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S.A.S. VISIT TO THE HISTORIC CHURCHES OF THE ROMNEY MARSHES

arranged by Richard Butler

Saturday 6th August

- 7.45 a.m. Coach departs from Guildford, rear of BR station in Guildford Park Road
- 8.15 a.m. Dorking Halls.
- 8.30 a.m. Reigate, opposite Red Cross public house, at the junction of West Street, High Street and Park Lane.
- 8.45 a.m. South Godstone, A.22 bus bay near Railway public house.
- 9.00 a.m. Coffee break at Felbridge Hotel, near East Grinstead.
- 9.30 a.m. Leave for the Romney Marshes.
- 11.00 a.m. Meet up with an officer of the Romney Marshes Historic Churches Trust who will guide us on the tour. Meeting at the Red Lion, Appledore.

The tour will cover as far as possible five churches:

Ivychurch — a very large church built between 1360 and 1370. It has three parallel aisles running the entire length of the church, 133ft — no structural divisions between them. 15th century screen and a lofty tower. There is a parvis or priest's room above the south porch.

St. Mary in the Marsh Stands on a little mound surrounded by marsh dykes. It has a Norman tower with a shingled spire. Two of the three bells are pre-Reformation. Enlarged in the 13th century. The floor tiles are of interest — some date from the 14th century.

St. Nicholas, New Romney New Romney is one of the original Cinque Ports and boasts many historic buildings. The church dates from the 12th century and has a massive 100ft high tower surmounted with corner pinnacles. There is a richly moulded Norman west doorway and above it are four stages of the mid Norman and Transitional periods.

Lydd Lydd became a corporate member of the Cinque Ports in 1290. The church was originally a Saxon foundation. It has a tower 132ft high. It was rebuilt in the 13th century. Much of the east end was destroyed by enemy action during 1940 but has been painstakingly restored.

Brookland On the Walland Marsh. Famous for its lead font. It has a detached wooden bell tower, a Georgian pulpit and box pews.

The lunch stop will be at the 'George' in Lydd. This inn is close to the church and the Town Museum. Tea will be at about 4.30 p.m. at Brookland.

Tickets: Members £11.00, non-members £11.10 to include coach, gratuity, coffee, tea, donation, administration. Please send cheque with s.a.e. to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (Tel: 01-393 8970) not later than 15th July to enable final arrangements to be completed.

An excellent booklet on the Romney Marsh churches will be available at Appledore.

S.A.S. VISIT TO NEWBURY AND MAPLEDURHAM

arranged by Jean West

Saturday 17th September

8.15 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate at the Red Cross public house, at the junction of West Street, High Street and Park Lane.

8.30 a.m. Dorking Halls.

9.00 a.m. Guildford, rear of the B.R. station in Guildford Park Road. Proceed to Kingsclere.

10.00 a.m. Coffee in the Church Parish Room.

10.30 a.m. Leave for Burghclere.

10.50 a.m. Arrive at the Sandman Memorial Chapel. N.T. members free (non-members optional 60p payable on the day).

Its walls are covered in stylised paintings by Stanley Spencer depicting war scenes in Salonica.

11.15 a.m. Rejoin coach and proceed to Newbury.

11.45 a.m. Arrive in Newbury for lunch. There are several pubs and cafes in the vicinity, or picnic by the river close by. Time allowed to visit the Newbury District Museum (admission free) housed in a 17th century and 18th century building with an exterior staircase alongside the former granary, the latter now shops. The Museum has many interesting and unusual exhibits such as ballooning, and displays of the Kennet and Avon Canal. Local collections include pewter, pottery, local history and archaeology, all of which are well represented. The city bridge and lock are also close by.

1.45 p.m. Rejoin coach for Mapledurham.

2.30 p.m. Arrive at Mapledurham House and Mill, a fine Elizabethan mansion on the banks of the Thames with its church, almshouses and picturesque watermill. This corn and grist mill dates from the 15th century and is the only example of a working Thames watermill. Wholemeal flour is sold at the Mill.

Afternoon cream tea will be provided. (Please state if not required).

