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S.A.S. VISIT AND TOUR DATES FOR 1988

Wed. 20th April	Wilmington Priory and Herstmonceux Castle (details given below)
Sat. 21st May	Southampton and around
Sun. 5th June	Nonsuch Park and Ewell
Thurs. 9th June	Chertsey
Mon 11th July – Sun 17th July	North and West Norfolk — staying in King's Lynn (details given below)
Sat. 6th August	Romney Marsh churches
Sat. 17th September	Newbury and Mapledurham
Thurs. 6th October	West Horsley and Effingham

VISIT TO WILMINGTON PRIORY AND HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE

arranged by Josephine Carter

Wednesday 20th April

This is a joint visit with the Surrey Industrial History Group

- 8.30 a.m. Coach departs from Guildford, rear of B.R. Station in Guildford Park Road.
- 9.00 a.m. Dorking Halls.
- 9.15 a.m. Reigate, opposite the Red Cross public house, at the junction of West Street, High Street, and Park Lane.
- 9.30 a.m. South Godstone, A22 bus bay near the Railway public house.
- 9.45 a.m. Coffee break at Felbridge Hotel, near East Grinstead (TQ 371398).
- 10.15 a.m. Leave for Wilmington (TQ 545043)

Wilmington Priory (Benedictine) was the "Estate Office" for the English possessions granted to the Norman Abbey of Grestain by the Conqueror's half brother, Robert. In 1414 it was suppressed by Henry V.

The church of SS. Mary and Peter was built to serve both the monks and the village. In 1925 the Duke of Devonshire sold the farmland and conveyed the Priory to the Sussex Archaeological Society who use it as a small museum of agricultural and rural life. The Duke also placed in the care of the Society, the Long Man of Wilmington, nearby. Is he Balder, the Norse God of Spring? We shall never know. There is also a memorial to John Jeffrey Farnol.

Lunch: We hope to have the lunch break at Herstmonceux Castle, whose catering arrangements for 1988 are not yet prepared. If the tea shop is not supplying snacks and light lunches, other arrangements will be made for pub lunches.

The grounds of Herstmonceux include a Nature Trail, Elizabethan formal gardens and much of interest to see before the guided tour.

2.00 p.m. Guided tour, which includes:
Equatorial Group of Telescopes, Satellite Laser Ranger,
Time Service, Starlink computer network.

The castle was built in 1441, gutted in 1771 to build Herstmonceux Place, so, apart from the attractive outer shell, it is largely 20th century. It is now the responsibility of the Department of the Environment and is used for the work of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Tea will be available in the Tea Room before beginning the journey home (cost not included).

Tickets: Members £9.50; non-members £9.60 to include administration, coach, gratuity, coffee and admissions. Please send s.a.e. with cheque to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX. (Tel: 01-393 8970) not later than 10th April to enable final arrangements to be completed. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

VISIT TO NORTH AND WEST NORFOLK

11th-17th July, 1988

arranged by Jean West

A long-stay visit has been arranged with accommodation in King's Lynn at Plaxtole House, the conference centre of Norfolk College of Art & Technology in single study-bedrooms with h/c facilities. Tea or coffee making facilities in the kitchens. There is a common room for general purposes.

We meet at 1.30 p.m. at Oxborough Parish Church for the Bedingfield Chapel followed by a visit to Oxborough Hall (National Trust) before arriving at Plaxtole House. The week will reflect the Norfolk way of life both past and present. It is hoped to include the following:

Tuesday: Castle Rising (English Heritage), Wolferton Station Museum, Caley Mill (Norfolk Lavender), Great Bircham Mill.

Wednesday: Caithness Glassworks, Guided walk in King and Queen Streets, King's Lynn.

Thursday: Wells Light Railway, Little Walsingham, Binham Church and Priory ruins (E.H.), Glandford Shell Museum and Church.

