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Notice of Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Society will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 26th April, 1968, at the Guildhall, Guildford, by kind permission of His Worship the Mayor, for the following purpose:

On the proposal of the Council to consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the two following amendments to the Rules of the Society —

In line 3 of Rule 7, before the words 'Vice-Presidents', insert the word 'Patron'.

In line 1 of Rule 11, after the word 'President', insert the word 'Patron'.

A. S. Gilbert,
Honorary Secretary.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archaeological Society to receive and consider the Report of the Council and the Accounts for the year 1968, will be held, by kind permission of His Worship, the Mayor of Guildford, in the Courtroom of the Guildhall, Guildford, on Saturday, 26th April, 1969, immediately following the conclusion of the Special General Meeting which has been called for 3 p.m.

A. S. Gilbert,
Honorary Secretary.

Agenda of Annual General Meeting

1. The Honorary Secretary to read the notice convening the Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Deaths of Mr. A. T. Ruby, M.B.E., a member of Council, of Mr. A. R. Cotton, M.B.E., F.S.A., and Mr. H. W. Pointer, M.A., former members of Council, and of Sir Edward Beddington Behrens, C.M.G., M.C.
4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
5. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1968.
6. Election of Patron.
7. Re-election of President.
8. Re-election of Vice-Presidents.
9. Election of additional Vice-Presidents.

The following members have been nominated by the Council as additional Vice-Presidents:

Mr. J. L. Nevinson, F.S.A.

Mr. T. E. C. Walker, F.S.A.

10. Re-election of other Honorary Officers.
11. Election of Council Members.

There are six vacancies and the following five members have been nominated by the Council for election: Miss E. M. Dance, M.A., Ph.D., Mrs. S. M. Standing, Mr. A. J. Clark, F.S.A., Mr. W. C.

Knox, B.A., and Mr. R. W. McDowall, M.A., F.S.A., Mr. R. C. Gill, LL.B., has been proposed by J. C. Batley and seconded by Mr. R. C. W. Cox.

Further nominations are invited. They should be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee and should reach the Honorary Secretary not later than 19th April, 1969.

12. Election of Honorary Auditor.
13. Vote of thanks to the Mayor of Guildford.
14. Any other business.
15. Vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

Tea will be served after the meeting in the Old Council Chamber, at a price of 3/6 per head. It is not necessary to send money in advance.

NOTES

The Ordnance Survey Card Index of Archaeological and other sites in the County of Surrey

Copies of these cards are now available for consultation at Castle Arch, Guildford. They have been compiled by the Archaeology Division of the Ordnance Survey from the archaeological literature, supplemented by a wide range of other sources. Each feature or findspot normally has its own card, which, within the limits of the sources, contains a brief description and select bibliography as well as the results of field investigation and survey by the Division's own surveyors. Although the scope of the index is comprehensive for pre-1066 antiquities, some selection is made in recording those of later date. Nevertheless, the user will find much important material, and the index is particularly useful because of its topographical basis.

The cards are numbered and filed in the National Grid order of six-inch maps: thus the index cards for a particular sheet take the map number, e.g. TQ 14SW, with an additional number, *1 et seq.*, to identify each individual site.

It is hoped that full use will be made of this record as a basic tool of research.

(J. N. Hampton).

Town and Country Planning Act (1968)

Under the new regulations the Building Preservation Order is done away with. In future, no building statutorily listed as being of architectural or historic interest may be demolished without the specific consent of the Local Authority. Before giving this consent the Local Authority must advertise the application for consent in the local press and display a notice on or near the site to which the application relates and must take account of any representations received. The Local Authority must also give the Ministry of Housing and Local Government twenty-eight days notice of its intention to give consent.

These regulations apply not only to proposals for demolition but also for alterations and extensions except those affecting only the interior of a Grade II unstarred building.

'Listed building consent' for demolition is subject to a further delay of one month in which the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments must be given an opportunity to record the building.

If a Local Authority considers that a building which is not listed is in danger and should be preserved, it can issue a building preservation notice which stops demolition or alteration for six months, during which time the Minister must decide whether the building should be listed or not.

(R. W. McDowall).

Firestone and Hearthstone Mining in Surrey

Mr. P. W. Sowan, of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Ltd., is writing an account of the history and economic geology of the exploitation of the Upper Greensand in north-east Surrey, with special reference to the parishes from Brockham to Godstone. He would be glad to hear from any members able to assist with old mining records, photographs, plans, etc. He may be contacted at the Croydon society's headquarters, at 96A Brighton Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 6AD.
(P. W. Sowan).

Croydon : Excavations in Old Town (TQ 318655)

The Archaeological Section of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society carried out selective trenching on the site of 2 Rectory Grove, Croydon between December 1968 and February 1969. The work was directed by Mr. Peter Drewett and associated documentary research is being undertaken by Mrs. L. Thornhill. One 6ft. and two 15ft. trenches were excavated, producing a well stratified sequence of pottery and animal bones from the 11th Century to the 20th Century. Several indeterminate flint flakes were found together with fire-cracked flints. Three Roman tiles were found in the late Saxon level. Evidence for four structures was found. Detailed analysis of the material may take some time, so a preliminary note may be of some value.

