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COUNCIL NEWS

At a recent meeting of Council, the President congratulated Dr Derek Renn on his recent award of a CBE. He also congratulated Mr Peter Tarplee on his election as Chairman of the Surrey Museums Group.

The Future of the SAS

Despite the present reduction in activity by the construction industry in urban centres, members will be aware of the deep concern of Council and the Society's Officers in the continuing damage to and destruction of the archaeological and architectural heritage and historic landscape of the County. This has been compounded by the drastic reduction in the field staff of the Museum of London covering those parts of the historic county now within Greater London.

The dilemma for the Society is two-fold: although its influence in the county and beyond is considerable and its reputation well-founded, it is a voluntary society. In attempting to address the current issues and to campaign against some of the excesses posed by developers and "improvers" of all kinds — whether commercial, private or governmental — the Society is facing professionals paid for their time and expertise.

Even the proliferation of agencies forming links with the professionals and other interested voluntary organisations to protect such excesses demands the further input of time and effort by dedicated members, whose only weapon against well-funded commercial pressures and propaganda is their commitment.

The second aspect of the Society's dilemma lies in the application of its financial resources. All the Committees of the Society work energetically either to promote the Society and its aims, or to further knowledge of the archaeological and historical heritage of the County whether by research, or the dissemination of that research.

It is however inescapable that if the Society had to rely on its membership income, almost all its activities would be curtailed and it is only by careful stewardship of bequests to the Society and the resultant income that the Society is able to support its present level of activity.

To realistically meet the new demands upon it, as well as maintaining its existing commitments, the Society must either re-adjust its financial priorities or allocate part of its reserve to specific needs. The Society has never been a fund-raising organisation; once the reserve is used, investment income is reduced and ultimately the Society's ability to function effectively diminished. This is clearly a serious matter for debate.

To this end, the President, Dennis Turner, after consultation with the Honorary Secretaries, David and Audrey Graham, and others, produced a Discussion Paper

entitled “The Future of the SAS” for consideration by Council and its standing committees. The object of the paper was to encourage Council and Committees to assess their present activities, and especially spending requirements, in relation to the challenges facing the Society as a whole.

Inevitably each Committee hotly defended its own role and argued (in most cases) that more funding would increase its effectiveness. Nevertheless serious debate was enjoined — the Library Committee, for instance, sought the views of members on the usefulness of the Library and its research material — as was reported in Bulletin 264 — and the views expressed were welcome and will be implemented where possible.

Overall, it became clear that the main areas where the Society’s influence would be most effective would be to encourage research to increase understanding of the landscape and to discover that which remains unknown; to encourage publication of all research; to encourage the establishment of effective planning procedures that will inhibit further development of or damage to archaeological or historic buildings or landscapes; to encourage education of the young and general public.

These aspects have of course always been addressed but it is hoped that the Discussion Paper will perhaps generate a fresh and more cohesive impetus. The result has been a confirmation of Council’s policies, and initiatives new and existing are being pursued.

- the part funding of the Landscape Liaison Officer who, it is hoped, will give the Society, its members and member Societies direct access to expertise and guidance in carrying out surveys of the historic landscape well in advance of potentially damaging developments so that the knowledge is to hand to base objections on solid evidence
- links with the Archaeological division of the SCC Environmental division and access to the SMR are being strengthened to provide better two-way communication about planning applications, and the Society’s Local Secretary network is in process of being reorganised to facilitate this
- education of the young is already being addressed by the YAC which is hoping to expand and to establish links with schools
- the Visits and Lectures & Symposia Committees successfully arrange events not only for members, but also to reach out to the wider public
- the Society’s involvement with South Park Moat is a further new and exciting development with its potential as a resource for research and educational facilities, as well as helping to establish links with other organisations concerned with the protection of our environment.

These ventures require not only funding but also commitment by Council and members of its Standing Committees to whom the Society owes a deep gratitude now — in the past — and hopefully, the future. If any member has time to spare — however limited — and would like to become more involved in any aspect of the Society’s aims, please contact Dennis Turner or David and Audrey Graham via Castle Arch. You will be more than welcome.

Guildford Castle Training Excavation — Members’ Open Day.

