *Bulletin* will cover December and January. Material must be with the Editor by Saturday, 8th November.

## LOCAL — EXCLUDING SURREY

- Cunliffe, Barry: Hengistbury Head. (Elek Books, 1978).  
France, N. E. and Gobeze, B. M.: The Romano-British Temple at Harlow, Essex. (West Essex Archaeological Group, 1985).  
Froebel Institute: Friedrich Froebel 1782-1852. (Donation, 1981).  
Knole, Sevenoaks. An illustrated souvenir. (Donation).  
Rodwell, W. J. and K. A.: Rivenhall; investigations of a villa, church and village. 1950-1977 Report 4. (CBA, 1986).  
Stead, I. M.: The Battersea Shield. (BM Publications, 1985).  
Windsor Forest. A history of the great forest.

## List of Journals and Newsletters currently taken by Surrey Archaeological Society. Part II (See *Bulletin* 213 for Part I)

- Kent Archaeological Review  
Kent Archaeological Society Newsletter  
Kingston-upon-Thames Archaeology Society News  
Landscape History  
Leatherhead & District Local History Society Newsletter  
Lincolnshire History & Archaeology  
The Local Historian  
London Archaeologist  
London's Industrial Archaeology  
Mayford History Society  
Medieval Archaeology  
Medieval Ceramics  
Merton History Society Bulletin  
Montgomeryshire Collections  
Nonsuch Antiquarian Society Newsletter  
Norfolk Archaeology  
North Staffs Journal of Field Studies  
Northamptonshire Archaeology  
Oxoniensia  
Post Medieval Newsheet  
Post Medieval Archaeology  
Proceedings & Transactions Croydon Natural History & Scientific Soc  
Proceedings Cambridge Antiquarian Society  
Proceedings Devon Archaeological Society  
Proceedings Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society  
Proceedings Hants Field Club  
Proceedings Leatherhead & District Local History Society  
Proceedings Society of Antiquaries of Scotland  
Proceedings Suffolk Institute of Archaeology & History  
Records of Buckinghamshire  
Rescue News  
Send & Ripley History Society  
Somerset Archaeology & Natural History  
Southern History  
Spelthorne Archaeological Field Group Newsletter  
Suffolk Institute of Archaeology & History Newsletter  
Sunbury & Shepperton Local History Society  
Surrey Archaeological Society Collections  
Surrey Archaeological Society Annual Report  
Surrey Archaeological Society Bulletin  
S.A.S. Guildford Group Newsletter  
S.A.S. Haslemere Archaeology Group News Bulletin  
S.A.S. Surrey Heath Group Newsletter  
S.A.S. Surrey Roman Villa Study Group Newsletter  
Surrey History  
Surrey Industrial History Group Newsletter  
Surrey Local History Council Newsletter

Surrey Record Society Publications. Monographs  
Sussex Archaeological Collections  
Sussex Archaeological Society Newsletter  
Transactions Birmingham & Warwickshire Archaeological Society  
Transactions Thoroton Society of Nottinghamshire  
Vernacular Archaeology  
Wealden Iron Research Group

### **Blechingley Castle Excavation. Part I**

(Parts II and III will appear in the next two issues of the *Bulletin*)

#### **Blechingley Castle: The Defences (TQ 322505)**

Excavations at Blechingley Castle at the instigation of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bertlin, have sectioned part of the defences and examined the principal masonry building within the inner ward.

The defences originally consisted of a D-shaped ringwork within a kidney-shaped outer ward or bailey. The construction of Castle Place across the western ward and earthworks in 1860 destroyed much of the earthworks and today only a fragment of the outer ditch and about half of the deep and impressive inner ditch survives — both to the north-east. The inner ditch has a broad low inner bank that demarcates the curving northern edge of the inner ward. At the south-east corner of the inner ward the surviving inner ditch opens out onto the steep hillside and it is likely that scarping was carried out along the south front of the castle so that the steep hillside, possibly once supplemented by sharpened stakes or branches, acted as sufficient defence.

When complete, the inner ward would have measured approximately 80m by 55m. The size of the defensive ditch is a witness to the political power and wealth of the castle's builder and to the importance which he attached to this castle.