Friday: Castle Acre (E.H.), Swaffham, Cockley Cley — Iceni Village, Rural Museum and Saxon Church 680 A.D.

Saturday: North Creake Forge Museum and a two-hour boat trip to see the birds and seals around Blakeney Harbour.

The cost is expected to be around £130 to include: administration, accommodation, coach travel (5 days), gratuities, evening lectures, admissions, refreshments where available. When booking please state if you are a member of the National Trust and/or English Heritage, also if you are a Senior Citizen (evidence required). Please also state if you intend to join the party at Oxborough or King's Lynn. Special diets catered for by prior arrangement. Programmes, etc., will be sent to all participants in due course.

Initially please send £20 deposit (cheques can be post-dated to 1st April) to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By-Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (Tel. 01-393 8970) not later than 31st March. Balance of payment will be advised, to be paid by 30th April.

COACH OUTING TO LITTLECOTE AND COGGES

Saturday, 30th April

Organised by Surrey Roman Villa Group

Advance notice is given of a coach trip to Littlecote House with its private armoury from the 17th century, the adjacent 2nd century Roman Villa

with the famous Orpheus mosaic (near Hungerford) and Cogges Manor Farm Museum of Farming and Rural Life (near Witney). Coach pick-up points will be Dorking and Guildford.

Anyone wishing to receive details when arrangements have been made, please send a stamped addressed envelope to Mr. Leslie Le Mottee, Little Rising, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead KT22 8TW.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Surrey on Saturday, November 28th with the President in the chair. The Viscountess Hanworth was re-elected President and the serving Honorary Vice-Presidents and Vice-Presidents were re-elected. In addition, Mr. S. E. D. Fortescue and Dr. J. L. Gower were elected Vice-Presidents and Mrs. M. Gower was elected an Honorary Member. Mr. A. Ayres was elected Honorary Legal Adviser and a vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring Honorary Legal Adviser, Mr. Fortescue. Mr. D. Graham and Mrs. A. Graham were elected Joint Honorary Secretaries and a vote of thanks and a presentation was made to the retiring Joint Honorary Secretaries, Dr. and Mrs. Gower. The remaining Honorary Officers were re-elected. The following were elected as Ordinary Members of Council to serve for the next four years: Mr. J. Boulton, Dr. G. Dawson, Mrs. J. English, Mr. D. Field, Dr. R. Higgins and Mrs. E. Stazicker. Roffe Swayne & Co. were re-elected auditors.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Professor Crocker and the University of Surrey for their generous hospitality. The meeting was followed by a lecture entitled *An Introduction to Surrey Houses* by Mr. K. W. E. Gravett, Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

Joint Hon. Secretaries

The President and Council acknowledge with many thanks the kind gifts which were sent towards a parting present for John and Marian Gower. The final total was £117. A cheque for £100 was presented to John at the A.G.M. together with a book token.

Rosamond Hanworth

Change of Address

Mrs. M. A. G. Collier, Honorary Local Secretary for the Egham and Thorpe area, has now moved to: 17 The Causeway, Staines, Middlesex TW18 3AP.

Correction to Annual Report

The telephone number of Dr. D. G. Bird, the County Archaeologist, is given incorrectly in the last page of the Report. The correct number is: 01-541 9419. Members might also like to note that the telephone number for Rob Poulton and Phil Jones, Archaeological Field Officers, is: 01-541 9457.