The third season of excavation is proving as stimulating to the imagination as the discoveries of previous years. The main effort this year is below the deep defensive ditch of the first phase of the Castle excavated last year. The ditch had been infilled around AD 1200, and the reason now became clear. Below the ditch and running down to Quarry Street the ground had been levelled and footings of later walls were



View of the 1992 season of excavation at Guildford Castle. Photograph: Graham Berton

being uncovered. In the south west corner, hardly 45cm below the present surface, dressed stonework of the base and jamb of a doorway emerged in perfect condition. Amongst those visiting on 19th July was Jac Cowie, who was inspired to write the following, entitled "A Piece about the Palace" — Those of us in the Guildford Group have been waiting for an opportunity to learn more about the Palace. Some years ago while I was working in the SAS Library at Castle Arch, a neighbour came to say that men working on the road surface of Castle Hill had uncovered the footings of a wall running across the corner into Lewis Carroll's house; we tried to trace it further without success but, in imagination, I had already become to see the wings of the Palace rising. Rob Poulton's lucid exposition did much to make sense of the seemingly random remains of walls and pits — but opinions as to why a wall runs at an unusual angle to the main line, why a pit yields so many bones, and why a pretty little bronze ladle is too small for soup — still leave room for my imagination!

Work for this season finished on the 26th July and a detailed report by Rob Poulton will appear in a later edition of the Bulletin.

SURREY HISTORIC LANDSCAPE STUDIES

Steve Dyer

Hindhead Common

Work has continued on the survey of the National Trust property reported in the last two *Bulletins*. The studies have recently concentrated on parts of the estate to the south of the A3. Previous courses of the London to Portsmouth Road, including the turnpike, are showing as a series of hollow-ways or tracks cutting the sandy soil.

A spur of land bounded on two sides by dry valleys has produced a series of strip lynchets running around its slopes. These cannot be dated, but the number of lynchets indicates intensive agricultural use of this land at some time in the past. These features are directly affected by the proposed A3 improvement works for Hindhead.

The Nutcombe Valley has shown further evidence for medieval and Tudor field systems, similar to those seen in the Smallbrook Valley north of the Devils Punch Bowl.

Surveys in various outlying parcels of the estate have produced a number of property boundaries and woodland banks.

Work on the documentary evidence for the area is now beginning, and this should start to throw some light on the features so far recorded in the field.

The initial phases of the field survey were completed in early August, whilst it is anticipated that the remaining area will be surveyed in a period of two months starting in October.

In addition to those volunteers acknowledged in the last *Bulletin*, thanks are due to Simon Day, Judie English, Kate and Basil Smith and Julie Wileman.

For information on dates and how to participate in any aspect of this or other forthcoming surveys contact Steve Dyer 081-541-8091 (office) or 081-890-0305 (home).

YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS' DAY — Civil War Fair 4th July 1992

Christine Hardman

The 350th anniversary of the outbreak of Civil War provided the theme for this year's YAC day, held as usual in Castle Cliffe Gardens, Guildford. The fair included a soldier's encampment, peopled by Roger Emerson and his followers, who brought a cannon, pikes and muskets and, authentically costumed, provided a vivid backcloth to the events of the day. Matthew Alexander and horse rode up the High street to meet the Mayor of Guildford and publicise the fair — the horse remaining remarkably calm and patient despite the throngs of people around the festival market stalls.



The Mayor of Guildford greets Matthew Alexander in the High Street to advertise the event.

Back at the Gardens, the YACs were in costume too, and were being shown how to make salt bread, pot pourri and pomanders by Carol Brown and Margaret Folkes. Surrounded by young people throughout the day, they were able to relax only when Carol's husband George put the YACs through their paces in Pike Drill (with junior size pikes!) and when Alison Roddam's musicians and dancers taught them 17th century dances, one of which seemed to involve jumping on (imaginary) rats...

Mr and Mrs Phil Champness were plying their trade as surgeons, offering to extract the teeth of anyone willing to be strapped into the surgeon's chair, and Laurence Spring instructed people in the art of writing with a quill pen — not as easy as it looks.

In the Tun Inn, reconstructed for the day, Kevin Fryer held court, and displayed some of the Tunsgate Pottery which dated from the mid-17th century, while Mary Wondrausch decorated her famous slipware using traditional methods.

YACs attracted crowds while sifting through 17th century dust from under the floorboards of Guildford House and pins seemed to be a regular feature of their finds, and Lacemakers demonstrated their intricate craft of bobbin lace.

The weather, although showery, did not affect proceedings and over 1300 visitors were recorded, many of whom expressed interest in the Society and YAC activities. A great deal of hard work went into making the day such a successful one and I should like to thank everyone concerned, especially Carol Brown and Sue Roggero, who bore the brunt of the organisation and who made the day possible. Next year — the Romans are coming!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Library Open Day

There will be another Library Open Day on Saturday 3rd October from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Castle Arch.

