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S.A.S. MEETINGS

Saturday, 27th September. Visit to Chertsey area, arranged by Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe.

Saturday, 18th October. Visit to Merton and Morden, arranged by Merton Historical Society.

Details of these and other meetings are given elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

EXCAVATION NOTICE

LOWER KINGSWOOD. PALAEOLITHIC SITE  
(TQ 243537)

Director: MR. F. PEMBERTON.

By permission of the Banstead U.D.C., excavation will be carried out on this site on the 2nd and 4th weekends of September. Work will start at 10 a.m.

It is hoped to trace a known Acheulian working floor and investigate the prehistoric activity in an area surrounding a dry coombe before the area is used as a refuse tip.

Enquiries to Mr. S. Nelson, 20 Rose Bushes, Epsom Downs.  
(Tel.: Burgh Heath 50744).

NOTES

British Transport Museum

Reference was made in *Bulletins* 42 and 48 (June and December, 1968) to proposals for the transfer of railway relics from the British Transport Museum at Clapham to a new museum at York. In spite of protests, arrangements for the transfer are well under way. The possibility of siting the museum at St. Pancras seems to be a non-starter, but the G.L.C. and the Lambeth Borough Council are in favour of a suggestion that the museum should form part of a riverside development at Nine Elms. Here it would have the rail link which it lacks at Clapham.

The proposals were the subject of an editorial in *Country Life* (3rd July) where it was pointed out that the G.L.C. and Lambeth Borough Council could use their planning powers to make it difficult for

the British Railways Board to sell the Clapham site. This sale is an important element in the economic arguments for moving the Clapham collection to York.

### **The British Museum Society**

The main object of this Society is to enlist all the Museum's friends in a body that will give effective backing to the Trustees and staff in their efforts to provide the best possible services to scholars and to the general public. The creation of more space is by far the greatest need of the Museum which at present lacks the resources to make full use of the treasures which it possesses. Even when the Library is moved to a new building, the space freed will not be nearly enough to do full justice to the collections and to those who wish to study them. The architect's preliminary work on an expansion project points to an astonishing amount of extra space which can be created if the funds are available from public and private sources. As extension plans are carried out, privileges offered to members will include a new gallery to see special exhibitions and a room set aside for the personal use of members at all normal times.

### **The Walton and Weybridge Local History Society.**

The Society was founded in November, 1963. Its first President was the late Miss Dorothy Grenside sometime curator of Weybridge Museum. Miss M. Gollancz, Surrey County Archivist, is the present President.

The object of the Society is to publish a comprehensive history of Walton and Weybridge and to preserve, if possible, local antiquities. Monthly meetings are held at which lectures on local history are given and, in the summer months, excursions to places of historic interest are undertaken.

A news-sheet, *Dialstone*, is widely circulated every other month, together with monographs written by members. A number of booklets, transcripts and papers relating to local history have been published during the last five years, details of which can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Mrs. M. Eedle, 16 Lakeside, Oatlands Drive, Weybridge.

Members are invited to join various study groups investigating early local records and carrying out fieldwork. The junior section of the Society, under the guidance of Mrs. M. le Fevre, contribute valuable material to our records, and hold regular meetings at which talks are given by senior members.

The Society is a member of the local Arts Council and works closely with the S.A.S., the Weybridge Museum and the Surrey Records Office. Membership of the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society is warmly invited.

(A. G. Martin, Chairman W. & W.L.H.S.)

### **Recent Publications**

ANON. (1969) Roman road research No. 1 *Newsletter*, S.L.A.S., 18, 3-5. (Introductory remarks of a general nature about Roman road research and an appeal for volunteers to help with the research programme being undertaken by S.L.A.S.)