Joint Hon. Secretaries

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

Mr. & Mrs. M. Applegate, Lime Tree Cottage, High Park Avenue, East Horsley KT24 5DE; Miss E. Ashton, 7 Orchardfield Road, Farncombe, Godalming GU7 3PB; R. E. Boote, Appletree Cottage, East Clendon, Guildford GU4 7RS; R. R. Boswall, 1 Mount Pleasant Cottages, Broadford, Shalford, Guildford GU4 8DP; Dr. A. Busby, 4 Barricane, St. Johns Hill Road, Woking GU21 1RB; A. R. Cousins, 1 Henchley Dene, Merrow, Guildford GU4 7BH; M. J. Curtis, 4 Cottimore Terrace, Walton on Thames KT12 2BY; Mrs. T. Hayward, Street Farmhouse, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth RH3 7BH; Dr. J. Hines, 9 Eastbrook Close, Dinas Powys, S. Glamorgan CF6 4DB; Mrs. A. Hurst, Aston Vean, Shortfield Common, Frensham GU10 3EH; A. R. Killick, 19a Hazlemere Gardens, Worcester Park KT4 8AH; B. J. Stimpson, 37

Calluna Court, Heathside Road, Woking GU22 7HU; Mr. & Mrs. P. Tarplee, Donard, East Street, Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 4QX; R. J. Thomas, 50 Falcon Road, Guildford GU1 4JD; R. A. White, 17 Bridge Gardens, East Molesey KT8 9HU.

Grand Raffle, December 1987

The first three prizewinners are given below. A detailed report will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

First prize: Three nights hotel accommodation for two in the U.K.:
Miss C. Oliver, Dunmore House, The Berkeleys, Fetcham.

Second prize: Hand-coloured and framed print of Guildford in 1738:
G. Cole, 10 Kings Rise, Camberley.

Third prize: Case of 1983 vintage red wine:
Susan Holland, c/o Guildford Borough Council.

NOTES

16 Long Garden Walk East, Farnham (SU 838470)

The site lies to the rear of properties on the east side of Castle Street (nos. 16-20) and was recently subject to planning permission, with a condition imposed allowing for an archaeological investigation. Trial trenching of the open part site prior to demolition of the existing buildings failed to reveal any archaeological features and, Victorian material excepted, only produced a handful of Roman and Medieval potsherds.

However, following demolition works, site watching of the developer's footings showed that the original trial trenches had neatly missed a number of pits and ditches of late and post Medieval date. One of the larger ditches, approximately 1.5m deep and 2m wide, ran part way across the site, on a NW-SE alignment and may possibly be part of the earthwork defences put up hastily around the town during the Civil War. The fill showed no signs of silting levels, hinting that the ditch had been backfilled shortly after its original construction and the pottery recovered was consistent with a mid seventeenth century date. It may be possible to trace this feature further, as another development is due shortly just to the north of the existing site. The remaining ditches and pits are of equally uncertain purpose, but may represent animal pens and cesspits.

David Graham

Possible Iron Ore Extraction Pits, Stony Copse, Alfold (TQ 048 357)

Stony Copse, a small irregular area of woodland extending approximately 100m in each direction, at Great Wildwood Farm, Alfold, is full of shallow pits. They vary from about 2m to about 4m in diameter and are very close together, sometimes overlapping. They bear a strong resemblance to the known iron ore "mine-pits" found in Hambleton Hurst and in Minepit Copse, south of Tigbourne Farm, Witley. The soil is Weald Clay and lumps of clay ironstone can be found generally in the area. It is tentatively suggested that the pits in Stony Copse are filled-in bell pits from which ore was extracted for the Vachery iron-working site, the hammer forge of which was approximately 1.9 km north-east of Stony Copse. These pits do not appear to have been previously recorded.

Richard Williams

Excavations Committee Annual Symposium

16 April 1988, in the Dorking Halls, Dorking

The programme for the 1988 Symposium organised by the Society's Excavations Committee for all Surrey archaeologists is now complete. As usual, the talks will start at 10.30 a.m., and close around 4.00 p.m., with a break for lunch from 12.40 to 2.00 p.m. and for tea in mid afternoon.



