Tea will be served after the lecture to those who send notification in advance to:-

Miss E. M. Jowett, 12 Cranleigh Road, S.W.19.
(Telephone: CHErrywood 1153)

The cost of tea will be 3/6d.

Please do NOT apply to Castle Arch or to Mrs. Chiles.

#### SYMPOSIUM ON THE WRITING OF LOCAL HISTORY

TUESDAY, 19th OCTOBER, 1965: 8 p.m.

The BOURNE SOCIETY has arranged a symposium at Purley Public Library to which S. A. S. members are invited. The theme is the writing of local history and speakers will include the writers of local histories of Blechingley, Godstone, Lewisham, Sanderstead and Whyteleaf. The idea is to demonstrate the diversity of local historians rather than to give formal lectures on specific places.

#### CONFERENCE ON MECHANICAL AIDS IN EXCAVATION

SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER, 1965

A one day C.B.A, conference will be held at the University of London Institute of Archaeology, Gordon Square, W.C.1. Admission will be by ticket, obtainable from the Secretary, C.B.A., 4 St. Andrews Place, London, N.W.1. The conference fee will be 12/- which includes morning coffee and afternoon tea.

The conference is intended to acquaint archaeologists with various new field techniques. There will be opportunities for discussion. An exhibition covering a wide range of trade literature relating to machinery and equipment will be on show, together with examples of a geodesic globe and shelters.

#### NOVEMBER MEETINGS

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 9

NOVEMBER, 1965

The VISITS COMMITTEE regret that this meeting has had to be cancelled.

#### VISIT TO MINET LIBRARY

SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, 2.30 to 4.45 p.m.

The BOURNE SOCIETY are revisiting The Minet Library, Knatchbull Road, London, S.E.5 on Saturday, 6th November. The Librarian will give a short talk on the library and there will be a conducted tour of a special display of material from East Surrey. Will S.A.S. members who would like to attend please send their names and s.a.e. to:-

The Secretary, The Bourne Society, 59 Torwood Lane, Whyteleafe.

## EXCAVATIONS AT WESTON WOOD, ALBURY

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY MISS JOAN M. HARDING

THURSDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1965 at 8 p.m.

Miss Harding will show slides of her excavations at Weston Wood. Albury to the HOLMSDALE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP and will describe the discoveries. The talk will be given at the Museum, Croydon Road. Reigate. Members of the S.A.S. who have not had an opportunity of seeing these slides are invited to come to the meeting.

# SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CASTLE ARCH, GUILDFORD

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### BULLETIN

October, 1965

#### **EXCAVATION NOTICES**

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD
AND MESOLITHIC HORIZON

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Director: MISS JOAN M. HARDING.

Helpers are needed to continue this rescue excavation before the quarry engulfs the site. The site is sheltered and dry. Diggers can be protected from the rain.

Excavation will continue during the first two weekends of October, November and December and also 16th/17th and 30th/31st October.

Entrance is from the A25 just opposite the Silent Pool, between Shere and Newlands Corner via the gate marked Albury Sand Pit, Bus Stop: Silent Pool. Cars may be left in the old brickyard. The excavation is above the sand quarry on the south side.

Enquiries to: Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell. (Telephone: MUSeum 3644, ext. 330).

SIDNEY WOOD, ALFOLD: GLASSHOUSE SITE

(N.G.R.: TQ 016341)

Directors: E. S. WOOD, F.S.A., and F. HOLLING

Excavations will take place at this site during weekends in October commencing on Saturday, 9th and excepting Saturday, 23rd. Work will begin at 10 a.m. each day, Volunteers, who must be members of the S.A.S., are asked to bring their own trowels and, if possible, secateurs. They should contact Mr. Wood or Mr. Holling at Castle Arch before taking part.

The site, which has only recently been discovered, is reached by the road from Dunsfold to Sidney Wood. Enter the wood by the entrance just beyond Knightons Cottage. Park there, Turn left immediately through a gate and follow the track for 150 yards to the site.

#### NOTES AND QUERIES

#### Courses in local history and archaeology

Details of three courses being held this winter were unfortunately received too late for inclusion in the September Bulletin.

At Camberley a course of twenty four lectures and discussions is being given by Dr. J. A. Alexander at Camberley Public Library on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The course commenced on 28th September. The major developments in archaeology in the last few decades will be outlined, with special reference to finds in the British Isles. An outline history of man's development over a million years will be given and illustrated by field visits, slides, excavation reports and original material.

At Reigate a course of twenty-four weekly lectures is being given, under the auspices of the W.E.A., by R. C. W. Cox at the Priory School on Tuesdays starting at 7.30 p.m. The course commenced on 28th September but enrolment can take place on any of the first three evenings. Subjects to be covered include the settlement pattern of Holmesdale; the prehistory of the area; the Saxon contribution to local landscape; the agriculture and industries of the area; and local communications. The course fee is 25/-.