5.30 p.m. Rejoin coach.

A short detour will be made en route home to visit the Maharajah's Well, a gift from His Highness the Maharajah of Benares in the 1860s. The superstructure stands 23ft high, and topped off by a bright gilded dome which covers the winding machinery. A sombre, soulful elephant was

added some time later after the original construction and tops the machinery.

6.15 p.m. Return home
approx.

Tickets: Members £11.00, non-members £11.10 to include administration, coach, gratuity, admission to Mapledurham House and Mill, morning coffee and afternoon cream tea. 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 30th August to enable final arrangements to be completed. Please state if member of the National Trust when booking.

VISIT TO LONDON DOCKLAND USING THE DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY

Sunday 31st July

Arranged by Surrey Industrial History Group

The object of the visit is to use the D.L.R. as transport to various aspects of the remains of those docks on the line.

The visit is to be guided by members of the G.L.I.A.S. and will start from Tower Gateway Station on the D.L.R. at 11 a.m.

S.A.S. members who wish to attend please contact David Evans on Guildford 64079, and leave their names, addresses **and phone numbers**. They will be contacted about the meeting time at Guildford Station for those members who would wish to gather there and travel together. Capitalcards will be used which act as rover tickets on the D.L.R. Members who would find it inconvenient to travel from Guildford can obtain the appropriate cards from their respective stations. Please contact the above number, however, as an estimate of numbers attending is important.

COACH OUTING TO ANDOVER AND DANEBURY IRON AGE HILLFORT

Saturday 24th September

Arranged by Surrey Roman Villa Group

Advance notice is given of a coach trip to the Museum of the Iron Age at Andover and a guided tour of Danebury Hillfort — probably returning via Winchester for tea. 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, Ermyrn Way, Leatherhead KT22 8TN.

COUNCIL NEWS

Treasure Trove Law Reform

The DoE has recently issued a consultation document requesting suggestions as to reform of the current law on treasure trove. As a result, the Society, after consulting numerous interested parties within the County, has produced a paper and this has been submitted to the DoE for consideration. A copy has been placed in the Society's Library and is available for inspection by members.

Membership List

Council has decided that, in future, the membership list will continue to be issued free, on request, to the Society's Officers, Committee Chairmen and Local Secretaries but that a charge of £1.50 per copy (including

postage) will be made to members, in order to reduce office costs. The list will continue to be available for inspection by members at Castle Arch, without charge.

Hon. Secretaries

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

From February, 1988:

Miss A. L. Aldridge, 49 Fairfax Road, Old Woking, GU22 9HN; J. D. Boas, 7 St. George's Road, Badshot Lea, Farnham, GU9 9LX; A. J. Bott, Rake Court, Milford, Godalming, GU8 5AD; Miss J. D. Butcher, 17 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4UL; Dr. C. K. and Mrs. J. Campbell, 10 Shalford Road, Guildford, GU4 8BL; Miss C. A. J. Cooper, Coleridge A, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 7LE; Mrs. J. Collingwood, Heath House, Alldens Lane, Munstead, Godalming, GU8 4AP; Miss H. K. Daniels, Westway, Mayford Green, Woking, GU22 0NL; P. R. S. Durham, Juniper Hall Field Centre, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DA; Miss M. Franks, Oxford University Computing Service, 13 Banbury Road, Oxford; Mrs. S. D. J. Harris, 178 Astonville Street, Southfields, London SW18 5AG; Dr. C. S. Huter, Heath House, Alldens Lane, Munstead, Godalming, GU8 4AP; Mrs. R. M. Jones, 56 Lower Ham Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 5AW; K. H. Varney, 52 Bricksbury Hill, Hale, Farnham, GU9 0LZ; Miss J. R. Wileman, 48 Bond Road, Tolworth, KT6 7SH.