Trench I was some 30 yards north west of the Great West Door of the Croydon Parish Church. The section was almost 6 ft. deep with the 11 main layers being almost horizontal. This sequence was broken at the north-western end by a flint and mortar structure that may be tentatively ascribed to the late 16th century. The earliest pottery is shell tempered ware which occurs together with calcined flint tempered wares and one grass tempered sherd. Later Medieval pottery included a slashed handle from a jug, green-yellow glazed wares, painted and rippled wares, together with unglazed coarse wares. From the 16th and 17th century levels came sherds of brown salt-glazed stoneware, sherds of tigs, the spout of a globular costrel made of a hard reddish ware and many green, yellow and brown glazed sherds, together with some unglazed pottery. Small finds included an early Medieval strip of lead, a bronze fitting and a bone awl, both probably of 14th century date. Clay pipes occurred in levels from the 17th century onwards.

Trench III was some 31 yards north-west of trench I. This section was about 4 ft deep and cut through the rammed chalk flooring of a late 17th/early 18th century building. The lower levels were disturbed by the construction of a flint wall and compact flint floor overlain by a rammed sand and chalk floor. This structure is probably late Medieval. The pottery types were essentially similar to those found in Trench I. The most interesting single sherd was of imported 13th century French pottery, found in the foundation trench of the flint wall. This sherd is a light buff ware with a dark brownish-red slip, on which there are three small pellets of white clay. The sherd was probably from a jug imported from Normandy. Similar sherds are known from Canterbury and Stonar in Kent.

Trench II was some 30 yards north-west of Trench III. This trench was only 3 ft. 6 ins deep, and contained few Medieval or earlier sherds. It is probable that this end of the site was marsh until towards the end of the 16th century. This trench, however, revealed the only complete structure it was possible to excavate. This was a well constructed lined pit with internal dimensions of 4 ft. by 3 ft. The pit was lined with greensand and chalk blocks with re-used roof tile spacers. and was 2 ft. 6 ins. deep. This structure may be tentatively ascribed to the late

Saturday, 26th. 7.0 p.m.

ROMAN FINDS AROUND LONDON. Talk by MR. R. MERRIFIELD to the SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road, London, S.E.

Tuesday, 29th. 7.30 p.m.

Archaeological Section of Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society Members' Evening. Members of S.A.S. are invited to bring slides and exhibits of interest. Friends' Meeting House, Park Lane, Croydon.

MAY

Monday, 5th. 8.0 p.m.

RELICS OF THE RECENT PAST. Talk by MISS E. M. DANCE to the MAYFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY at the Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford, Woking.

Tuesday, 6th. 7.0 p.m.

THE COMPARISON OF SILVER AND CERAMIC SHAPES. Lecture by MR. LATHAM to the MORLEY COLLEGE CERAMIC CIRCLE at Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.1.

Enquiries to Mr. J. Cox at Morley College.

Saturday, 10th.

S.A.S. VISIT TO WINKWORTH AND HOE FARMS, HASCOMBE, AND VANN, HAMBLEDON.

Led by MISS J. CARTER

For the morning visits the party will be divided into two and there will be an upper limit of 60 in all at the request of the owners.

10.30 a.m. PARTY A to Hoe Farm, by kind permission of Mr. A. L. Simon. From Godalming take B 2130 (by Sun Hotel). At approach to Hascombe Village take turning on right near drinking fountain (Hoe Lane). Mr. Simon has requested that admission shall be by ticket only, bearing names. It is therefore essential that prior application be made for the visit and that names of visitors as well as members be given.

PARTY B. to Winkworth Farm, by kind permission of Mr. David Shepherd. Winkworth Farm is half a mile nearer Godalming than Hoe Farm, on the left half way down a steep hill. The entrance is at the junction with the turning leading to Thorncombe Street. Park in the drive.

There are no restaurants nearer than Godalming, but *The White Horse* P.H. at Hascombe and *The Merry Harriers* P.H. at Hambledon provide sandwiches. Packed lunches can be taken in the Arboretum car park nearby.

3.0 p.m. Vann, by kind permission of Mr. A. D. R. Caroe. Described on O.S. map as Lower Vann (TQ 862377). Easiest approach is via Chiddingfold. Take road sign-posted to Hambledon near P.O. Vann is about 2 miles along: there is an Edward VII post box on the gate. Mrs. Caroe has kindly offered a cup of tea if members will let Miss Smith know by 5th May.

Lifts from Godalming might be arranged. Tickets (members 3/-, non-members 4/-) from Miss C. Smith, *Elyots*, Minster Road, Godalming.

17th century. Its purpose is, as yet, obscure, but it was not a rubbish or cess pit. It may possibly be a cold store for meat. The few finds from this trench are mainly post 16th century, and are similar to the post 16th century material from Trench I. (P. L. Drewett).

Ewell Conservation Area.

The Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society are pressing the County Planning Department to establish Conservation Areas in Ewell as a matter of urgency in view of developments which have been proposed. Considerable disquiet is felt about proposals to clear the old churchyard and to use the site for a new Church Hall and car park. It is also feared that the remains of the Medieval village of Cuddington, and out-buildings of Nonsuch Palace are threatened by the intention to build houses on the site of Cherry Orchard Farm.