- ANON (1969) *Source materials for local studies in schools: School and centralised collections*. C.N.H.S.S. Papers for Schools No. 1. 3pp. 6d. in stamps from C.N.H.S.S., 96A Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD.
- ANON. (1969) *Local source material in print*. C.N.H.S.S. Papers for Schools No. 2 4pp. 6d. in stamps from C.N.H.S.S., 96A Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD.
- \*BAKER, R. (1969) *City Posts in and around Walton and Weybridge*. The Walton and Weybridge Local History Society, Monograph No. 5.
- BAKER, R. G. M. (1969) Railways in the Esher district. *Local Hist. News*, Esher Dist. L.H.S., 4, 17-8 (Copy of a lengthy letter to the *Times*, 13th Feb., 1849, complaining of the service of the railway of the time.)
- BOOTH, A. (1969) Paisley Shawls at the (Farnham) Museum. *News Letter*, Farnham Mus. S., 11/2, 4-5. (The addition to the Museum's collection of a fine example dated to 1842.)
- BOOTH, A. (1969) Recent (Farnham) Museum acquisitions. *News Letter* Farnham Mus. S., 11/2, 7-8. (Lists and describes some recent acquisitions including a 19th century timber Nib - a vehicle used for carry tree trunks out of the wood where they are felled.)
- BOOTH, A. (1969) The site of Monkermill (Farnham). *News Letter*, Farnham Mus. S., 11/2, 8-9.
- BRANSON, J. W. (1969) The West family of Farnham. *News Letter*, Farnham Mus. S., 11/2, 10-12.
- BULL, M. and HILL, Miss R. (1969) St. Mary's Ch., Putney. *News Sheet*, Wandsworth H.S., 1969/3, 1-2. (Comment and additional information to Bailey (1969) *Ibid*, 1969/2).
- CROWE, DR. A. L. (1969) Some correspondence and other documents of the Farnham Local Board and Farnham U.D.C. 1866-1900. *News Letter*, Farnham Mus. Soc., 11/2, 12-5.
- DAY, B. (1969) (Farnham Museum Society) Archaeological Group — Survey Committee. *News Letter*, Farnham Mus. S., 11/2, 2-4. (An account of the Committee's activities and the results they have achieved so far.)
- DREWETT, P. L. (1969) *The archaeology and history of Croham Hurst*. C.N.H.S.S. General Excursion Notes No. 7.
- HARGRAVES, R. (1969) The Barley Mow Inn, Hersham. *Dialstone*, 28, 2-3. (An account of the descent of the property from 1620 to the present day.)
- MONTAGUE, E. N. (1969) *The Elms, Mitcham*. Merton Hist. Soc. 7 pp. 2 illus., map. 2/- plus 4d. postage from E. N. Montague, 9 Devonshire Road, Sutton. (The latest in the Merton Historical Society's series of booklets on the old houses of Mitcham. *The Elms* was built in the 18th century and demolished in 1894).
- OCKENDEN, A. (1969) Latest discovery at Merstham. *Palobates* (Croydon Caving Club Newsletter) 8, 4. (Rediscovery of another Firestone or Hearthstone mine.)
- \*RENDELL, D. G. and WIGNALL, G. T. (1969) *Ewell 1968*. N. & E.A.S. 14pp. plus map. Sub-titled *A report on the village of Ewell and some suggestions regarding future development within the village centre*, this report states the N. & E.A.S.'s case for a Conservation Area in Ewell and their views on planning policy in the village.)

## OCTOBER

Tuesday, 7th, 7.30 p.m.

RAILWAYS. A talk by MR. W. G. THARBY to the BOURNE SOCIETY at Warlingham County Secondary School.

Saturday, 18th

### S.A.S. VISIT TO MERTON AND MORDEN

Arranged by the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY and led by MR. A. M. TURNER, MR. W. N. BLACK and MR. L. GREEN.

10.45 a.m. Morden Parish Church (St. Lawrence) by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Peter Dawson, who will lead this part of the visit.

The Church is on the A.24 at the top of George Hill. There is a large free car park in Morden Park (by the Swimming Bath), almost adjoining the Church. Bus: No. 93 from either Wimbledon or Epsom Stations (10 min. service). Green Line: No. 713 from Dorking (10.08). Underground: Northern Line to Morden Stn. (10 mins. walk). B.R.:  $\frac{1}{2}$ -hourly service from W. Croydon (5 mins. walk).

12.30 p.m. The Snuff Mill, Morden Hall Park.

1.00 p.m. Lunch. Picnic facilities in either Morden Park or Morden Hall Park (N.T.). Sandwiches and drinks at the *Crown P.H.* Morden or the *Old Leather Bottel*. P.H. Kingston Road. No restaurants nearer than Wimbledon (2 miles).

2.30 p.m. Merton Priory site, Station Road. Merton Abbey.

3.0 p.m. Merton Abbey Printworks (associations with Wm. Morris).

4.15 p.m. Merton Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, where the Vicar, Canon S. H. Heaton-Renshaw will describe the Church.

5.30 p.m. Tea, Merton Parish Hall (next door to the Church) kindly organised by Mrs. A. M. Turner and friends. Only available to members booking by 11th October and if paid for in advance.

Tickets (Members 3/-. non-members 4/-, tea 5/-) from Miss C. Smith, *Elyots*, Minster Road, Godalming.