Do come along and meet the library staff and members of the committee, and have a wander round the sometimes very extensive resources of the library, on a subject of your choice. Coffee, biscuits, tea and cakes, plus a guide to what the library can offer you !

VISITS COMMITTEE

Visit to Ockley, Saturday 24th October 1992

arranged by Joyce Banks

- 10.30 am Meet at village hall car park (TQ 149405). Hall is on the east side of Stane Street (A29) towards the north end of village and green, a few doors from the Kings Arms. Hall is a brick building with twin Dutch gables.
- Walk on and around the green, led by Mr John Dendy. (Seats available!)
- 12.30 pm Lunch. Meals and snacks available at the Red Lion and other pubs, or picnic on green.
- 1.45 pm Meet at St Margaret's Church (TQ 156407). From village hall or Red Lion, turn right onto Stane Street, take first turn right, church is on left hand side of this road. Total distance slightly less than one mile. Parking outside churchyard. The Rector and/or Mr Dendy will show us the church with permission of Rev Colin Tickner.

- 2.30 pm See newly restored ice house at Ockley Court opposite, by kind permission of Mr Michael Calvert. Return to Stane Street, turn left into it and then take first right, signpost Abinger. Holmbury. After one and a quarter miles take turning on left (Mole Street), continue a half mile, to Volvens Farm on right (TQ 136405).
- 3.30 pm See Volvens Farm, early 17th century house, by kind permission of Mr Barry Thomson. Return to Stane Street by same route, or turn right along Mole Street, left at junction and left on reaching Stane Street.
- 4.45 pm Tea at Red Lion. Basic cream tea included in ticket (please state if you do not want tea). Extra cakes etc can be ordered and paid for on the day.

TICKETS: Members £5 + £1.95 tea, non-members £6 + £1.95 tea from Mr David Evans, 48 Guildford Park Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5NF (0483 64079).
NUMBERS LIMITED TO 25.

SURREY INDUSTRIAL HISTORY GROUP

“Surrey at Work in Old Photographs”

The latest book in this series published by Alan Sutton, which has been written by Chris Shephard on behalf of the Surrey Industrial History Group will be available during September.

The book contains a representative selection of about 250 photographs showing people at work in Surrey over the last 100 years or so. A wide range of industries is represented from all parts of the county as well as people carrying out more routine day-to-day activities.

The photographs illustrate a wide range of jobs and work activity and provide nostalgic memories as well as an introduction to the social and industrial history of Surrey.

A surprisingly wide range of occupations and industries is illustrated. Some of these activities still survive but many of the pictures show jobs which are either not carried out at all now, or not now carried out in Surrey.

SIHG will be launching this book at a meeting to be held at the Dorking Christian Centre on Wednesday 7 October at 7.30 pm.

The author will be giving a talk, illustrated with slides, describing how the book was made and telling the stories behind the pictures and where they came from. Many of the photographs in the book will be shown and also copies of the book will be available at the meeting.

Everyone will be welcome at the meeting for which admission will be free and at which coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Dorking Christian Centre is adjacent to the parish church to the north of the High Street.

The book is priced £7.95 and copies will be available at bookshops throughout the county or post free from SIHG, Donard, East Street, Bookham, Leatherhead, KT23 4QX.

SIHG have arranged two visits which members are welcome to join:

Grand Union Canal and Brentford Walk

The 7 mile walk along the Grand Union Canal and other places of interest is to be led by John Mills on Sunday 18 October.

We will meet at the Butts car park behind Brentford Magistrates Court, NGR TQ 175 775, at 9.30 am. This is just north of the High Street.

Participants should be prepared for a muddy towpath. Further details may be obtained from John Mills who would appreciate being advised if you are going. His telephone number is 0344 843047.

The Royal British legion Poppy Day Factory at Richmond on Wednesday 25 November

We meet at the factory at 20 Petersham Road, Richmond at 1.30 pm for a guided tour of this unique works. There is no parking available at the factory but there is a public car park 100 yards south of the entrance opposite Nightingale Lane.

There is no charge for the tour but we anticipate making a donation to which members will be invited to contribute.

Those wishing to join this visit are asked to let Tony Stevens know by 18 November by telephoning 0483 65375.

