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EXCAVATION NOTICE

BEDDINGTON ROMAN VILLA 1982/3

Last weeks of the dig

The excavation of the villa will cease in February 1983, after a successful 1982 season. Volunteers will probably be required for finds processing after that date and anybody interested is asked to contact L. and R. A. Adkins, 25 Union Road, Croydon, CR0 2XU, Tel: 01-683 1326.

SAS VISITS 1983

16th March	Kingston upon Thames (details below)
9th April	Godstone and District (details below)
14th May	Portsmouth
8th June	Christchurch
6th July	Lingfield and Burstow
13th August	Tunbridge Wells
9th to 11th Sept.	Canterbury, staying at Eliot Hall, University of Kent
24th Sept	Byfleet

SAS VISIT TO KINGSTON UPON THAMES

arranged by Mr F. E. Manning and Mrs Marion Hinton

MARCH

Wednesday 16th

10.30 a.m.

Meet at Kingston upon Thames Museum and Heritage Centre, Fairfield West, where Mrs Hinton will talk about the Centre and recent archaeological discoveries in Kingston. A town walk will follow.

12.30 p.m.

Lunch break in town or in the Canbury Gardens for picnics.

2.00 p.m.

Guildhall, where there will be a display of borough archives and probably the civic regalia. Tea will be provided.  
Car parks: The Fairfield is the nearest to the Museum.

Tickets:

Members 40p, Visitors 50p, Students and accompanied children free, from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL.

## SAS VISIT TO GODSTONE AND DISTRICT

arranged by Lesley Ketteringham

(Programme subject to re-arrangement)

### APRIL

#### Saturday 9th

- 10.45 a.m. Meet at East Surrey Museum, 1 Stafford Road, Caterham, (near the railway station) for coffee and the Godstone Village exhibition.
- 11.30 a.m. To the ancient church of St Lawrence, Caterham-on-the-Hill (AD 1095)
- 12.00 noon To Blechingley via Brewer Street and Place Farm with its 16th century barn. Lunch in Blechingley Castle grounds (archaeological site) by kind permission of the owners Mr and Mrs Bertin. If wet there are restaurants and pubs in the village.
- 1.30 p.m. Walk around Blechingley, a picturesque village with many half-timbered houses.
- 2.00 p.m. To Lagham Manor with its 13th century moat.
- 2.45 p.m. To Godstone via Old Walkenstead.  
Tea is not provided but can be obtained in Godstone.  
Car Parks: There are two in Caterham Valley close to the Museum.
- Tickets: Members 40p, Visitors 50p, Students and accompanied children free, from Mrs J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QL. Entrance to East Surrey Museum 10p. Coffee payable on the day).

## NOTES AND QUERIES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the University of Surrey on 27th November with the President in the chair. The following honorary officers were elected for 1982-83:

President	Mr E. S. Wood, FSA
Joint Secretaries	Dr J. L. and Mrs M. Gower
Treasurer	Mr L. F. Guillem
Editor	The Viscountess Hanworth, FSA
Legal Adviser	Mr S. E. D. Fortescue
Bulletin Editor	Miss L. L. Ketteringham, FSA

The Chairman reminded the Society of the sad loss during the year of two distinguished Vice-Presidents, Mr R. H. G. Leveson-Gower and Mr J. C. Batley. The remaining Hon Vice-Presidents and Vice-Presidents were re-elected. Mr A. C. Sargent was re-appointed auditor. New Council members elected were Dr Lawrence Draper, Mr David Field, Mr John Boulton, Mr Michael Blackman, Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker and Dr Graham Dawson.

The A.G.M. was followed by a lecture on 'The Gunpowder Industry in Surrey' by Dr G. P. Moss, one of our Vice-Presidents.

### Errata in the Annual Report 1981-82

1. A. J. Russell should be added to the Council members to retire in 1985 (page 3).
2. The Surrey Industrial History Group Committee should read: Prof A. G. Crocker (Chairman), F. E. Haveron (Secretary), J. W. Wakely (Treasurer), Dr D. F. Renn (Editor), Mrs G. M. Crocker (Minuting Secretary), J. Axten, A. L. Craig, Dr L. Draper, A. Harcombe, R. Higgs, P. Knee, Dr G. P. Moss, C. Noble, D. C. Stidder and C. A. A. Wallis (page 18).
3. The address of Mr T. W. Holmes should be: 37 The Borough, Brockham, Betchworth RH3 7NB (page 31).

