

# Surrey Archaeological Society

## Medieval Studies Forum

**Newsletter No. 3**

**January 2008**

Welcome to the third in our series of occasional Newsletters. We attach details of the forthcoming meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at Bagshot, which will be a joint meeting with the Village Studies Group. We very much hope for a good turnout for what promises to be an excellent day.

The next meeting has now been confirmed for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's at Guildford with a meeting devoted largely to churches. The programme so far includes a presentation by Sabrina Harcourt-Smith on her work on Surrey for the Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture in Britain and Ireland and one on St Mary's by Mary Alexander. We hope also to have presentations or other contributions from Alan Bott (on churches in SW Surrey), Robert Briggs (who has recently completed a Masters in Medieval Studies, on the dating of eleventh and early twelfth towers in Surrey) and Derek Renn (also on aspects of early towers). As these contributions are largely architectural, it would be good for balance if there were a contribution or two on church or monastic life, either in itself or within the wider medieval community; any volunteers please contact Mary directly.

When we met at Leatherhead last autumn, there was little enthusiasm for a full day devoted to pottery studies in 2008, so as a result of that discussion we now propose that the autumn meeting be based on Surrey's early towns, picking up from Martin O'Connell's "Historic Towns in Surrey", published as SyAS Research Volume 5 in 1977, to include much recent research. We hope to hold the meeting in Reigate. Those interested in making a presentation, of whatever length, at this meeting are asked to contact Richard and Pamela.

### **The Society for Medieval Archaeology**

Rose Hooker has kindly drawn our attention to the following:

"The ADS and the Society for Medieval Archaeology are pleased to announce that in celebration of the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary the first fifty volumes of Medieval Archaeology have been released online:

<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/resources.html?medarch>

Covering papers published between 1957 and 2006, the release will ultimately comprise two parts; the currently released digitised articles followed by the corresponding plates and copyrighted images, due in 2008. All papers are searchable in a number of ways and the complete series of indexes has also been made available for reference online.

This resource represents a freely available form of one of the UK's most significant scholarly journals and will further enhance its status as an invaluable source for all medieval archaeologists as well as scholars and researchers in related fields. The release is also a fantastic way to celebrate the Society for Medieval Archaeology's 50th anniversary.

**“Medieval Seminar” series in London 2007/8**

Just a reminder that this series of joint lectures by the Institute of Archaeology and the British Museum continues with three lectures in the Spring Term and two in the Summer Term. Details were published with Newsletter 2 last year. If anyone would like further details please contact Richard and Pamela.

**Contributions to the Newsletter**

We would welcome contributions from members of the Forum for inclusion in the Newsletter. It is not intended that the Newsletter should become a formal vehicle for publication but notes on ongoing research, queries or requests for assistance could be included. These can be sent to Richard and Pamela by e-mail or post.

**Membership List**

There were no objections to publishing a list of all Forum members, their interests and contact details and this will be circulated with the next Newsletter. We do not have details of areas of interest for all and invite you to update or notify Richard and Pamela of these by the end of February.

**A reminder**

Where members have e-mail addresses, communications will be sent only by e-mail (unless they request otherwise) in order to minimise the administration costs of running the Forum. Please let Richard or Pamela know of any changes to e-mail addresses as they occur.

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