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OBITUARY

RICHARD HENRY GRESHAM LEVESON GOWER

The Society has lost a rare and valued character by the death, on 7th February 1982, aged 87, of R. H. G. Leveson Gower, of Titsey Place. He joined the Society in 1927, and was elected to the Council in 1929. Since then he served continuously (with the statutory breaks) until he was made a Vice-President in 1956. He remained a faithful attender at Council meetings, and his affection for the Society never flagged. He was a very active member of the Visits Committee from 1972 to 1978, and led or arranged many visits.

Perhaps his main contribution to the Society was that of his own exceptional personality, individualistic to the point of eccentricity, but attractive and lovable. He leaves an indelible impression on all who met him, and he will be greatly missed. He was a completely unassuming man, genuinely interested in people and their problems, and devoted to a simple way of life. During the Second World War he was Railway Transport Officer in the London area, and was later in Transport HQ. His knowledge enabled him to achieve the remarkable feat of dispersing thousands of troops rescued from Dunkirk to the West Country without going through London. His phenomenal memory appeared to include every detail of Bradshaw!

He was devoted to his lovely house and estate at Titsey, and had deep knowledge of the 600 years of Uvedales, Greshams and Leveson Gowers whose home it has been, a knowledge which extended to genealogy, heraldry and local history everywhere. Many Surrey organisations benefited from his support. We are fortunate to have known him.

Eric Wood

EXCAVATION NOTICES

BEDDINGTON VILLA 1982—2nd season of excavation

Volunteers are urgently required by SWLAU for the 2nd season of excavation of the Romano-British villa (Scheduled Ancient Monument) in advance of redevelopment. The excavation of the site at Beddington, near Croydon, will probably continue to mid-December. The site is open for work 7 days a week. Help is needed for digging and for finds processing. No previous experience is required.

For further details please write to: L. & R. A. Adkins, 25 Union Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2XU. Tel: 01-683 1326.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Bagshot Park, Rapley Lake, R-B Site. SU 898644—Remains of a settlement have been found around SU 898644, at the change of alignment proposed in Bulletin 179, June/July 1982. Though the site lies just inside Berkshire, it is of significance to Surrey, as it may affect the interpretation of branch roads to the south, such as the supposed extension of the Rowhook to Farley Heath road to Bagshot. Also, the discovery of a settlement at the complementary angle to Wickham Bushes confirms the interpretation of a zig-zag route west of Duke's Hill. The site may be that described in *Archaeologia* v 7, p199 (1784); the location south of that expected is thought to have arisen when part of Rapley Farm was detached by expansion of Bagshot Park, and the construction of Rapley Lake around 1800. More than 70 sherds and as many tile and brick fragments have been found on the surface, or from fallen trees and burrows, over an area 400 metres by up to 150 metres, along the proposed road line. Four concentrations were noted, the most recent, at the eastern limit, entirely of brick. On the west, among badger setts, iron slag was noted adjacent to a deposit of brick and roof tiles. The site has been much disturbed by cultivation, including a 19th century smallholding, boundary banks, and forestry in the 1940s. Finds have been made to within 50 metres of the county boundary, and the whole site lies south of Rapley Lake. Among the pottery 3 bead rims, two everted rims and part of a foot ring have been found. Only one of the everted rims has so far been examined, but sherds have been confirmed as Roman by Mr K. R. Crouch of Staines Archaeological Unit, and Dr M. G. Fulford at Reading University.

Fieldwork in Windsor Forest by permission of the Crown Estate Office.

T. C. Welsh

CARSHALTON: Stone Court, The Grove (TQ 279646)—The western part of this building has been demolished and will be rebuilt on a slightly different alignment. In July 1982 the builders' foundation trenches were recorded by the writer on behalf of the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society.

Three phases of chalk foundation and one of brick were observed beneath the northern wall of the demolished building. The earliest phase appeared to be on a slightly different alignment and to be resting partly on the natural gravel subsoils and partly on timber piles. There were no datable finds, but the brickwork was thought to be of late 17th or early 18th century date, and appeared to post-date the chalk foundations.

Similar chalk foundations found beneath the southern wall had been largely destroyed by the time observations took place.

A small cellar of 18th or 19th century brickwork was found central to the eastern end of the demolished part of the building.

A more detailed report is in preparation and will be published in the Newsletter of the B.C.W.A.S. These findings, together with those made in 1981 under the lawn to the south of the building (*Bulletin* 175, Nov. 81) confirm the existence of substantial earlier buildings in this area.

The co-operation of the Architect's Department of the London Borough of Sutton and of the builders, A. J. Turnbull and Co. Ltd., is gratefully recorded.

Clive Orton

MEETINGS

OCTOBER

Tuesday 12th

"ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE". Talk by John A. Harris to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham, at 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 9th

"FAMILY HISTORY". Talk by Mrs Betty Brown, genealogist, to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham, at 8 p.m.

CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER

Saturday 6th

MEDIEVAL SURREY—A Further Conference—at Juniper Hall, Mickleham from 9.45 a.m. to 5.15 p.m.,

A second one-day conference on medieval Surrey will be held under the auspices of the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Juniper Hall Field Study Centre. It is hoped that speakers will include Matthew Alexander (St Mary's Church, Guildford); Scott McCracken (The excavation of St Mary's Church, Barnes); Shirley Corke (The lost place of Horton, Abinger); Rob Poulton (Medieval Chertsey); Derek Renn (1948-52 Excavations of Pache-sham, Leatherhead); Alan Crocker (1972-75 Excavations of Guildford Park Manor); John Blair and one other speaker.

The fee will be £7.50, including lunch and other refreshments, payable in advance. Bookings or enquiries for further information to Dennis Turner, 21 Evesham Road, Reigate RH2 9DL.

COURSES 1982/83

The Bourne Society will hold the following courses during the Autumn and Winter seasons:

- 1 "TOWNS OF SOUTHERN ENGLAND" at Taunton Manor High School, Coulsdon. Begins 27th September. Prospectus available from Public Libraries.
- 2 "EAST SURREY VILLAGES" at Banstead Adult Education Centre, Nork Park School, Picquet's Way, Banstead. Lecturer: Mr C. E. Pringle for two terms, (20 sessions) for the University of Surrey. Begins 20th September at 7.30 p.m. Fee £19 (£11.40 for pensioners).
- 3 "FROM FLINTS TO FOUNTAINS" at Gresham School, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead. Lecturer: Miss Dorothy Tutt. 10 meetings commencing 29th September. Fee £8.00.

- 4 "THE ROOF OVER OUR HEADS" at Gresham School, Sanderstead. Lecturer: Miss D. Tutt. 10 meetings commencing in January. Fee £8.00. This course will look at architecture, etc. from 11th to 20th Century. Enrol on first night.

For further information on courses 3 and 4 contact Miss Tutt on Upper Warlingham 2586.

- 5 "TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY" at (a) Warlingham School, Tithes Pit Shaw Lane, Warlingham on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. starting September 21st and (b) De Stafford School, Burntwood Lane, Caterham, on Tuesdays starting January 11th 1983 from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. Tutor: Mrs Jean Tooke. These courses are for beginners. Fee: £6.50.

The Department of Adult Education, University of Surrey will sponsor a course on **Industrial Archaeology** at Lecture Theatre L, University of Surrey, from 12th October to 29th March, 11 meetings, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Various lecturers. Fee: £8.00 for members of SAS. Pensioners £5.00. Further information and booking from Mrs Gwen Potter, Dept. of Adult Education, University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 5XH. Course organiser: Francis Haveron, BA.

EXHIBITION

OCTOBER

Saturday 9th

LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBITION by the Streatham Society at St Margaret's Church Hall, Cricklade Avenue, SW2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: 50p Adults, 25p Child. (Streatham was once in Surrey.)

Next Bulletin: November, for which copy is required by 6th October. Dig directors, please let me have notes on this season's work if possible!

Following Bulletin: January, for which copy is required by 6th December.

I apologise for the late arrival of this Bulletin which is due to circumstances beyond the printers' control.

Hon. Bulletin Editor

REIGATE: Window Fragment of the Tudor Priory (TQ 501251)—The demolition and reconstruction of the badly-decayed wall which forms the Bell Street boundary of Priory Park have recently been carried out. The wall itself may be of 18th century date. During the removal of its foundations a section of a stone window was found. This represents the junction of a mullion and transom of a Tudor window of at least four lights and probably originates from the Priory. Found with it was the base of a mortar of Purbeck marble of uncertain date.

Examination, at a builders' yard some miles away, of the remainder of the foundation material proved negative. Only a few medieval sherds and a fragment of plain floor tile were found. The stone will probably be displayed in the Reigate Priory School Museum.

David Williams

MARGARY AWARD FOR ARCHAEOLOGY IN SURREY

The next award will be in 1984 with the finalists presenting their work and the Award being made at the Excavations Committee Symposium in the Spring of that year. Work carried out between April 1982 and April 1984 will be eligible for the award. Further details on the various types of project that would be suitable for submission and copies of the rules can be obtained from County Planning Officer, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DT, marking your letter for the attention of Dr. D. Bird.

LITERARY SECTION

FREE!—The following periodicals, which are surplus to the requirements of the Society's Library, are on offer, free of charge, to members, in order to free space in the Library:

Archaeologica Geographica 2(3/4), 1951—10/11, 1961-63

Berichten Van De Rijksdienst Voor Het Oudheidkundig Bodemonde Zoek (5) 1954—(27) 1977,

Forvannen 35, 1940-74, 1979 and 75, 1980.

Jahresbericht Schweizerischeslandsmuseum in Zurich 43, 1933—88, 1979 and 89, 1980.

Neddelanden Fran Lunds Universitets Historiska Museum, 1950/51—1979/80.

Members should make arrangements with Mrs. Ashworth, to collect the periodicals from Castle Arch, other arrangements will be made to dispose of any periodicals not collected within two months from the appearance of this notice.

Gillian Drew—Hon. Librarian

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Godstone", a short history by Uvedale Lambert: copies direct from Uvedale Lambert, South Park, Blechingley, Redhill RH1 4NG at £1 plus 20p p+p.