NOTES

Recent Work at Carshalton Church: a summary of results

Andrew Skelton

The recent archaeological and architectural recording work at All Saints, Carshalton, was probably the first time that modern recording methods have been used there. During the recording work little actual "spadework" was done; although it was necessary to clean up areas for drawings and photographs. In general all that was done was to draw and photograph areas of walling exposed by the workmen. Despite this "ad hoc" approach, the importance of the results cannot be doubted.

For the purpose of this short note it is best to summarise the result of the recording in chronological order. Arguably the most ancient parts of the church exposed were the east and west ends of the south arcade wall. Here the present arcade of the late 12th or early 13th century was found to be inserted into an older wall, probably the original nave wall of the first stone church on this site. The date of this wall is unknown; it may be 11th century. The mortar samples taken from the Lady Chapel (the former chancel), the east chancel arch, and the inserted arcade were so similar in composition as to support the argument that both additions were contemporary. From this rebuilding only two lancets survive (blocked) in the south wall of the Lady Chapel. These appear to have been blocked in the early 16th century when larger windows were added, of which the eastern jambs of the easternmost new window in the north wall had partly survived, plastered and painted red as had much of the surrounding wall to the east. When the Gaynesfords had their monument added c1497 an aumbry (or little cupboard) was blocked; this once held the sacrament and was an original fitting from the early 13th century or before.

The next major rebuilding occurred in the south (and probably north) aisles in the late Gothic period (15 – 17th century). In the south aisle the original door and window arrangement — a pointed doorway in the centre bay, with possible lancets in the east and west bays — was changed, but not completely. Large two-light windows were

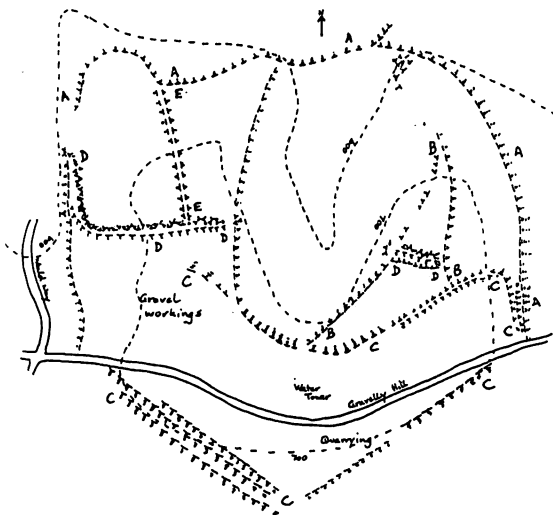
added in the outer bays and a new door architrave added to the interior elevation of the south aisle wall. Interestingly for some reason the outer elevation of this doorway was retained — an odd arrangement. It is likely that, to allow all this work to continue, the upper part of the south aisle outer wall was rebuilt or refaced, as indicated by mortar comparisons.

In the early 18th century the Scawen family virtually rebuilt the eastern bay of the south aisle to insert their large windows, using or re-using Reigate blocks. This was the first in a series of alterations to the south aisle outer wall which transformed it from a medieval structure to virtually an early modern one. An upper storey was added across the three bays; this was complete by about 1724 when it was copied on the north side. During the later 18th century the aisle windows were removed and replaced by large Georgian windows, letting light into the aisle underneath; galleries were first added in the 1790's, and extended by the 1830's. This gallery was reached from the churchyard via a doorway placed above the old medieval doorway, blocked in 1788.

In 1862 the west end of the church was rebuilt, but the new structure lasted but thirty years before being swept away with much of the church by Arthur Blomfield's perpendicular church built in 1891. In this operation much was destroyed, and little or no records made of the old structure. This makes recording work on the little surviving even more important, and every opportunity should be fully taken when it can.

Earthworks at Gravelly Hill, Caterham P J Gray and Gwyneth Fookes

A recent public enquiry into an application for a golf course on Gravelly Hill, Caterham produced evidence of an extensive series of earthworks. Gravelly Hill and the adjacent Foster Down are one of the few spots on the North Downs which have very steep slopes to the north matching the scarp slope to the south. They are thus naturally defensible. Immediately to the west of Gravelly Hill is War Coppice Iron Age Camp. Gravelly Hill is now covered in woodland (known as Abbots Wood and Cassock Wood probably referring to the Abbey of Waltham's ownership of land here in the 12th century) and scrub. As recently as 1946 the scrub was open downland. There appear to be at least three separate systems.