(Newsletter, N.E.A.S.)

Mayford History Society.

The Mayford History Society has been formed to investigate and record the history of Mayford and its surroundings. Officers and a committee have been elected and lecture meetings arranged. The Society also plans to arrange visits as well as fieldwork and research into old records, etc.

The annual subscription is 7/6, or 15/- for families. Enquiries to Miss N. Cox, *Karm*, 108 Westfield Road, Mayford, Woking.

(Miss N. Cox).

Ockley: Threatened Road-widening.

Despite plans to build a new dual carriage road to by-pass both Capel and Ockley by 1973, the Surrey County Council are proposing to widen the A 29 from Bear Green through Ockley before 1971. The road-widening will require the demolition of Hatch Cottage, the oldest listed building in the village, the felling of several roadside trees and the removal of the front gardens of at least two cottages. This may destroy for ever much of the present character of the village in order to afford traffic relief for a period of two or three years.

In face of this threat the Ockley Society has been formed (Hon. Sec. E. J. Vacher, Poundgate, Ockley) for the purpose of maintaining the character and amenities of the village now and in the future.

(From information from E. J. Vacher).

Gas Main Trenches : Croydon to Hooley.

Observation of work on part of the route of the twin 24" gas main laid from Croydon to Hooley has already been noted by Mr. E. A. Baxter (Bulletin No. 48). The whole route was also watched by the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society and Mrs. L. Thornhill's report is summarised here.

The trenches in Carshalton and Beddington were back-filled rapidly, making observation difficult. Little of archaeological interest was found but geological observations bore out what was expected except for some interesting areas of Thanet Sand on the slopes of Carshalton.

Remains of the old tram lines buried under the surface were noted in Ruskin Road. The ends of wooden sleepers occurred at 4' intervals from 15" to 24" down in concrete on chalk bedrock. Extensive remains of red brick walls in Acre Lane marked the site of Lorraine House, an 18th century building demolished in the late 1930's when the road was widened.

Beddington Park yielded evidence of occupation in flints and pottery. Worked flint from TQ 294652 is thought to be Mesolithic, that from elsewhere probably Neolithic. Pottery sherds range from R-B on Saxon to 18th century. At TQ 294651 what appeared to be an ancient hollow-way was sectioned. It was about 45 yards north of Croydon Road and probably ran parallel to it. There was no evidence for it on the surface, but in section it took the form of a ditch, 15' wide at the top and 4' 6" - 5' deep in the centre. North of the Tudor outhouse at TQ 295655, there was much disturbance, foundations of demolished buildings and a deposit of peat 65' long and 18" thick.

A few struck flints and sherds were found on the old Beddington Sewage Works. There was no evidence of a Roman road leading to the villa — the raised path leading in that direction was found to be modern.

Findings in Woodmansterne were similar to those made by Mr. Baxter. In the trenches opposite Stagbury, in Chipstead Valley Road, was a large area of bricks, tiles and rubble of no great age. At Rumbolds Castle, where there is an old house once used as an inn, the workmen found several Georgian coins. Nothing of archaeological interest was discovered as the pipe trench passed Starrock.

The most important discovery was geological. A small bed of peat occurring in silts in the Pleistocene gravels of Beddington Park contained cold climate fauna. One of the beetles identified, *Boreaphilus henningianus*, now extinct in Britain, has never before been recorded south of the Thames. A dark organic band in a lens of silt in Beddington Sewage Works contained fragmented wood which, on investigation by the Geology Department of Birmingham University, gave a C₁₄ date of 10,130 ± 120 years B.P. It would appear that the gravels with their interbedded silts accumulated after the Allerod interstadial towards the end of the final cold phase (Pollen Zone III) of the late-glacial period.

MEETINGS

APRIL

Friday, 18th. 6.30 p.m.

RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK ON POST-MEDIEVAL CERAMICS. Lecture by MR. J. ASHDOWN to the LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Bishopsgate Institute, London, E.C.2.

Saturday, 26th.

S.A.S. WALK : REIGATE HILL - CHIPSTEAD

Led by MRS. BANKS

10.15 a.m. Meet opposite Margery Lane, 3 miles north of Reigate (TQ 258528). Walk of about 8 miles, return to Reigate by bus. Stout shoes advisable.

Parking in Reigate advised (south of High Street, via Park Lane). No. 406 bus leaves Reigate, *Red Cross* P.H., 10.01 a.m. In opposite direction 406 bus Kingston Station 8.55; Tolworth *Toby Jug* 9.00; Ewell *Green Man* 9.22; and Epsom *Spread Eagle* 9.30 Chipstead W.I. will provide coffee and sandwiches at a small charge if numbers are given beforehand.

Tickets (members 3/-, non-members 4/-) from Miss C. Smith, *Elyots*, Minster Road, Godalming. If lunch required please book before 19th April.

Saturday, 26th. 3.0 p.m.

S.A.S. Special Meeting and Annual General Meeting.

See front page of this *Bulletin* for details.