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EXCAVATION NOTICE

PAINSHILL PARK, COBHAM

It is hoped soon to restart excavations on the 18th century follies at Painshill Park, Cobham.

Volunteers are needed to help with the work.

Although the period involved is later than that normally associated with archaeological excavation, most of the work will involve techniques usually associated with much earlier periods.

For more information please send a stamped addressed envelope to: The Archaeologist, Painshill Park Trust, Esher Council Offices, Esher, Surrey.

SUTTON PARK (SOUTH OF WOKING: TQ 00455380) Director: David Bird

The sixth season of excavation on this supposed Saxo-Norman manor site will take place from 18th July - 6th August. Trainees will only be accepted if they can guarantee to attend for at least six days.

Further details from David Bird on 01-546 1050 Ext. 3665 or by writing to the County Planning Officer, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DT for the attention of Dr. D. G. Bird.

SAS VISIT TO LINGFIELD AND BURSTOW

Arranged by Miss E. C. Clark Numbers limited to 40

July Wednesday 6th 10.30 a.m.

Meet at Lingfield Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. There is a car park in the village across the road from the pond; also the Star Inn has kindly agreed to allow us to park some cars in their car park. The church is early perpendicular with magnificent tombs and brasses. We shall also visit the Old Guest House and view the site of Sir Reginald Cobham's College.

Lunch - There are several pubs and picnic places in the 12.15 p.m.

village. Meet at the S.E. corner of the church to explore the 2.00 p.m.

houses of the Old Town, led by Mr. Arthur Head. 3.30 p.m. Meet at Burstow Parish Church of St. Bartholomew

with its beautiful timber and shingled bell tower. 4.15 p.m. Tea in Burstow Sunday School Hall, in aid of the bell tower fund. Please say if you want tea.

Visit moated site.

5.30 p.m. Meet at Outwood Windmill for visit to 1665 Post Mill still in regular use (admission 60p).

The time table may be adjusted during the day but the

visit should end about 7 p.m.

Tickets - Members 50p, Visitors 60p, Students half price and accompanied children free, from Mrs. J. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0OL.

SAS VISIT TO TUNBRIDGE WELLS Arranged by Mr. J. C. M. Blatch

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August Saturday 1st	
10.30 a.m.	Assemble King Charles the Martyr church in Pantiles. Late 17th century with fine plaster ceilings. Parking for 8 to 10 cars in Church Hall round corner in Warwick Park.
11.15 to 12.30 p.m.	Perambulate Pantiles and other parts of the town under escort of Civic Society guide, including raised Musick Gallery with pretty early 19th century balustrading, the Corn Exchange built 1801-2 as theatre and Bath House (c. 1804).
1 to 2.30 p.m.	Bayham Abbey and, weather permitting, picnic lunch in grounds. The most impressive monastic ruin of Sussex. Premonstratensian. Dating from 13th century, it is set in romantic situation landscaped in 18th century for nearby Dower House. Group rates 36p; OAPs 18p.
2.45 to 3.45 approx.	Finchcocks. Living Museum of Music. Fine early Georgian manor house containing notable collection of historic keyboard instruments that are played in musical demonstration tours and concerts whenever house is open. Group rate up to 40: £2.30 a head; Over 40: daytime £2.00 a head.
4.00 to 4.45 p.m.	Scotney Castle, Garden. The Old Castle will be open and will have an exhibition about the Hussey family

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4.45 p.m. and will have an exhibition about the Hussey family and their association with the National Trust which the Regional Information Office think we will find interesting. £1.60 per person during period of exhibition but free for Trust members.

The Trust booklet describes the property as "Ruins of a 14th century moated castle around which is disposed one of England's most romantic

garden landscapes". Refreshments nearby.

General – Owing to the proximity to Surrey, it is felt that a coach is not justified and that members will have no difficulty in finding their way by private car. Please indicate whether you have spare seats as some members may travel by train but will have no transport after arrival.

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

NOTES AND QUERIES

Surrey Heath Group

In January 1983 the Society approved the formation of the Surrey Heath Group to undertake archaeological research in the Borough of Surrey Heath.

Enquiries regarding membership and activities should be sent to G. H.

Cole, 10 Kings Ride, Camberley, Surrey.

Bagshot: 48-54 High Street (SU 912663)

A limited trial excavation in late December 1982, on a site to be developed as a pub "Beer Garden" produced evidence of Post Medieval and Medieval occupation from 13th/14th centuries to modern times. A nearly complete leather shoe of the late 16th century was recovered from a buried waterlogged peat deposit.

A larger scale excavation is programmed on the site for Easter 1983 to further examine and sample the peat deposit and the medieval street

frontage.