The outermost earthwork AAA... crosses contours and follows the boundary usually associated with the curious northward extension of North Park, Blechingley, known as Old Park. The work itself is a clearly unnatural steepening of the hillside. typically 1.5 to 2.0 m high.

Within Old Park boundary are signs of low lynchets, BBB... marking the edge of flatter areas, and so probably to be associated with fields. A ridge EE varying between 0.5 to 1m in height is probably a coppicing compartment within Abbots Wood.

Around the top of the hill, roughly co-incident with the edge of the gravel cap and contouring the hill top is a steep bank CCC..., in places 3 to 4.5 metres high. In parts it is surmounted by a slight ridge. At the east and where it meets the Old Park boundary three distinct banks are visible. On the southern, scarp, side of the hill top the banks are larger and are followed in part by trackways. The western part is a triple bank, (working from the bottom), 1m, 1.5m and 2m+ high. The centre section has been disturbed by quarrying, whilst the eastern section of the scarp bank appears to be a single bank about 2.5m high although most of this section is difficult to see due to heavy overgrowth largely on the edge of private gardens. There is no obvious connection to the Iron Age camp some 200 to 300 metres to the west, but the ground has been disturbed by quarrying and private gardens.

A further series of earthworks DDD..., cut across the site. These consist of a ditch with the earth thrown up on the north side to form a low ridge; on the north side again of this ridge there are a series of projections, redoubts. The sides of the ditch seem to be relatively fresh. Correspondence with Dr Oliver Rackham has suggested that probably these earthworks were practice trenches and date from World War I. They may well have been constructed using older banks as a base.

There are no similar earthworks on the adjacent Foster Down although it is of similar height and form. The reason may be that the top of Foster Down is entirely of gravel until the steeper slopes, whereas on Gravelly Hill it is only the cap which is of gravel with some flat chalk downland on the northside before the steep slopes occur.

To summarise, the oldest remains may therefore have formed an enclosure of the summit of Gravelly Hill, some 12-15 hectares (30 acres) in extent, with associated field lynchets on the flatter downland to the north. Whether they were related in some way to the Iron Age camp or not is not known. The Old Park boundary banks date from at least the early 1200's when Blechingley North Park was formed. However the odd shape of this part of the park and relationship to the main part of North Park raises the possibility that it predates the Blechingley park.

EXHIBITIONS AND LECTURES

September 12th & 13th. Farnham Castle, Farnham. 11 am and 4 pm. Re-enactment of dismantling of the Castle. Displays. Admission Adults £2.50; senior citizens £1.50.

26th September. Lambeth Archives Open Day 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. On the theme of "Industry, Business and Trade" a series of short talks on local aspects, plus displays by local historical societies and displays of treasures from the Archives. Admission free. Refreshments. Bookstalls. Minet Library, Knatchbull Road, SE5.

27th September. Gunnersbury Park Museum, Pope's Lane, Acton (half mile from Chiswick roundabout). Living history display. Re-enactment of the Battle of Brentwood. 11.30 am & 3 pm. Admission free. Refreshments.

November 3rd – January 20th 1993. "Sir William Waller and the Civil War in the Farnham area". Exhibition at Farnham Museum, Willmer House, West Street. Open Tues-Sat. 10.00 am – 5.00 pm.

November 7th. Gallery Tour of the Civil War Exhibition at Farnham Museum led by Dr Ann Summer at 1 pm. Admission £1. Advance booking essential. tel: 0252 715094.

CONFERENCES : DAYSCHOOLS : COURSES

The following courses have been organised by the WEA Guildford Branch:-

"The History of Guildford". 20 meetings commencing Tuesday 29th September. 10.00 am – 12 noon at Guildford Museum. Tutor Matthew Alexander MA.

"The Industrial History of Surrey". 20 meetings commencing Friday 2nd October. 10.15 am – 12.15 pm at the United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road, Guildford. Tutor Gordon Knowles BSc, MSc.

"Egypt and the Ancient Near East from 1000 to 100 BC". 20 meetings commencing Thursday 1st October 2.00 – 4.00 pm at the Guildford Institute, Ward Street. Tutor John North Dip Arch.

Course fee: £67 (Concessionary rate £52). Enquiries to Mrs Howard, WEA Branch Secretary, 17 Austen Road, Guildford. Tel: 0483 574884.

The following courses have been organised by WEA West Wickham Branch:

"Introducing Archaeology". A look at World Archaeology from the Stone Age to historical times commencing 23rd September 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Tutor Norah Maloney MA.