Children at the Guildford Museum Young Archaeologists Club making clay coil pots

Mr. Hugh Thompson has kindly agreed to chair the meeting. There will be talks by Rob Poulton on his excavations at Saxon County School, Shepperton (finds of Roman to medieval date, especially important for the Saxon period); by Phil Jones on recent work in Staines (the results of recent excavations); by Geoff Potter on Kingston Bridge (recent extensive excavations of the bridge and nearby buildings, with finds including parts of medieval boats used as revetments); by Paul Stokes on the work of the Surrey Heath Group (especially the excavations in Bagshot and Roman Lightwater); and by John Hampton on archaeological aerial photography in Surrey (including many new sites he has recently identified).

A major part of the Symposium will be, as usual, the exhibits of current work by local groups, and the opportunity to meet like-minded people and discuss mutual problems and interests. Forms for the booking of display space will be circulated in the usual way, or simply contact the writer (at County Hall on 01-541 9419). Space should be booked before the end of March, please.

The revised arrangements for the Margary Award continued to work well in 1987, and the Committee is keen to see a similar response this year. You are reminded that the Award is now made for the best display, with first and second prizes of £50 and £25. A suitable certificate is also being considered (and will be given retrospectively where necessary). Details of entry can be checked with the writer if necessary (see *Bulletin* 204). We hope that all groups and individuals active in archaeology in Surrey will enter a display in the competition.

Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available at a small charge at the lunch and mid afternoon breaks. Admittance will be £2 at the door, but tickets may be bought in advance for £1.50 including postage. Applications for tickets should be made to Mrs. Susan Janaway at Castle Arch, Guildford GU1 3SX. Cheques should be made payable to Surrey Archaeological Society. There is ample car parking space adjacent to the Dorking Halls; note that there are long stay terms in certain areas.

D. G. Bird

Young Archaeologists Club

The Young Archaeologists Club held its third session in November. In the photograph, members of Junior Section are shown holding the pots they have made using prehistoric methods. The September session on archaeological methods and the October session on Stone Age hunting masks and wall painting were also well attended and in the case of the latter, produced some stunning masks and rather enigmatic wall painting!

We still have room for more members in the Senior Section (13-18 years). In the new year the seniors will be going on a trip to the Iron Age hillfort at Danebury in Hampshire, reconstructing life in Roman Surrey from the archaeological evidence and learning about the Saxons in Guildford, including a trip to the site of the Saxon cemetery.

Application forms are available from Julia Arthur or Gwyneth Price at Guildford Museum, Quarry Street, Guildford GU1 3SX. Tel: Guildford 505050 ext 3542.

Butser Ancient Farm Project Trust

Residential courses at Nexus House, near Petersfield, for 1988 are as follows:

April 4th-10th	General Experimental Archaeology
May 30th-June 5th	Surveying
July 25th-31st	Earthworks Work Study Group
August 1st-7th	Pollens
August 15th-21st	Weeds, Seeds and Crops
October 24th-31st	Fire, Clay and Metal

These courses count as one week of required practical work for the Diploma in Archaeology and Certificate in Field Archaeology of the University of London. Other universities similarly recognise these as field work components for undergraduates.

April 30th-May 2nd Pottery
August 26th-29th Bones in Archaeology

Further information may be obtained from: Dr. P. J. Reynolds, B.A.F.P.T., Nexus House, Gravel Hill, Horndean, Hants (Tel. 0705 598838).

The Archaeology of Surrey to 1540

The editors apologise for the delay in the appearance of the new county archaeology book. Various problems were caused by the corrections in the proof processes, and the printers were less prompt than we had hoped (and had been promised). Finally, when all seemed ready, it was found that a number of errors had crept into the illustrations. These were fortunately caught before the printed version was bound. They have now been revised and the book is promised for January, and should hopefully therefore be in the hands of members before this *Bulletin* note appears.

Joanna Bird, D. G. Bird

MEETINGS ETC.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 10th, 7.45 p.m.

ROMAN GOLD MINING IN S.W. SPAIN. Talk by David Bird to C.N.H.S.S. at East Croydon U.R. Church, Addiscombe Grove.