From March:

D. R. Attyde, 3 Clovelly Drive, Beacon Hill, Hindhead, GU26 6RS; J. M. Berry-Clarke, Little Tiphams, Weare Street, Ockley, RH5 5NW; Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Clarke, Saxondale, 7 St. Mary's Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8HB; G. H. Ferriman, Charon, Lower Farm Road, Effingham, KT24 5JJ; D. Johnson, 30 Sandy Lane, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 9EU; C. D. Lorimer, Four Winds, Littleworth Cross, Seale, Farnham, GU10 1JL; Mr. D. E., Mrs. E. I. and Miss J. F. Nichols, 140 Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 7JH; S. P. Randall, 8 Graham Road, Purley, PR2 2EL; C. H. Roberts, 22 Bishops Square, Cranleigh, GU6 7ER; J. Williams, Upper House Farm, Hascombe, Godalming, GU8 4JF.

Walton & Weybridge A.R.G.

An Archaeological Research Group is being formed in Walton and Weybridge to undertake research and fieldwork in this area of Surrey. In the past some very interesting material has been found and the results of further work should be of value. For further information please contact Mike Curtis, 4 Cottimore Terrace, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2BY (Tel: 0932 245957).

Report on S.A.S. Bone Workshop

On Saturday, February 20th, 17 members attended a Bone Workshop in Kingston, organised by the Excavations Committee.

David Field, the chairman, opened the workshop. He had done some research into both SAS and LAMAS archaeological reports and had noticed how biased they were against the bone reports.

Jon Cotton gave an illustrated talk on the recent discovery of an aurochs skeleton, together with five barbed and tanged arrowheads, at a gravel site north of Heathrow.

Dale Seargentson spoke on various aspects of her work at the Institute of Archaeology, with both slides and bone material being used to show

some of the problems encountered. Two areas discussed at some length were butchery and identification of gnawing.

Whilst the morning had been devoted to animal bones the afternoon concentrated on human bones. Rob Poulton showed a number of slides of human skeletons from both the Friary site and Goblin excavation. He spoke on some of the problems archaeologists have when excavating a cemetery, especially on a rescue dig when time is short and skeletons have to be excavated, recorded and lifted in the same day.

Tony Waldron, also from the Institute, showed examples of traumatic injuries and general pathology.

He used some of his reference collection to show some of the problems encountered when trying to age and sex human skeletal material.

Following the success of the bone workshop the group hope to hold a further meeting at the Institute in London. Further details from John Chapman, Spelthorne Museum, Market Square, Staines. Please enclose s.a.e. for reply.

S.A.S. Excavations Committee Annual Symposium, 1988

The Symposium took place at Dorking Halls on Saturday, 16th April. Attendance was slightly down on the previous year and there were fewer exhibitors, nevertheless, the Chairman, Hugh Thompson, and the respective speakers ensured that the occasion was every bit as interesting as previous years.

Rob Poulton spoke about his excavations at Saxon County School, Shepperton, which unearthed two interesting Saxon features, one a pit, the other a midden with large quantities of 6th century pottery and animal bone and itself cut by a late Saxon ditch. There were also a number of posthole type features. He put the site in its local context by reminding the audience of previous excavations on the site and of the Saxon cemetery recorded in 19th century watercolours held at Castle Arch.

Phil Jones reviewed the work carried out in Staines over the last twenty years before mentioning his recent work at the Johnson and Clark site. Here there was a huge build-up of medieval deposits. A large medieval ditch ran parallel to and represented an earlier alignment of Penny Lane, and a large demolished foundation of flint and mortar footings cut through 12th century pits but was itself cut by 13th century pits, though its purpose was unknown.

Geoff Potter said that his work at Kingston Bridge was part of the more extensive Horsefair programme of redevelopment and associated excavation. He explained how the stone and mortar piers of the medieval bridge were enclosed by wooden piles around a gravel fill. The waterfront revetment wall was composed of planks reused from a clinker built boat of approx. 1350 A.D. Finally he showed how the chalk and flint undercroft at the top end of Bridge Street was lifted intact for future preservation.

Paul Stokes spoke about the impressive work that had been carried out by the Surrey Heath Group since their inception in 1982. They appear to have gone from strength to strength and can even boast their own H.Q. They excel at public display with their public interpretation centre and AA route signs, while a recent innovation is to take on their own leather conservation.