Our grateful thanks for permission to undertake these works are extended to Messrs. Courage (Central) Ltd., the site owners.

G. H. Cole, Surrey Heath Group

Bagshot Park, Moated Enclosure (SU 904640)

The along-contour channels and the upper part of the cutting (Bull. 182) are modifications of an earlier rectangular dry-moated enclosure and annexe, which appears to have been constructed as a defensive site. It may be an early site of Bagshot Manor. The main enclosure measures 73 by 38 metres internally, but appears originally to have been 83 metres long. The annexe across the east approach measures 83 by 25 metres. A second bank and ditch had been added within the south side of the main enclosure. The banks are 4 to 7 metres broad, the more substantial portions on the east and south outer defences of the main enclosure. The ditches, which are much silted except where recut, are about 6 metres wide. The annexe defences are incomplete and have been mutilated, and the north side of the main enclosure has been modified by the cutting, which appears to have been an attempt to raise water to the moats, presumably involving mechanical aids, at a later date. The Manor was situated at SU 909639 on Norden's Plan of Bagshot Park in 1607, and occupied this site until it was replaced by the present mansion in 1878.

T. C. Welsh

Barnes: St. Mary's Parish Church (TQ 220765)

The SWLT have been monitoring the rebuilding of the fire damaged medieval parish church of St. Mary, Barnes, Richmond-upon-Thames, since work began in November 1982. During the original investigation by the unit (Bull. 167) a blocked Norman door, of which only the arch survived, was discovered in the south wall. A portion of the loose stone infill has been removed to reveal further wall paintings (Bull. 156) on the underside of the door-arch. The motif consists of large masonry blocks outlined with single red ochre lines on white plaster separated by a black line from a border of smaller masonry blocks. The smaller blocks are alternately in yellow ochre with red markings and white with umber markings; the yellow is meant to represent Purbeck marble.

The infill has not been completely removed as the paintings are being conserved in situ. However, it can be seen that the top of the door-arch slopes downwards suggesting there is a tympanum above an inset

doorframe.

J. S. McCracken Ann Ballantyne

Beddington Roman Villa

The second season of excavation of the above site on Beddington Sewage Works began in April 1982 and finished in March 1983. A short report was included in the S.A.S. Bulletin November 1982. Since then, an overall plan of the main villa building has been obtained — the earliest phase

seems to have been a version of the simple corridor villa, while at a later stage wings were added at each end, including one room with a channelled

hypocaust.

The detached bath-house was fully excavated, and a previously unrecorded wall and stokehole flue were discovered. There is also substantial evidence that a masonry building was once attached to the

south wall of the bath-house.

In view of the numerous prehistoric finds from the site, it is hoped that a second phase of archaeological investigation can be done when the topsoil stripping, which is the first part of the 20-year gravel extraction programme, takes place. Meanwhile, the results from the excavation over the past two years have far exceeded expectations, and there is now a considerable amount of post-excavation work to do. This work will be done at Carshalton. Help is needed: no experience is necessary. If interested, please contact Lesley and Roy Adkins, 25 Union Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 2XU.

Lesley & Roy Adkins

Finds and photographs of this excavation are on view at the East Surrey Museum, 1 Stafford Road, Caterham. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and Sundays 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Hampton Court Conduit, Kingston upon Thames (TQ 180686)

A length of this conduit was observed during site watching last autumn of a plot at the northern junction of Penrhyn Road and Grove Crescent, Kingston upon Thames. The site is being redeveloped by Crouch Construction Ltd. for the NAAFI Pension Fund. The ends of the conduit were visible in the section at c. 1 to 1.25 metres depth; on this site the conduit runs in a north-east to south-west direction beneath the portacabin being used as a site office. The stratigraphy of the site was noted; most of the topsoil had been removed, leaving a deposit of orange-coloured sandy clay (brickearth) c. 2 metres thick. Below this, in one area of the site, the surface of the old river Hogsmill terrace gravel was exposed.

A piece of lead pipe c. 30 cm long has been deposited with Kingston upon Thames Heritage Unit, and it is hoped that there will be an opportunity to observe another length of the conduit *in situ* when building on the site nears completion. We would like to thank Crouch Construction Ltd. for allowing access to the site, and for donating the

piece of the conduit. March, 1983

Pat Nicolaysen and Andrew Penrose

Holmbury Hill: Earthwork enclosure (SU 108447)

An oval shaped earthwork enclosure has been identified on the northern lower slope of Holmbury Hill, above the village of Holmbury St. Mary

and about 1.7 kilometres north of the Iron Age hillfort.