At Wimbledon a W.E.A. course in archaeology entitled *Prehistoric Britain to Roman Britain* is being given at Pelham Girls' School by D. Johnstone. The classes are on Monday evenings and began on 20th September.

(A. H. Morgan, R. C. W. Cox and R. Greenwood).

#### Card Index of Surrey Archaeological Sites

A reference index of Surrey Archaeological Sites has been compiled from the Surrey Archaeological Collections by the Surbiton Excavation Group. It has been deposited at Castle Arch on long loan for use by members of the Society.

The cards give brief information, including map references, where possible, and the period concerned, which is shown in the top-right hand corner of the cards. The cards are filed under civil parishes.

A few other references apart from the Collections are included and it is hoped, with some assistance, to complete the index for all the major national journals. It will then be invaluable for research purposes.

Members are asked not to remove cards from the cabinet but to copy the information as required.

Cards and cabinet were donated by W. H. Dean.

(F. A. Hastings).

#### Surrey Records at Canterbury

The Dean and Chapter Library, Canterbury, contains not only some 15th century court rolls and accounts for East Horsley but also a volume of 140 Privy Council letters (Literary MS. C.2.) relating mainly to Surrey and dated 1569 and 1577-97. Can any member give information concerning the latter?

(Miss M. M. O'Connor).

#### Ashtead Forest: Roman Tilery (TQ 17856022)

Excavations here revealed the full extent and content of the last firing of a tile clamp-kiln, partially explored last year. A considerable wastage of tile due to overfiring was noted at its edges.

The "possible building" mentioned in the note in *Bulletin* No. 1 has now been identified as the flint foundation of a wall with a course of tile about 0.7m wide. From a point just north of the villa the wall extends 55m in a north-easterly direction, then turns south-east for 22m. A possible entrance exists in this eastern side.

The old soil levels here have been leached out, but the paucity of finds in this area, when considered with other evidence, suggest the possibility of a garden enclosure. It is hoped to continue excavations next year.

(J. N. Hampton).

#### Goseford Castle

In Gervase's Mappa Mundi reference is made to a castle at Goseford. Is this a slip for Guildford? Can any member suggest what other site it may relate to?

(D. F. Renn).

#### Godstone Church: Possible fifteenth century screen (TO 357515)

A visit to Great Chelfield Church, in the grounds of the Manor, a National Trust property near Melksham, Wiltshire, showed that it possesses three screens of different types. One is fifteenth century, another a modern copy of a screen in Gloucestershire and a third, across the vestry, of obviously "south-eastern" character and origin. Enquiry at the Manor, brought forth the information that it was purchased in Kent in 1912 and was reputed to come from Godstone Church, Surrey. It is complete with its doors, in very good condition and appears to be of fifteenth-century date. Godstone Church was largely rebuilt by Sir G. G. Scott in 1872, but there is no mention of a screen there in either Brayley or Aymer Vallance's list in Memorials in Surrey.

(K. W. E. Gravett).

#### Tooting: 81 and 83 Upper Tooting Road (TQ 278721)

Cottages that remain in Tooting from the time when Tooting Graveney was still a village have been photographed. In addition 81 and 83 Upper Tooting Road have been the subject of a detailed survey and a description has been published in Wandsworth Historical Society News Sheet 1965 No. 4. It is hoped to publish descriptions of others in the near future.

(M. E. Farley).

#### Wandsworth: Archaeological bibliography

A small group of members of the Wandsworth Historical Society have begun to collect material towards the preparation of a bibliography of the published and manuscript sources of historical and archaeological information relating to the Borough. Anyone possessing or knowing of material that should be included in the bibliography should communicate with the Hon. Sec., Wandsworth Historical Society, 102 Diaraeli Road, S.W.15.

(W. H. S. News Sheet 1965 No.4).

#### Roman Ways in the Weald. By I. D. Margary, F.S.A.

Third (Revised) Edition. Phoenix House, 1965. 36s.

This revised edition of Mr. Margary's classic work will be widely welcomed, but, containing, as it does, accounts of the recent work on the Chichester-Silchester Way and the Sussex Greensand Way, it is of particular importance to those interested in the roads and track-ways of Sussex and Hampshire. Of particular relevance to Surrey are minor alterations and additions relating to Stane Street, and its Rowhook-Farley Heath branch, and to the London-Brighton Way. There are a few additions to the Biblography.

E. E. Harrison).

#### OCTOBER MEETINGS

# SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AND

MERTON AND MORDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**MEETING No. 8** 

SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER, 1965

JOINT LECTURE AT MORDEN

# THE ROMAN VILLA AT ECCLES, NEAR MAIDSTONE EXCAVATIONS 1962-1965

To be given by A. P. DETSICAS, M.A., F.S.A.

This lecture will be given at Morden Library, Morden Road, S.W.19. and will start at 2.30 p.m. Morden Library is 1 min. walk north from Morden L.T. Station (Northern Line), near the junction of Kenley Road and Morden Road.