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S.A.S. VISITS

May 15th. Walk from Buckland Green to Merstham.

June 2nd. Visit to St. Albans.

Details of these visits were given in **Bulletin 76.**

EXCAVATION NOTICES

TOPPINGS WHARF, TOOLEY STREET, SOUTHWARK.

Director: Mr. Harvey Sheldon.

Excavation is being carried out by the Southwark Archaeological Committee and Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society in continuation of work done last year, every day to the end of June, except on Monday and Tuesday, but including Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The site lies next to London Bridge and is therefore very close to any bus crossing the bridge, and also buses 44 and 70, London Bridge Underground, and S.R. Railway Station. Entrance is in Tooley Street between London Bridge Approach and St. Olaf House. Volunteers should report directly to the director. Basic training will be given to beginners. Enquiries to Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17. Tel. 703 6514, Ext. 3.

NOTES

Assistance needed—1

The growing range of activities that your Society is willingly undertaking—especially in the fields of Recording and Conservation—has meant an increased burden of work for all the honorary officers and committee members. To a very marked degree the amount that your Society can do is governed by the number of members willing to give time and energy to its activities.

Inevitably much of the work undertaken by the officers and committees is of a secretarial or clerical nature. At present the Society lacks the resources to employ more than a bare minimum of paid secretarial assistance, but it is thought that there should be some members with secretarial or clerical ability who would be willing to help for an hour or two per week on a voluntary basis. If you are able and willing to help in this way, would you please write to the Hon. Sec.? Volunteers will be put in touch with an officer or committee member living near them who needs help.

(D. J. Turner).

Assistance needed—2

The construction of the M.23 and M.25 motorways is due to start in a few weeks' time. This presents both an archaeological challenge and an archaeological opportunity. If this challenge is to be met and the opportunity taken, a great deal of work will have to be done. Volunteers are needed to help organize, to observe preliminary work, to take part in rescue excavations, to do background research and to do clerical chores. There will also be a need for one or two people who can offer their telephone numbers as reporting points which will have a reasonable chance of being manned on weekdays during office hours.

Volunteers with specialist ability—surveyors, draughtsmen, photographers, typists, etc.,—will be especially welcome. All volunteers should write, in the first instance, to the Hon. Sec., giving a summary of the range of help they can offer.

(D. J. Turner).

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Obituary

It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death of Mr. A. G. Martin—Tony to his many friends—on March 11th at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey. He was 49.

In 1958 he became a member of the Surrey Archaeological Society and was its local Secretary for Walton and Weybridge Urban District from 1963. In 1964 he was a founder of the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society, its first Chairman and for many years an active Committee Member.

When the late Mrs. Grenside retired Tony Martin was appointed Honorary Curator of the Weybridge Museum, then housed in some confusion in a room in Aberdeen House. He played an active part in the scheme that resulted in the building of the present Museum.

Although an expert on modern systems of factory planning his first loves were for local history and old buildings and a few weeks before his death he secured an appointment with the Ancient Monuments Division of the Department of the Environment.

His interests were manifold and gave him an ever enlarging circle of friends. As a photographer he was prompt and painstaking and few if any of the local buildings of interest escaped his lens. To local historians of the future his photographic survey of the district will be

invaluable. When Oatlands Palace was being excavated he joined the diggers and was never happier than when down a hole trowelling out pieces of Bellarmine pottery.

Through his professional, social and hobby interests he became widely known and liked in the district. Of a gentle, unselfish and approachable temperament he was a man to whom his friends—and often enough strangers—could turn to for help and always get it.

To Mrs. Betty Martin and her son and daughter, we extend our deepest sympathy. Tony was a good friend and his passing leaves us all the poorer.

(G. B. Greenwood).

Surrey Field Systems

Since the work of H. L. Gray on the English field systems appeared in 1915, there has been little further research on this subject in Surrey, either to confirm or to refute his conclusions. It has been suggested, therefore, that a county-wide programme of research into field systems would be a valuable exercise, both in building up knowledge on this subject and in encouraging the use of a wide range of source materials.

