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S.A.S. VISIT TO EWELME AND WALLINGFORD

Saturday, 6th September

arranged by E. S. Barnwell

- 8.00 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate at the Red Cross Public House, at the junction of West Street, High Street and Park Lane.
- 8.15 a.m. Dorking Halls.
- 8.45 a.m. Guildford, rear of B.R. Station in Guildford Park Road.
- 10.15 a.m. Arrive at "The Fox at Bix" near Henley for coffee.
- 10.45 a.m. Proceed to Ewelme.
- 11.00 a.m. Arrive at Ewelme, where Mr. George Cannon, recently retired headmaster, will lead us on a guided tour of the interesting group of C15th buildings, composed of the church of St. Mary the Virgin with its magnificent font canopy. This is a monument to the Duchess of Suffolk, granddaughter of Geoffrey Chaucer. Jerome K. Jerome is buried in the churchyard.
- The Almshouses are one of the earliest examples to be built on a collegiate plan around a quad. The School, founded in 1437, has been in continuous use since that date.
- 12.30 p.m. Depart for Wallingford for lunch.
There are several pubs and cafes in the area, and picnic places close to hand.
- 2.15 p.m. Reassemble at the Museum, which is at Flint House in the High Street. A representative from the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society will conduct us on a tour which will include the Museum, a town walk, the remains of the Norman castle demolished by Oliver Cromwell. We shall also visit the C17th Town Hall, which stands on stone pillars where we will be shown the Town Plate and Mace.
- 4.30 p.m. Afternoon tea will be available at Poppins Restaurant, St. Mary's Street.
- 6.00 p.m. The coach leaves for Surrey.

approx.

TICKETS: 50p members, 60p visitors, students half price, accompanied children free, plus COSTS £7.50 which includes coach and gratuity, morning coffee, admission to Museum and afternoon tea. Please send cheques with s.a.e. to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom KT17 2PX (Tel: 01-393 8970) not later than 20th August to enable final arrangements to be completed.

S.A.S. VISIT TO LITTLE STANMORE AND HARROW ON THE HILL

Saturday, 27th September

arranged by J. C. M. Blatch

- 8.15 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate at the Red Cross Public House, at the junction of West Street, High Street and Park Lane.
- 8.30 a.m. Dorking Halls.

- 9.00 a.m. Esher B.R. Station.
 10.30 a.m. Arrive Little Stanmore Church Hall for coffee.
 11.00 a.m. View St. Lawrence (Whitchurch) Church. It has been described by Sir John Betjeman as having one of the most splendid Georgian interiors in England, and has been recently restored to its former beauty. The whole of the interior is painted from vaulted top to bottom with virtues, evangelists, biblical scenes and figured architecture by Laguerre.
 Altogether a rare example of English baroque ecclesiastical architecture in excellent preservation.
- 12.00 p.m. Proceed to Harrow on the Hill.
 12.30 p.m. Lunch break. There are several pubs and cafes available, and a chance to see the church, which is well worth a visit.
 2.00 p.m. Reassemble, for a full guided tour of the Harrow on the Hill School, which will include buildings that are representative of the C19th and modern developments, i.e. School Yard, War Memorial, The Shepard Churchill Dining Room, The Fourth Form Room, Speech Room, The Old Speech Room Gallery, The Chapel, Old Harrovian Room, Alex Fitch Room, and Vaughan Library, all of which will be explained in detail. There are fine views from the School's elevated position.
- 4.00 p.m. Afternoon tea and biscuits.
 4.45 p.m. Coach leaves for Surrey.

TICKETS: 50p members, 60p visitors, students half price, accompanied children free, plus **COSTS:** adults £8.50, O.A.P. £8.00, which will include coach, gratuity, morning coffee, tour of school and afternoon tea. Please send cheques with s.a.e. to Mrs. Jean West, 123 Ewell By Pass, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 2PX (tel: 01-393 8970) not later than 15th September to enable final arrangements to be made.

S.A.S. VISIT TO WORCESTER 7th – 10th August

There are still a few places left for Worcester visit as per *Bulletin* No. 208. Please let me know immediately if you wish to join this visit, latest date 15th July to enable final arrangements to be completed.