Marion Gower

### **Bagshot Park, Ornamental Ponds (SU 902640)**

The ponds shown on Rocque's Survey of Berkshire, 1752, at Bagshot Park, differ from the present system of ponds, which dates from about 1800. The main pond was contained by a large, semi-circular dam, embanked against the Windle Brook where it flows in a gully, and covered an area of floodplain about 200 by 100 metres. The dam and a small artificial island are extant in woodland. On the east of the dam, an artificial channel along the side of the valley led to a rectangular cutting into the hillside, with a sluiceway into the stream. Above the cutting is a stepped arrangement of channels, two along the contour, with a cross contour link continuing the line of the cutting. The site of the eastern and upper pond is now pasture, and was not determined, but must have been fed artificially. A similar diversion channel, with a cutting at right-angles was noted at SU 89996448, just inside Berkshire. This led from a point on Windle Brook just below the dam for a much smaller predecessor of Rapley Lake, at SU 89946454. The two present-day ponds at SU 903646 and 902644 appear to have been smaller, with a third pond at SU 902642. There also appears to have been a pond and a system of artificial channels at SU 900643.

Dr T. C. Welsh

### **Bagshot (SU 912634)**

Archaeological sampling has been carried out in advance of site redevelopment to examine potential levels and stratigraphy of P.M., settlement adjacent to the Windle Brook and Bagshot Bridge.

Two areas were examined and both produced evenly distributed material of P.Med, and Med date but no tangible signs of structures.

The natural gravel is overlain with a 10cm layer of sand from which several Mesolithic flakes have been recovered and site watching, which is continuing, has produced additional flakes and cores, together with P.Med and Med sherds.

An interesting stratified sequence of broken clay pipes has been recorded, numbering approximately 50 bowls, from early 17th century to mid 19th century.

A detailed report will be prepared during 1983 and the material from the excavation deposited at Camberley Museum.

The co-operation of the Surrey Heath Borough Council is gratefully recorded.

G. H. Cole

### **Charlwood: Mesolithic Site (TQ 232414)**

Continuing excavation on this later mesolithic site has so far yielded around 15,000 pieces of flint. Past ploughing and the slope of the land has resulted in a fan-shaped scatter of flint, the bulk of which appears to be derived from an oval area approx. 18m by 12m around the edge of which four hearth groups have been located.

Cooking pits have produced calcined bone, the largest pieces of which appear to be from roe deer. Charcoal from one pit has been submitted to Harwell for re-dating. A late date is suspected as a few of the 150 microliths recovered are partly pressure flaked. Around 80% of the microliths are small scalene triangles while the remainder include convex-backed pieces, lunates and "micro-tranchets". The ubiquitous obliquely-blunted point is represented by only one example. Tools are rare, the commonest pieces being truncated flakes. Notably scarce are scrapers which are represented by only two dubious pieces.

Anyone wishing to help please contact the undersigned at 44 Copsleigh Way, Redhill. Tel. Redhill 60422.

Roger Ellaby

#### **East Molesey/Walton on Thames boundary: City of London Coal Tax Post**

With co-operation from the Thames Water Authority, the Esher District Local History Society have been able to locate, conserve and re-erect the City of London Coal Tax Post which had stood on the north bank of the River Ember. Its new position is by the side of a newly excavated channel.

The site engineer arranged with the contractor to have the post lifted from the water where it had sunk in mud and transport it to the site depot. There the Esher Local History Society scraped, cleaned, primed and painted it ready for re-erection as near as possible to its original position and wish to record their appreciation to the Thames Water Authority and the site engineer for their assistance in restoring this little piece of industrial archaeology to its rightful place.

Rowland G. M. Baker

#### **Frimley (SU 876581)**

Foundation excavations for a new building cut through and removed 1m wide by 60cm ditch on approximately north/south alignment. Upper filling of ditch contained P.Med sherds and lower filling contained Med and Surrey White Ware sherds.

Excavated material will be deposited at Camberley Museum.

G. H. Cole

#### **THE HOPE-TAYLOR COLLECTION: Chelsham, Henley Wood (TQ 375586)**

Further to the material produced by Dr Brian Hope-Taylor (Bull 181) and handed to the East Surrey Museum, examination of items from the Henley Wood site revealed sherds of a hand-made black, rather coarse, pot, burnished inside and outside, which was obviously much earlier than the site of the manor house which stood in the enclosure, c. 1150-1350. These sherds have been examined at the Department of Archaeology, Southampton University, where they are pronounced to be Saxon, dated 6-7th century.

This interesting large site, enclosed by an irregular bank and ditch with a long inturned entrance very similar to that at some Iron Age hillforts (although there is nothing else to suggest an Iron Age date) is a scheduled ancient monument and no archaeological examination is allowed at present.

#### **Abinger: Abinger Motte (TQ 115459)**

The finds from Abinger Motte (Bull 181) have been passed over to Guildford Museum, from whose area they came.