It is hoped to obtain the co-operation of local societies throughout Surrey. In the first instance, any enquiries, offers of assistance or information about existing work on field systems should be addressed to either:

K. A. Bailey, B.A., 32 Westhorpe Road, Putney, London, S.W.15.
or: I. G. Galbraith, B.A., 61 Overdale, Ashtead, Surrey.

(K. A. Bailey).

Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society

The Society is currently launching a drive to increase its active membership. A crisis situation exists in Southwark and Lambeth where a vast amount of redevelopment is due to take place over the next ten years, with the consequent destruction of archaeological sites. If they disappear unrecorded there will never be an opportunity to study them again. New members are urgently needed to take part in excavation and processing of finds.

Details of the Society can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, Miss M. Johns, 130 Station Road, Hendon, N.W.4.

Croydon: Excavation at 41 Church Street. (TQ 321 655)

Following their policy to investigate as many areas as possible in Old Town, before they are re-developed, the Croydon N.H. & S. Society in January, 1971, excavated an area 70 feet by 5 feet in this plot, where it adjoins Church Street.

The whole site was covered with hard surfaces. Nothing later than nineteenth century was found beneath the concrete, and very little of that date. A building shown on a Tithes Commutation map of 1838 is probably the one demolished in 1970, it figures on the Enclosure map of Croydon, 1797, but the actual date of construction was not ascertained.

Below the hard core was an area about 20 inches square, of tiles laid to form part of a pavement, the remainder of which was presumably destroyed. There were eighteenth century clay tobacco pipes and domestic sherds.

Next came a rough pavement of angular flints, probably dating to the construction of the building, this being borne out by the fact that the next layer below contained pottery, three different kinds of tigs, and tobacco pipes, together dateable to the seventeenth century.

Beneath this was a further bed of flints associated with a few pieces of re-used building material; their primary use in a much earlier building was suggested by tooling of the kind associated with Early Medieval buildings. One rim-fragment of a medieval jug and sherds of Tudor Green glazed ware were found among the flints.

The flints were cut through by a small pit full of cinder and other material. It had probably been dug to contain hot ashes, being too small for the normal rubbish pit and too shallow for a post-hole. The layer beneath was sterile and lay just above natural which is Taplow Terrace gravels.

From the small size and relative scarcity of earlier sherds compared to the relative abundance of seventeenth century material, it is unlikely that this piece of land was developed much before that period, though the lower bed of flints suggests an earlier attempt to stabilize the surface. This plot lies at the foot of a hill from which many springs issued to feed the Wandle, until channeled underground by the Croydon Waterboard in the nineteenth century.

(Lilian Thornhill).

Woldingham: 'Tin' coin found at TQ 374563.

In June, 1970, Mr. N. Reynolds of Slines Oak Road, Woldingham found a coin in his garden and reported it to the writer in March 1971. It has been submitted to the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum, who report as follows:

'An ancient British 'tin' or speculum coin. This specimen is an early example of tin coin type (which has been widely found over South East England). The dating is 50 B.C. to 50 A.D. approx., this piece being placed very early in that range. Early examples of this coinage are somewhat rare and are of importance in the study of the development of this series of coins.

The obverse shows the crude head of Apollo facing left. The reverse is a crude representation of a charging bull.'

There are no other recorded finds of a similar date from Woldingham.

(Mary Saaler).

Recent Publications

Evans, R. T. and Tylecote, R. F. (1967) Some vitrified products of Non-Metallurgical Significance. *Bull. Hist. Metallurgy Group*, I, 9, 22-3. (Report on vitrified material, thought to be cow-dung ash, from the excavation of the Iron Age site at Hawks Hill, reported in S.A.C. LXII, 1-3).