## STOP PRESS

**Buildings of England: Surrey**

A second edition of *The Buildings of England: Surrey* (Penguin Books) is being prepared. Mrs. B. Cherry, 58 Lancaster Road, London. N.4, would like to be informed of any errors and omissions that members may have noticed in the first edition. Information should preferably be sent to Mrs. Cherry by the end of September.

SOWAN, P. W. (1969) *An outline general bibliography for Croydon and its immediate surroundings*. C.N.H.S.S., Bibliographies for Regional Survey No. 3. 10pp.

THORNHILL, MRS. L. (1969) Millstones from Church Street. *Bulletin*, C.N.H.S.S., 14, 3. (The discovery of four millstones at Tesco's new site in Church Street, Croydon. The stones are 4' in diameter and are in segments. They appear to be French Burr Stones of a chalcidonic hornstone from La Ferte-sous Jouarre or Eperon. This stone has a very variable texture, hence the use of segments. The pieces were cemented together with plaster of Paris and iron hoops were filled round the circumference. Two of the millstones have been donated towards a Croydon museum and are being cared for by the C.N.H.S.S.)

THORNHILL, MRS. L. (1969) Preliminary report from Croham Hurst. *Buletin*, C.N.H.S.S., 15, 1.

\*Books and pamphlets marked with an asterisk are in the Society's Library at Castle Arch. The absence of an asterisk does not preclude the possibility that the item may be acquired in the future. The periodical publications of local societies in Surrey are nearly all held at Castle Arch but are not marked in this list.

## MEETINGS AND COURSES

### COURSES

Fridays from 26th September, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGY IN ENGLAND. Lecturer Alan Cook. A one year course designed to give students a general background and a practical appreciation of archaeology in this country. There will be an emphasis on the methods of archaeological exploration recordings and research, and students will be given opportunities to visit local excavations, museums and monuments, and to handle archaeological material. It is hoped that all students will be prepared to take part in a class project involving some original research which can be published at the end of the course as tangible evidence of the work completed.

Morley College (A non-vocational College of adult education 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.1. Fee for course of 35 classes: 42/6 plus 10/- College Registration fee (which gives use of library, refectory and other facilities). Enrolment (not by post) in the week beginning 15th September, or on the first night of course.  
NOTE: Fridays from 26th September, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF GREECE. Lecturer: Eric Uphill. University Extension Course of 23 classes. Morley College, as above.

Tuesdays from 23rd September, 7.30 p.m.

A NEW LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY. A series of ten illustrated talks arranged by the Bourne Society. Different speakers. At Warlingham County Secondary School.

## SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, 23rd, 7.30 p.m.

**A NEW LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY.** A talk by J. BATLEY to the BOURNE SOCIETY at Warlingham County Secondary School.

Friday, 26th, 8.0 p.m.

**POMPEII.** A talk by MR. T. SHAW to the WANDSWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY at Wandsworth Town Hall.

Saturday, 27th

### S.A.S. Visit to Chertsey Area

Arranged by Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe.

- 10.20 a.m. Meet at Parish Church (St. Peter's) at junction of the three main streets. Car park adjoining Public Library in Guildford St.
- 10.45 a.m. Chertsey Museum (Old Town Hall).
- 11.15 a.m. Abbey site; stewponds; principal buildings in the main streets.
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch. View 18th century bridge.
- 2.30 p.m. St. Ann's Court (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Fischer). A distinguished modern house on the site of the home of Charles James Fox. View Fox's Tea House Grotto and Garden Temple.
- 3.30 p.m. Botley's Park mansion (by kind permission of the Medical Superintendent, Botley's Park Hospital). Neo-classical, 1763-5, to a design by Kenton Couse.
- 4.10 p.m. Hardwick Court Farm (by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Boyde). 17th century house and medieval barn.
- 5.15 p.m. Tea at Queenwood House by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Pardoe. Exhibition of topographical drawings, early English water colours and architectural designs.

Lunch. Facilities for lunch are poor. *The Bridge Hotel* will provide sandwiches (assorted fillings) at 2/6 per round only if ordered in advance. Packed lunches could probably be taken in the Hotel's riverside grounds. Please order sandwiches from Miss Smith by 20th September giving number of sandwiches required and enclosing payment therefor.

Car transport is necessary to *Bridge Hotel* and thereafter, but lifts can be arranged.

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

Tuesday, 30th, 7.30 p.m.

**THE LEGACY OF NATURE.** A talk by MR. R. CLARKE to the BOURNE SOCIETY at Warlingham County Secondary School.