# SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY VISITS AND LECTURES

#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR 1965

(Dates and details will be announced in forthcoming Bulletins)

FEBRUARY: S.A.S. members are invited to meetings detailed

below.

20th MARCH Lectures at Guildford. 24th APRIL: Visit to Basing Area.

Organiser: Mrs. Sidney Smith.

MAY: To be arrange

15th JUNE Visit to Christchurch (Red House Museum etc.)

Organiser: T. E. C. Walker, F.S.A.

17th JULY Walk in the Box Hill area.

Organiser: K. W. E. Gravett, M.Sc.

AUGUST: Visit in connection with excavation in Surrey.

25th SEPTEMBER: Symposium at Guildford, preceded by exhibition at

at Guildford House.

Organiser: K. W. E. Gravett, M.Sc.

OCTOBER: Lecture at Morden with the Merton and Morden

Historical Society.

NOVEMBER: Lectures at Guildford.

4th DECEMBER: Lecture with the Leatherhead and District Local

Historical Society.

Detailed notices of visits are to be circulated by means of the Bulletin until further notice. No fee is to be charged. Members who have been paying the 3/- subscription to the Visits Notices by Bankers Order are asked to cancel these orders.

Mrs. R. K. Chiles, Secretary of Visits Committee, 38 Court Hill, Sanderstead.

## SOUTHWARK SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1965 2.30 p.m.

For the last three years excavations have been carried out in the Borough of Southwark, under the auspices of the Southwark Archaelogical Excavation Committee. Some ten sites have been excavated and six directors have been involved.

The Southwark Borough Council in conjunction with the London Natural History Society (Archaeological Section) have arranged a Symposium to be held at the Lecture Room in the Health Centre, Walworth Road. Speakers will describe the various excavations that have taken place and there will be an exhibition of finds. The exhibition will be open at 2 p.m.

Admission will be free and tickets are not required.

# LECTURE BY G. C. DUNNING, F.S.A. WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1965 6.30 p.m.

G. C. Dunning, F.S.A., the leading authority on mediaeval pottery in England, will be lecturing the London Natural History Society. His subject will be Mediaeval pottery and its use in tracing trade connections between England and the Continent. The lecture will be given at the College of Preceptors, 2 Bloomsbury Square, W.1.

Members of the Surrey Archaeological Society who would like to hear Mr. Dunning, are invited to attend as guests of the Chairman of the

Archaeological Section of the L.N.H.S.

# SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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# BULLETIN

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This Bulletin represents a new venture on the part of the Surrey Archaeological Society. Its aims can be grouped under three headings.

The first is to bring all members of the Society into closer touch with its many activities. We can, I believe, claim that our programme is as varied and lively as that of any county archaeological society. Each year a really remarkable number of excavations is carried out by our members in different parts of the county. Throughout the greater part of the year a very varied programme of visits and lectures is arranged. Members are given general notice of these branches of activities annually, but details can usually only be notified shortly in advance of the date on which events are taking place. These details have hitherto only been sent to those members who have asked to receive them. The Council believes that many more members would be interested to know what is going on. Even if they do not themselves wish to participate in excavations, they might be interested to visit one if they were in the neighbourhood, and though they might not feel it likely that they would regularly take part in visits, their interest might be attracted to one particular programme. The Bulletin will include the programme of excavations, visits and any other activity, and these will therefore be available to all members.

Secondly, the Council has for some time had under consideration the possibility of issuing a form of Notes and Queries by means of which members can pass on interesting items of information of a kind that would not merit a full-scale article in the Collections but nevertheless should not pass without mention. It would also be a means whereby members (and others) could ask for information on a subject in which they are interested.

The third aim is to serve as a means of liason between the County Society and the numerous active local and school societies. One of the outcomes of the very successful meeting organised recently with representatives of the local societies was the expression of the need for some organ of this sort.

The Council therefore hopes that the Bulletin will serve these needs and any others that may arise. That it has become possible to publish and circulate it is due entirely to a number of most generous offers of voluntary assistance from public spirited members, to whom the gratitude of the whole Society is due.

Kathleen M. Kenyon,

President.

### **EXCAVATION NOTICE**

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD

Director: MISS J. M. HARDING. (N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Helpers are urgently needed to complete the excavation of this occupation floor before the quarry engulfs it. The site is sheltered and dry. Diggers can be protected from rain. Trenches are protected from frost.

The site is open for diggers and visitors in the first two weekends of each month.

January 2/3 9/10. March 6/7 13/14. February 6/7 13/14. April 3/4.

Entrance is from the A25 just opposite the Silent Pool via the gate marked Albury Sand Pit. Cars may be left in the old brickyard. The excavation is above the sand quarry on the south side.

Enquiries to Miss Joan Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.

# SURREY ARCHAEOLIGICAL COLLECTIONS VOLUME XLI

It is expected that the next volume of the collections will appear in February. It will be distributed to all eligible members and the following offprints of papers will also be available separately at the prices stated.

Price to members shown bracketed.