Jean West

New Members

We welcome to the Society the following new members:

From April, 1986: Mr. P. Lockyer, "Chapel End", Blackheath, Guildford GU4 8RA; Mr. M. D. Head, 5 Darnley Park, Weybridge KT13 8EY; Mrs. P. A. Gathercole, 17 Woodruff Avenue, Burpham, Guildford GU1 1XT; Miss J. C. Cousins, 1 Henchley Dene, Mewsey, Guildford GU4 7BH; Miss K. P. Dowlatsahi, 212 Fir Tree Road, Epsom Downs KT17 3NL.

From May, 1986: Mr. S. G. Hazelton, 4 The Chase, Ashted KT21 2JN; Mr. F. E. Ritchie, Hogspudding Farm, Baynards, Rudgwick, Sussex RH12 3AF; Mrs. F. R. H. May, Spratts, The Common, Cranleigh GU6 8NS; Miss M. C. Cole, "Karenza", Timber Close, Great Bookham KT23 4QL; Mr. J. W. Swinden, 71 Sussex Gardens, Chessington KT9 2PU; Mrs. M. A. Dierden, 15 Tilehouse Road, Guildford GU4 8AP; Mr. J. P. La Niece, 1 Walters Mead, Ashted KT21 2BP.

Recent Accessions to the Society's Library

GENERAL

Coe, Brian. Stained Glass in England 1150–1550. (W. H. Allen, 1980).

- Fasham, P. J. and others. Fieldwalking for Archaeologists. (Hants Field Club & Arch Soc, 1986).
 Handbook of Gloucestershire Archaeology, (1985).
 Harrison, Michael. The London that was Rome. (G. Allen & Unwin, 1971).
 Haselgrove, Colin. Archaeology from the Ploughsoil. (Univ. Sheffield 1985).
 Legal & General. Past and Future 1836–1986. (L. & G. 1986) (Donation).
 Meaney, Audrey L. Anglo Saxon Amulets and Curing Stones. BAR 96. (1981).
 Merrifield, R. Roman London. (Cassell, 1969).
 Metcalf, P. The Halls of the Fishmongers Company. (Phillimore, 1977).
 Phillips, Geoffrey. Thames Crossings, Bridges, Tunnels and Ferries. (David & Charles, 1981).
 Richmond, Lesley & Stockford, Bridget. Company Archives. (Gower, 1986).
 Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies. Priorities for the Preservation and Excavation of Romano-British sites. (1985).
 Southern History, Volume 7. (Southern History House, 1985).
 Yarwood, Doreen. The Architecture of Britain. (Batsford, 1976).
 — English Interiors. (Lutterworth, 1983). (Signed copies — donation).

LOCAL — EXCLUDING SURREY

- Ayers, Brian. Digging under the Doorstep, recent excavations in Norwich. (1983).
 Dunning, R. W. Ilchester — a study in Continuity. (pamphlet).
 Ellis, Peter. Excavations in Glastonbury 1978–79. (pamphlet).
 Evison, Vera I. A Sword from the Thames at Wallingford Bridge. (R.A.I., 1968).
 Glover, Judith. The place-names of Sussex. (Batsford, 1975).
 Grinsell, L. V., Somerset Barrows I and II. (pamphlet).
 Leech, R. H. Air Reconnaissance over Somerset. 1978 (pamphlet).
 St. George-Gray, H. Excavations at Combe Beacon, Combe St. Martin. (1935).
 Tavener, L. E. The Common Lands of Hampshire. (Hants C.C., 1957).

SURREY — LOCAL

- Addlestone Town Trail. (1986).
 Alsop, J. D., Gerrard Winstanley, Cobham. (Article, presented by Mr. T. E. C. Walker).
 Baker, Rowland C. The Book of Molesey. (Limited Edition No. 26). (Barracuda, 1986).
 The Book of Chertsey through Fourteen Centuries. (Stevens, 1929).
 Budden, Chas. W. The Story of St. Mildred's, Addiscombe. (Clayton, 1937).
 Chaldon. Merstham Quarries — survey and photographic record. (1986).
 Connell, Rev. J. Clement. Alfold Chapel. (pamphlet), (donated by Miss Holder).
 Crocker, Glenys. Chilworth Gunpowder. (SIHG, 1984).
 Davis, Dorothy. Country school — a study of Christchurch School, Virginia Water. (Egham by Runnymede Hist. Soc., 1982).
 English, Judie. Cranleigh — a historical walk. (J. English, 1985). (donated by the author).
 Grandfather's Charlwood. A Selection of Old Photographs of the Parish. (Charlwood Society, 1981). (donated by The Viscountess Hanworth).
 Hewins, Judy. The Hindhead Murder 1786–1986. (pamphlet).
 Luke, Michael Alfoldean — a re-assessment of past archaeological activity and a report on recent activity. (Univ. Cardiff, 1986). (Donation).