#### **Vicars Haw, Limpsfield (TQ 428516)**

The considerable amount of sherds from the Vicars Haw Kiln (Limpsfield Pottery) (Bull 181) are in the custody of John Russell, 41 Chaldon Common Road, Chaldon. They are being analysed by Michael Russell for a forthcoming report.

Lesley Ketteringham

## LITERARY SECTION

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Most books and issues of periodicals are available for borrowing by post.

## MEETINGS

### JANUARY

Friday 21st

#### EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Advance notice for the Symposium on

**Saturday, 7th May, 1983 at Dorking Halls, Dorking**

As usual there will be illustrated talks on recent work in and around Surrey, with exhibits staged by local groups. Further details will be circulated in due course but please note the date in your new diaries now.

Please also note that there will be no Margary Award this year, but it is intended that there will be one in 1984.

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 2nd

"THE CHEAM POTTERS" by Clive Orton. An illustrated talk to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary's Church Hall, Ewell, at 8.00 p.m. Admission 40p inc. refreshments.

Friday 18th

"LIFE IN A ROMAN VILLA". An illustrated talk by Rosamond Hanworth to the Holmesdale Natural History Club at the Holmesdale Museum, 14 Croydon Road, Reigate at 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 26th

LITHIC TOOL RESEARCH GROUP. The 2nd Annual General Meeting at Kingston Museum Processing Store, St. Philip's School, Leatherhead Road, Chessington, at 2.30 p.m.

### MARCH

Wednesday 2nd

"ROLLING STONES". A talk by Pat Nocolayson of the Lithic Tool Research Group to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society at St Mary's Church Hall, Ewell, at 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 12th

"DOMESTIC BUILDINGS IN SOUTH EAST ENGLAND" — a Day School for local historians. To be held at The Angel Centre, Tonbridge, Kent, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

The British Association for Local History is organising a Day School to provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas and information. Those who have not studied domestic buildings previously should find it a useful introduction to the subject.

The speakers will be Mr Kenneth Gravett and Mrs Margaret Sparks who researches the documentary history of the houses in Kent. There will be a third speaker.

Fee, £2.00 per head. Morning coffee and afternoon tea available for a small charge. A buffet lunch may be provided for about £2.00 if there is sufficient demand. Car parking available.

Information from The Secretary, British Association for Local History, 43 Bedford Square, London WC1 3DP, with s.a.e. Tel: 01-636 4066. Do not send remittance at this stage.

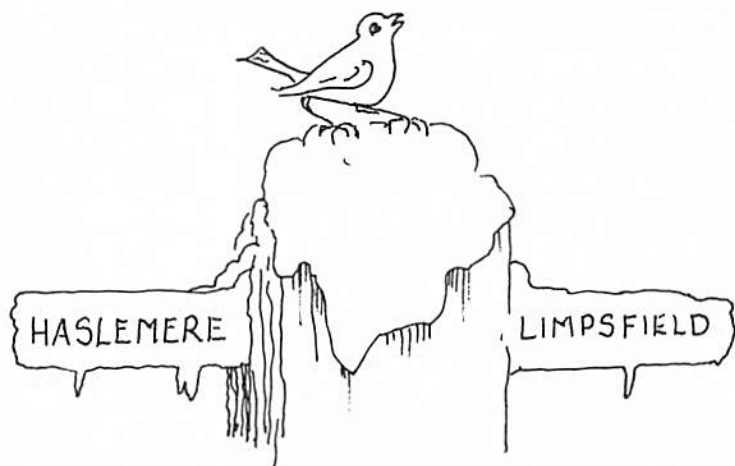
**Note:** Some members did not receive their Bulletin No 181 until the first week in December — after the AGM. The Bulletin Editor would like to assure all members that the fault once again does not lie with the Society. In this case, it has been traced to the Post Office who somehow managed to send a batch of envelopes to Godalming where they appear to have stayed for a month before they were sent out! If anybody received a Bulletin about four weeks late in an envelope bearing a Godalming postmark dated 2nd December, it will have been in this mysteriously mislaid batch.

Hon Bull Editor

#### **New Bulletin facility**

Members will be interested to know that the Bulletin will be printed by a different method in future which will enable small drawings, e.g. plans, maps, objects, to be reproduced in the text. Illustrations should measure no more than 4ins by 3ins, approximately half a page. Please do not send maps based on Ordnance Survey. All submissions should be clearly worded or given a caption and the note to which they refer should include the words "see fig . . ."

**Next Bulletin:** March/April, for which copy is required by 6th February.  
**Following Bulletin:** May, for which copy is required by 6th April.



A Happy New Year!