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The North Downs trackway in Surrey; a reappraisal by

H. W. R. Lillie, 12pp, 4 maps - - - (3/-) 4/-

Interim report on the excavation of a Late Bronze Age homestead in Weston Wood, Albury by Miss J. M. Harding. 10pp. 4 pls. (3/-) 4/6

Local bronze implements in Kingston-upon-Thames Museum by D. C. Devenish. 10pp. 3 fig. - - - (3/6) 5/-

The Atwood Iron Age and Romano-British site, Sanderstead, 1960 by

R. I. Little. 12pp. 3 figs. - - - - (3/-) 4/The Civil War in the Hundred of Godalming by F. G. Mellersh

#### SURVEYING

From time to time surveys are required of sites to be excavated, earthworks and threatened buildings. Up to now the work has been undertaken by one or two members. It is felt that more members might be prepared to offer their help and thus spread the load. The Society owns the necessary surveying equipment.

It would be greatly appreciated if members with surveying experience who are prepared to give their time occasionally would send their names to the Excavation Organiser.

N. P. Thompson, 29 Southview Court, Hillview Road, Woking.

### LOCAL NOTES

#### Albury: Weston Wood. (N.G.R.: TO 053485)

The excavation of a Late Bronze Age settlement is continuing, and an extensive area of occupation debris, covering 150 ft. × 100 ft. is being investigated. The finds include a carstone floor filled with ashes; a clay covered oven; fire pits, some with pots beside them; bun loom weights and a twelve inch baked clay strainer which is unique in this period.

These finds have been reported in *The Guardian* of 25th September, and on the B.B.C. on 8th November in *The Archaeologist*. Material from the homestead site is on display at Guildford Museum.

(Miss J. M. Harding).

#### Ashtead Forest. (N.G.R.: TQ 17856022)

Further work at the site of the Romano-British tilery has been made possible by the clearance of timber etc. during the 1939-45 war. During the past two years a survey of ground features has recorded three areas of clay working. Two of these can be assigned to the Roman period, but the third is probably 17th century.

The largest Roman claypit was found to have two, or probably three, peripheral areas of brick firing. One of these was examined this year and was almost certainly the remains of a clamp kiln of two periods, associated with the claypit (here about 5 feet deep) by a paved ramp. Indications of at least three buildings additional to those so far recorded have been noted. It is hoped to continue survey and excavations in 1965.

(J. N. Hampton).

#### Carshalton: Orchard Hill (N.G.R.: TO 278643)

Excavation started in October on a site where old peoples homes are to be erected. Finds include a considerable quantity of worked flint mainly mesolithic in character. (D. J. Turner).

#### Caterham and District: Bourne Society

No. IV of the Bourne Society's publication Local History Records is now available, price 2/6 from booksellers or 3/-, post free, from T. W. Relfe, Station Road, Redhill. It contains 44 pages and there are ten illustrations. Articles include The Croydon and Reigate Road by W. G. Tharby, Stanstead and its deeds by Jeoffry Spence, Riddlesdown Man by James Batley (a definitive account of the discovery of burials on Riddlesdown in 1962) and Tithepit Shaw Cavern by L. V. Gordon. The publication sets an extremely high standard and its contents deserve a wide audience.

(J. C. Batley and D. J. Turner).

### Farnham: Park Farm. (N.G.R.: SU 865484)

It is understood that the moated site at Park Farm, Badshotlea, is threatened by proposed building development. This is an important site consisting of a rectangular moated enclosure with ancillary earthworks. Some investigation, including a survey, is essential before the site disappears. Offers of assistance please to N. P. Thompson, 29 Southview. Court, Hillview Road, Woking.

(D. J. Turner).

### Outwood: Post Mill. (N.G.R.: TQ 328456)

In view of the collapse of the smock mill at Outwood some four years ago, it is good to learn that the thorough repair and restoration of the nearby post mill by its owners is to be completed by June next when its 300th anniversary will be reached.

' (A. Buckland Kent).

#### Reigate Heath: Windmill. (N.G.R.: TQ 234501)

This well known landmark has been thoroughly repaired and restored and sails have been added, by the Reigate Borough Council. The Surrey County Council made a grant towards the cost.

(A. Buckland Kent).

#### Southwark: S.A.E.C. activities

Excavation was organised by the Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee on three sites in the borough in 1964. The major result has been to produce stratified sequencies of pottery of the 16th to 19th centuries. The excavation at Emerson Street revealed traces of timber framed buildings of the 17th cenutry with sill beams resting on the ground surface.

The pottery sequences include important associations and should give a chronological framework for dating these styles of pottery especially the coarse domestic wares about which little is known.

Rescue work in the borough has produced traces of Romano-British occupation at London Bridge Approach; a possible trace of Watling Street near St. Georges Church and wasters and kiln furniture from a mid 18th century pottery kiln in Lavington Street.

(M. R. Maitland Muller).

#### Wimbledon Common. (N.G.R.: TO 223717)

A hitherto unrecorded earthwork on Wimbledon Common has been noticed as a result of careful examination of aerial photographs. The earthwork is rectangular and measures some 200 ft. (north to south) by 330 ft. It has rounded corners and resembles a small Roman marching camp. In view of the non-Roman date of many similar rectangular earthworks elsewhere, no catergoric dating can be made at this stage. A survey is being arranged by the Wandsworth Historical Society.

(N. Farrant).