It was first brought to the attention of the Lithic Tool Research Group by Mr. Bert Keeble, a flint collector of Holmbury St. Mary, and located and investigated by the writer with D. Field and P. Nicolaysen. Subsequently J. Cotton and J. Barfoot visited the site and confirmed its identification.

The enclosure is approximately 400 yds. long and 200 yds. at the widest point and is protected by a bank and external ditch on three sides. At the southern end a slight bank and ditch effectively separate the enclosure on a promontory from the upward slope to the hillfort. An unsuccessful search was made in this area for further earthworks. The west and northern sides have a prominent bank, over two metres above the ditch

for much of its length. Towards the south much of this is disturbed by what appears to be 'recent' quarrying. To the north the ditch disappears as the slope down to the village becomes steeper. On the eastern side of the enclosure both bank and ditch appear to be absent though if the purpose of the site was defensive the steep slope on this side would make them superfluous. The whole site is tree planted and the eastern slopes extensively so, probably to avoid erosion, and it seems likely that any banks may have been lost by erosion down the slope.

G. Elmore

Holmbury: Neolithic spearhead (SU 109439)

A finely worked leaf shaped stone projectile point 31/2 inches long was found on the surface of the lower eastern side of Holmbury Hill, overlooking Holmbury St. Mary. The spearhead which is complete is unusual in being made of a basalt type black stone.

G. Elmore

Northwest Surrey: a palstave and flint arrowheads

Correspondence between Mr. Phillips of Taunton, Somerset and Kingston Museum recently focussed attention on an unrecorded bronze palstave and some flint material from N.W. Surrey. They were part of a collection assembled during the 1920's by Dr. W. Hall of Goldsworth Lodge, Woking. Dr. Hall died in the late 1920's and the artefacts then passed to his daughters and subsequently to Mrs. P. Milligan of Taunton, Somerset, who retains them.

Present is an unlooped palstave with decorative shield enclosing several ribs. A further note is being prepared on this. Four flint barbed and tanged arrowheads, none with a precise provenance, though by implication from N.W. Surrey and a number of starch fractured blades. In addition, there are five flint blades, presumably Mesolithic, from

Pirbright Camp, Bisley and Lightwater.

D. Field

LITERARY SECTION

"The Semaphore", by T. W. Holmes (Arthur H. Stockwell Ltd.) £8.00 In 1795 a line of signalling stations using movable shutters was built between London and Portsmouth, passing through Surrey via Putney, Cabbage Hill, Netley Heath, Hascombe and Blackdown. Another line was established between London and Plymouth in 1805. This system of sending messages was started by the French during the Napoleonic War who, however, used "levered semaphores" on towers, and a later line of signal stations from London to Portsmouth also used the moveable arms system. This line, built in 1822, passed through Surrey from Kingston Hill, to Coopers Hill, Chatley Heath, Pewley Hill, Bannicle Hill and Haste Hill and was only superseded by the electric telegraph.

A well researched, well illustrated book, written by an ex-signaller in

the Royal Navy, who is one of our members.

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MEETINGS

MAY

Saturday 7th

EXCAVATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM in the Martineau Hall, Dorking, 10.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. Admittance £1.20 or advance tickets from Mrs. K. Needham, at Castle Arch, Guildford for £1.00, inc. postage.

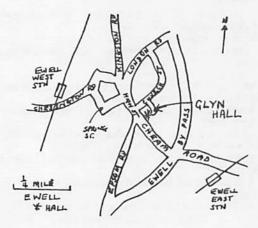
Tuesday 17th

"CURRENT VIEWS ON DATING POTTERY IN THE LONDON AREA". Talk by Clive Orton to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society at the large hall at Surbiton Library Annexe at 8.00 p.m.

JUNE

Saturday 11th

MEETING OF THE SURREY LITHIC TOOL RESEARCH GROUP at the Glyn Hall, Ewell, from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Anybody who would like to make a contribution please contact C. Taylor, 20 Pine Walk, Woodmansterne, SM7 3PY, tel: Downland 54694. Copies of a typelist of lithic tools are available to excavators and anybody dealing with these artifacts.



CONFERENCE

MEDIEVAL SURREY - Advance Notice

It is proposed to arrange a one-day conference on medieval Surrey under the auspices of the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Juniper Hall Field Study Centre. It is hoped that the conference will take place at Juniper Hall one Saturday in November between half past nine and half past five. The conference fee will probably be in the region of £8, including coffee, lunch and tea.

Enquiries for further information should be made to Dennis Turner, 21 Evesham Road, Reigate RH2 9DL, enclosing a stamped addressed

envelope.

Next Bulletin: July/August, for which copy is required by 6th June. Following Bulletin: September, for which copy is required by 6th August.