A causeway across the ditch at the east end of the inner ward probably represents an original feature and the shape of the outer enclosure as depicted in the Manning and Bray plan (vol. 2, opp. p.303) makes it probable that a similar causeway existed to the west. The insignificance of the defences of the outer ward and its restricted size contrasts with the spaciousness and strength of the inner.

The earthwork defences of the inner ward were sectioned on a line 10m north-west of the eastern causeway. The top of the inner bank is here about 6.5m above the bottom of the surrounding ditch and one metre above the level of the inner ward itself. On the line of the section, the level of the outer ward is three metres below that of the inner — this difference is largely the result of the tipping of spoil from the ditch to level out the inner ward. Just within the peripheral bank, the inner ward has been raised by over two metres above its natural level.

The outer edge of the bank originally stood on a rock-cut berm within the encircling ditch. The berm had been cut down to a level some 0.9-1.2m below that of the outer ward. Funds were not available to pay for the shoring and it was therefore not possible to determine how far back from the ditch edge the 'berm' had been cut. The quarrying involved in cutting the berm and the rock-cut ditch, doubtless produced the material necessary for levelling the inner ward and for constructing the encircling bank.

At the point of section there was little trace of a revetment and the rampart appeared to have been of un-revetted dump construction. Loss of the top of the rampart may have removed traces of any shallowly embedded palisade or fighting platform but no trace of deeply embedded structures was found. There was no trace of a curtain wall. The ditch was originally 2m deeper than it is today and so this ditch, backed by a bank probably rising to around 10m above the ditch bottom, would have presented a substantial obstacle to an assailant. No evidence for the date of the earthworks was found.

D. J. Turner

## NOTES

### **Stafford Papers Relating to Kent and Surrey**

I have discovered in the Stafford Record Office a large number of documents relating to Surrey covering the period 1307 to 1521.

In 1334 Margaret Audley, niece of Gilbert de Clare and heiress to many of his manors, including those in Kent and Surrey, married Ralph de Stafford. Nine years later, Ralph took possession of these manors. The Earls of Stafford, who later became the Dukes of Buckingham, owned such extensive property that they set up a highly organised bureaucratic system to administer it. Tonbridge in Kent was the administrative centre for the Surrey manors and records concerning them were compiled by the Receiver for Kent and Surrey who was based at Tonbridge.

The documents include:

- (a) Valors of manors in Kent and Surrey which provide a useful comparison for the incomes of various manors.
- (b) Detailed financial accounts for several manors in east Surrey at about the time of the Black Death.
- (c) Financial accounts for Blechingley, both the Town and the Manor.
- (d) Court Rolls and a View of Frankpledge for the Town and Manor of Blechingley.
- (e) Various household accounts of the Dukes of Buckingham.

A grant from the Surrey Archaeological Society is enabling me to carry out the initial programme of research. I hope to publish the results at a later date.

Mary Saaler

### **New Publications**

*Index of Surrey Probate Inventories*. 16th to 19th centuries. Compiled by Joan Holman and Marion Herridge. Published by The Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey). A5, 200 pages, 6000 references.

Available by mail order from D.B.R.G. (Surrey), 8 The Grove, Epsom KT17 4DT. Price (inc. inland postage) £5.75. Cheques payable to D.B.R.G. (Surrey).

### **Chaldon Explored & Limpsfield Revisited**

These popular books were first published to mark Architectural Heritage Year in 1975. Both have been revised and updated.

*Chaldon Explored* has been reprinted with the addition of a full page reproduction of the early mural in St. Peter & St. Paul's Church. It is being sold in aid of the restoration fund. It can be obtained direct from Cllr. Rawling, The Spinney, Station Road, Woldingham, at £2.95 or by post £3.40. Also from the Bourne Society, tel. Caterham 43250 or the East Surrey Museum.

*Limpsfield Revisited* has changed its format and is illustrated by more than 20 photographs as well as line drawings. Available from local bookshops at £2.95 or from Limpsfield Bookshop, High Street, Limpsfield RH8 0DT who will post copies at £3.40. Tel. Oxted 4034. Information: author, Oxted 3026.