John Hampton admirably rounded off the day by talking about air photography in Surrey. He used a number of examples to explain the problems of interpretation and illustrate the possibilities of the technique but emphasized the necessity of fieldwork to check and if necessary to survey the sites on the ground. He suggested that this was an area that members could usefully concentrate on.

The Margary Award went to the Surrey Heath Group for their display on recent work, while the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society were close runners-up. The Young Archaeologists Club secured a special mention for their pioneering work.

Next year the symposium will take place at the University of Surrey Guildford, on Saturday 25th February.

David Field

FIELDWALKING, ETC.

The Abinger-Holmbury Transect

This kilometre wide by 10km long transect provides a topographical sample across a number of geological strata within central Surrey. Methodical walking of arable fields and woodland is providing evidence that points to intensive use of the landscape for industrial, pastoral and agricultural purposes for over 2000 years. Every ploughed field and many woodland breaks provide their fair share of flintwork.

So far almost 200 hectares of woodland have been investigated which, amongst other things, has demonstrated the great extent of quarrying that has taken place on the Hythe Beds. At present this cannot be dated but in view of sandstone found at Rapsley and on the surface at the Abinger villa site, some of the quarries may be relatively early.

Almost 100 hectares of ploughed land has been walked in both North and South directions every 10 metres; altogether some 380 ten metre strips. Each line walked produced between one and three bags of material, nearly all flint, with approximately 50 pieces per bag. Altogether over ¼ ton, and an estimated 25,000 pieces of material. Cleaning, marking and sorting of this is currently taking place and when complete it should be possible to offer some tentative conclusions about settlement in this part of the Tillingbourne Valley.

Currently walking of woodland on the chalk is hampered by fallen trees which make methodical investigation extremely difficult.

David Field and Keith Winsor

Roman Dorking (TQ 170499)

One more tiny shred of evidence for Roman Dorking emerged recently when a small denomination bronze coin of Constantine II or Constantius II was found in the roots of a tree blown over in the October gale. The find was made by Mrs. Pamela Thom of 8 Clifton Terrace, Dorking who retains the coin in her possession.

Vivien Ettlinger

Stane Street at Mickleham (Margary 15) (TQ 171524)

Mr. John Sankey who, as former warden of Juniper Hall Field Centre, was associated with investigations of Stane Street at Mickleham by John Alexander and by Rosamond Hanworth, reports seeing evidence of the road recently on the assumed line between Burford Bridge and Juniper Hall.

In the course of clearance work following the October gale, a pit to bury debris was dug beside the modern road, and about 1.5m below the surface he observed a continuous horizontal band of flints about 20cm thick, running through the loam just above the natural chalk. Unknapped flints up to 25cm long were found in the spoil from the pit, but unfortunately it was filled in almost immediately and no further investigation could be made.

Thanks are due to the Trustees of St. Faiths, Mickleham, for allowing access to their property.

Lionel Green and Vivien Ettlinger

A3 Road Widening Scheme, B3000 Intersection to Hurtmore crossroads (SU 944465 C)

Fieldwalking has now been completed over most of this section of the A3 road widening scheme and once again very little material of any period was recovered (see *Bulletin* No 229 for previous note). The only exception to this was in the immediate vicinity of the Hurtmore crossroads, where a concentration of Roman pottery and tile was noted. Construction work on a slip road to the east of the A3 also revealed an ash layer containing Roman material. A small test excavation was undertaken, but in the event, the Roman material proved to have been redeposited, as the layer also contained tarmac, modern glass, etc. It is therefore almost certain that the Roman material was disturbed during earlier roadworks on the A3 and that the Roman site therefore, at least in part, underlies the crossroads. This suggestion is confirmed by reports from members of the Godalming group, who found Roman material, including Samian, in the same general area several years ago. It would seem possible that the site represents another small farmstead to be added to those already known south of the Hog's Back.