"The Ancient Greeks". Their History and Art commencing 8th October 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Tutor Anne Matthews.

Both courses held at Elmers End Art Centre, Shirley Crescent, Elmers End. Contact G Whitehouse 081 777 3278 for further details.

The following courses have been organised by the University of Surrey:

"Archaeology in Surrey". 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Wednesdays Tutor Rob Poulton.

"Prehistoric Archaeology — People & Animals of the Ice Age". 10 am – 12 noon Fridays. Tutor Margaret Beasley.

Both courses at the Guildford Institute. 10 meetings £34.50 (£23.00). Telephone 0483 62142 for details and commencing dates.

"Certificate in Field Archaeology". 3 year course. Commencing 8th October 1992 at Guildford University. Tutor Margaret Beasley. Contact 0483 62142 for details.

Romanesque Castles & Churches of Normandy and Southern Britain. Horley WEA. £10 classes and 2 visits over two terms. Classes on Wednesday evenings (commencing 7th October) at Balcombe Road Adult Education Centre (Oakdale School), Horley, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Visits at weekends by agreement. Tutor D J Turner.

Council for Kentish Archaeology

“BURIALS OF THE PAST”

on

SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 1992

(2.15-5.30 pm)

**at CHRISTCHURCH COLLEGE, NORTH HOLMES ROAD,
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A half-day Conference of lectures, illustrated by colour slides, of aspects of burial sites and a buried treasure site in southern Britain

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TICKETS: Price £2 (payable CKA) from:
5 Harvest Bank Road, West Wickham, Kent BR4 9DL (sae please)

MEETINGS

1st September

AGM and Presidential Address, by Angela Evans to KuTAS in the Lower Hall, Friends Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames at 8 pm.

1st September

“Surrey Villages and their history”. A talk by Jackie Malyon to the Addlestone Historical Society at the Community Centre at 8 pm.

2nd September

“Tales of Old Surrey”. Circle 8 Film Show to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society in St Mary’s Church Hall, Ewell at 8.00 pm.

3rd September

SAS Visit to Ashtead (see Bulletin 267 for details).

7th September

“The History of Camberley”. A talk by Mr Ken Clarke to the Mayford and Woking District History Society in Mayford Village Hall at 8 pm.

12th September

Ashtead Common Day — opposite the level crossing. Displays, guided walks, etc. 11.00 – 5 pm.

17th September

“Royalty in Richmond”. A talk by Mr Norman Radley to the Barnes and Mortlake LHS in the Main Hall, The Sheen Lane Centre at 8.00 pm.

18th September

“Saxons in Surrey”. The Evelyn Jowett Memorial Lecture to the Merton Historical Society by Rob Poulton.

24th September

“Vancouver’s Voyage — as seen through the eyes of his artists”. A talk by Andrew David to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society in the Literary Institute, Egham at 8 pm.

7th October

"The History of the Royal Institution". A talk by Dr Frank Greenaway to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society in St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8 pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE

22nd October

Annual General Meeting of the West Surrey Branch of the Historical Association at Stoke D'Aberron Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Followed by guided tour of the church. Visitors welcome.

7th November

Surrey Local History Annual Symposium. Subject: Crime and Punishment. Surrey University.

14th November

Council for Kentish Archaeology Half-day Conference. Canterbury. "Burials of the Past".

19th November

"Hampton Court Palace after the Fire". A talk by Michael Rishlock to the Barnes and Mortlake Historical Society in the Main Hall, The Sheen Lane Centre at 8.00 pm.

22nd November

SAS Annual General Meeting in the Old Building, Royal Grammar School, Guildford.

28th November

Domestic Buildings Research Group Annual Lecture at Oxshott Village Hall. "The House in the Social Context".

SURREY RECORD OFFICE

IMPORTANT NEWS

The dates of our closure for major refurbishment and new security improvements at County Hall are as follows:

**CLOSED FROM 3 AUGUST 1992
TO 31 OCTOBER 1992 INCLUSIVE**

We hope to welcome visitors again on Monday 2nd November through our *new* reception area at the front of County Hall. Disabled visitors should make prior arrangements where possible for access.

We are sorry for any inconvenience which may be caused and will be able to answer letters and urgent/legal telephone enquiries during the closure period. Copies of parish registers are available at Surrey Local Studies Library, Guildford and Sutton Library, Sutton; the 1891 census for Surrey can also be seen at the Heritage Centre, Kingston.

For further information please ring 081-541-9065.

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