Wednesday 10th, 8.15 p.m.

THE ETRUSCANS. Talk by Shirley Girardon to Holmesdale N.H.C. at The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

Thursday 11th, 8.15 p.m.

CHILWORTH GUNPOWDER WORKS. Talk by Alan Crocker to Puttenham & Wanborough H.S. at Marwick Hall, Puttenham.

Friday 12th, 8.00 p.m.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICAN PREHISTORY. Talk by David Price-Williams to Richmond H.S. at The Vestry Room, Paradise Road, Richmond.

Wednesday 17th, 8.00 p.m.

MAPS AND PRINTS. Talk by Tim Booth to Esher L.H.S. at the Methodist Church Hall, Wolsey Road, Esher.

Thursday 18th, 7.45 p.m.

MOOR PARK ESTATE AND ITS OWNERS. Talk by Julia Straiton to Farnham & District M.S. at U.R. Church Hall, South Street, Farnham.

Friday 19th, 8.00 p.m.

THE CIVIL WAR IN LEATHERHEAD. Talk by Jack Stuttard to Leatherhead L.H.S. at the Dixon Hall, Leatherhead Institute.

Saturday 20th, 10.00-4.30 p.m.

BONE WORKSHOP at Kingston Heritage Centre Store, Tiffins School, Richmond Road. Details given in *Bulletin* 226.

Thursday 25th, 8.00 p.m.

THE ROYAL MAUNDY CEREMONY. Talk by Peter Wright to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at the Literary Institute, Egham High Street.

Friday 6th, 8.00 p.m.

FACTS AND FICTION IN LOCAL HISTORY. Talk by Dr. Harper Smith to Wandsworth H.S. at Friends Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street (opposite the Town Hall).

MARCH

Thursday 3rd, 7.45 p.m.

SAXONS IN SURREY. Talk by Rob Poulton to C.N.H.S.S. at East Croydon U.R. Church, Addiscombe Grove.

Friday 4th, 8.15 p.m.

SMALLER HOUSES UNDER THE TUDORS. Talk by Kenneth Gravett to Holmesdale N.H.C., The Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate.

Wednesday 9th, 8.15 p.m.

WANBOROUGH — SURREY'S 'NEW' ROMAN TEMPLE. Talk by David Bird to Holmesdale N.H.C. (as above).

Thursday 10th, 8.00 p.m.

GRAVEYARD MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS. A Royston Pike lecture by Mrs. E. Young, arranged by Elmbridge Borough Council at King George's Hall, High Street, Esher.

Friday 11th, 8.00 p.m.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ETRUSCANS. Talk by Tim Cornish to Richmond A.S. at The Vestry Room, Paradise Road.

Saturday, 12th March, 9.45-5.30

SERIAC 88 – EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

Programme: Geology and Mineral Resources of S.E. England —

Peter Brandon

Wealden Iron — Jeremy Hogkinson

Lime Kilns — Richard Williams

Chalk and Sand Mines — Rod Le Gear

Tiles and Tile Kilns — Elizabeth Eames

Stone Quarrying Underground — Paul Sowan

SERIAC is a grouping of Industrial Archaeology and related societies in the South East of England. Each year one member society organises a day conference; this year it is the turn of the Surrey Industrial History Group of the Surrey Archaeological Society.

On the following day, Sunday, 13th March, visits have been arranged to relevant sites: Cranleigh, Betchworth, Nutfield and Godstone.

Further information and tickets £6.00 (including tea and coffee) available from Helen Pawley, Dept. of Educational Studies, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 5XH.

Bulletin Issues in 1988

The next *Bulletin* will come out in early March; copy has to be with the Editor by 6th February. Copy dates for the remaining seven issues are as follows:

April/May —	copy required by Saturday,	5th March
June	„	7th May
July/August	„	4th June
September	„	6th August
October	„	3rd September
November	„	1st October
December/January	„	5th November