Mercer, T. S., (1971) *A Souvenir of Old Thames Ditton*. 56pp. 57 pictures of old houses. 37p (7/6). Post 5p. From the author, 15 Speer Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Nash, M. (1970) Traffic on the Wey Navigation in the second half of the seventeenth century. *J. Transport Hist.* 1966, VII, 218.

Rendell, Maureen (1970) Notes on the Turnpike Trusts. (Egham to Bagshot Turnpike Road). *Egham-by-Runnymede H. S. Newsletter* 35, 2-3.

- Scott, Isabella (1971) Living Memories, 1—Farleigh. Bourne Society Local History Records X, 19-20.**
- Tutt, Dorothy (1971) Chelsham School. Bourne Society Local History Records X, 30-33.**
- Walker, D & West R. G. (Ed.) (1970) Studies in the Vegetational History of the British Isles. Essays in honour of Harry Godwin. 270p. 3pl. numerous figs. and Tables. Cambridge University Press. £8.00.**
- Walker, T. E. C. (1970) Source Material for the Local History of the Esher District—The Bishop's Transcripts. Esher District L.H.S. News Sheet 11, 50-51.**

COURSES

It is regretted that this information was received too late for inclusion in **Bulletin 76.**

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES in association with G.L.I.A.S. presents a course of 6 University Extension lectures on **Field Techniques of Industrial Archaeology** on Tuesdays, 7.0-9.0 p.m., beginning 27 April 1971 at the Extra-Mural Centre, 32 Tavistock Square, WC1.

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CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 22nd

Public Inquiries—Presenting the Conservation Case. C.B.A. Conference at the Botany Theatre, University College, Gower Street, W.C.1. Tickets 25p each.

MEETINGS

MAY

Monday 3rd, 8 p.m.

Some Aspects of the Art and Culture of Anglo-Saxon England. Talk by Mr. J. C. M. Blatch to the Mayford History Society, at Mayford Village Hall.

Monday 17th, 8 p.m.

THE BATTLE OF DORKING. Talk by Commander Paul Bethel, R.N. to the Dorking and Leith Hill Preservation Society, Historical Group, at Martineau Hall, Dorking.

Tuesday, 18th, 7.30 p.m.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE WADDON DISTRICT, a Reassessment in the light of recent acquisitions. Talk by Mrs. Muriel Shaw to the Croydon N.H. & S.S. at The Studio, Edridge Road, Croydon.

Tuesday, 18th 8 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF BUSHY PARK. Talk by Mr. C. Murray Anstead to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Saturday 22nd, 3 p.m.

Annual General Meeting of Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Brooklands College, Heath Road, Weybridge.

Thursday, 27th, 7.45 p.m.

A.G.M. of the Esher District L.H.S., followed by Brooklands, Weybridge. Talk on recent excavation, by Rosamond Hanworth, at King George's Hall, Esher.

Friday 28th, 8 p.m.

THE LONDON AIRPORT SITE. Talk by Mr. Roy Canhom to Wandsworth H.S. at The Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Wandsworth.

JUNE

Tuesday, 1st 7.0 p.m.

WORK IN WANDSWORTH AND MERTON. Talk by Mr. N. Farrant and Mr. E. Montague to Southwark & Lambeth A.S. at the Cuming Museum, Walworth Road.

Tuesday, 15th 8 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF MALDEN. Talk by Miss C. A. E. Nicklin to Kingston upon Thames A.S. at the Lecture Hall, Central Library, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Wednesday, 23rd, 7.30 p.m.

RUNNING A SMALL MUSEUM. Talk by Mr. T. Pullan to the Croydon N.H. & S.S. at the Study Room, Croydon Public Library.

Wednesday 23rd, 8.15 p.m.

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW. Talk by Mr. R. W. King to Walton & Weybridge L.H.S. at Elm Grove, Hersham Road, Walton-on-Thames.

Friday 25th, 8 p.m.

ANGLO-SAXON JEWELLERY. Talk by Mr. A. Mitson to Wandsworth H.S. at The Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Wandsworth.

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