David Graham

Surrey Heath Archaeological & Heritage Trust: Conservation of waterlogged organic objects

Conservation facilities at The Archaeology Centre in Bagshot have recently been greatly expanded following substantial grant aiding from Windlesham Parish Council and B.D.H. Limited.

Since commencement in 1986, the pre-treatment and immersion processes employed have successfully stabilised and conserved over 400 leather and wooden objects. The current conservation programme involves several hundred wooden and leather objects, all from waterlogged, anaerobic contexts from rescue excavations in Surrey Heath.

From time to time space may be available within the conservation programme and therefore anyone wishing to have similar organic materials conserved by the established process and on a materials-only cost are requested to contact The Director, The Archaeology Centre, 63 High Street, Bagshot, GU19 5AH. Tel: (0276) 51181 in the first instance.

Lightwater Excavations 1988 — Activity Holiday

Four weekly courses have been arranged for young people of 12 to 18 years centred around the Archaeological Excavations of the late Iron Age, Romano-British and later site in the grounds of Windlesham Arboretum at Lightwater, Surrey. The courses are intended to provide a different type of external activity for young people who not only will help with the excavation but may also gain a basic knowledge of excavation techniques, learn to appreciate the countryside and what it has to offer and begin to understand how people lived nearly 2000 years ago.

Each weekly course, with specialist tutors, will have identical content, will be Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and will commence on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August, 1988.

Enrolment charges are £10.00 for one week, including lunch or £4.00 for one week without lunch.

For further details please write to The Director, Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust, The Archaeology Centre, 63 High Street, Bagshot, GU19 5AH.

History of Leatherhead: pre-publication notice

After seven years of research and preparation, the Leatherhead and District Local History Society's *History of Leatherhead* is at last with the printers, with publication planned for mid-September.

The book comprises nearly 400 pages of text, pictures and maps in a four colour laminated cover and it traces the history of Leatherhead from earliest times to the present day. The material is presented in a form which will appeal to both the serious student and to the lay reader. Price £9.95.

Orders placed and paid for before the end of July will receive a discount; see leaflet enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

MEETINGS, ETC.

JUNE

Tuesday 7th, 8.00 p.m.

TUDOR SCIENCE. 7th lecture in the SAS Series "The Tudor Age", given by Miss P. Smart at the University of Surrey, Guildford.

Thursday 9th

SAS VISIT TO CHERTSEY. For details see *Bulletin* 229.

Tuesday 14th, 8.00 p.m.

HOW PREPARED WAS ENGLAND FOR INVASION IN 1588? Lecture by Mr. A. Saunders, in "The Tudor Age" series. Details as for 7th June.

Monday 20th, 7.45 p.m.

THE CIVIL WAR IN NORTH SURREY. Talk by Richard Milward to Croydon N.H.S.S. at East Croydon U.R. Church Hall, Addiscombe Grove.

Tuesday 21st, 8.00 p.m.

THE DISSOLVED MONASTERIES AS TUDOR COUNTRY HOUSES. Lecture by Dr. Maurice Howard in "The Tudor Age" series. Details as for 7th June.

Friday 24th, 8.00 p.m.

SETTLEMENTS & MOATED SITES IN STREATHAM & LAMBETH. Talk by Donald Imber to Wandsworth H.S. at Friends Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street.

Saturday 16th July, 2.30-5.30 p.m.

400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMADA. An historical exhibition which forms part of Effingham village celebrations. The exhibition will cover the naval encounter, its historical background and its connection with the neighbourhood. It will also show Effingham history up to that time. On view at The Hall on the King George V Playing Field. The following week it will be on view at the Roman Catholic Church Hall, Lower Road, Effingham, at the following times: Sunday 2.00-5.00 p.m., Monday-Thursday 10.00-5.00 and Friday 10.00-1.00.

Sunday 11th September

COACH OUTING to Gloucester and the National Waterways Museum arranged by KUTAS. Pick-up points at Kingston and Tolworth. Cost per person £9.00, senior citizens £8.00. Booking forms and full details from Mr. J. P. French, 15 Station Avenue, West Ewell, Epsom KT19 9UD (Tel: 01-393 4171). Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.