- Maggs, Ken. South Norwood and the Croydon Canal. (N. Downs Press, 1984). (pamphlet).
- Mann, S. Cranley in ye Olden days and Cranleigh today. (D. Mann & Sons, 1985). (Donated by Judie English).
- Smith, Bill. Coldharbour — A Surrey Village. (pamphlet). (1985).
- A Surrey Village, The Holmwood and District. (pamphlet). (1984).
- A Surrey Village, The Holmwood. A history over 2000 years. (pamphlet). (1982).
- A Surrey Village, The Holmwood. District No. 2. (pamphlets). (1983). (all donated by the Author).
- Welch, W. Cranleigh in 1846. (Donated by Judie English).

Acquisitions to Research Material

Drawing of Westcott Church and immediate surroundings by F. G. Gill. Slides of Nevill drawings and houses as they are today, taken by Joan Harding.

Notes and biographical details on Resta Patching.

Print of "The Red Rover Coach crossing the River Mole at Cobham" by Charles Hunt, published 1st August, 1836. (Hanging in the Museum). (See note in *Bulletin* 210).

If members wish to submit suggestions of titles for addition to the Library, I would be pleased to accept them for consideration. It would be helpful to include publisher, date and price together with author and title details.

(Janette White)

Accidents on Excavation Sites

In accordance with the notices that appear from time to time in the *Bulletin* (see No. 200 and 209) all accidents on excavation sites covered by SAS insurance must be reported to the Insurance Officer.

This applies to all accidents on or near excavations at whatever time and which involve archaeologists, helpers or third parties, even if the accident is unconnected with the excavation. Directors of excavations covered by individual insurance policies are recommended to act in a similar manner in regard to their own insurers.

If further explanation is required please contact the SAS Insurance Officer, Mr. R. J. Webber, 8 Kelvin Grove, Chessington KT9 1DP (01-397 4885 evenings and weekends).

EXCAVATION NOTICES

Prehistoric and Roman Beddington

Work is continuing on the site of the prehistoric settlement and Roman villa at Beddington Sewage Works, which is being excavated by the Museum of London with a Manpower Services Commission Community Programme Scheme (earlier report in *Bulletin* No. 206). Evidence for Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age settlement continues to be revealed and there are at least six Late Iron Age round-houses forming a nucleated settlement bounded by a large enclosure ditch. In the Roman period there is evidence for three large outbuildings, one of masonry and two of timber which are probably barns (see *The London Archaeologist* vol. 5 no. 6 1986, 152-7 for latest plan and report), and a tufa and chalk-lined well is currently being excavated. There are also numerous Roman ditches giving evidence of the pattern of field enclosures, and a few burials of Late Iron Age to early Roman date. Work will continue to at least October (8.30 am to 5 pm weekdays only). Volunteers are welcome for excavation or finds work. Write for details to Museum of London, Dept. of Greater London Archaeology (S.W. London), c/o 157 Valley Road, Kenley, CR2 5BZ or phone 01-669 6466 (mornings).

Lesley Adkins, Roy A. Adkins, Jeffrey G. Perry

South Farm, Lightwater

The second season of excavation on the Late Iron Age to Late Romano-British settlement site directed by G. H. Cole for the Surrey Heath Group will be undertaken from 16th to 31st August 1986. Apply for information to G. H. Cole, 10 Kings Ride, Camberley GU15 4HN.

Sutton Park (south of Woking: TQ 004 538)

Director: David Bird

The ninth season of excavation at this medieval site will take place from Monday, 4th August to Saturday, 16th August inclusive, except for the Sunday, 10th August. The excavation will be carried out by kind permission of the Sutton Place Heritage Trust. New diggers will be accepted for training in basic excavation techniques, but only if they can guarantee to attend for at least six days.

Previous work has located a complex of medieval ditches, parts of a medieval building assumed to be part of the Manor of Sutton, a possible early post-medieval building and an early post-medieval structure associated with Sutton Place. Work this year will concentrate on a greater understanding of the ditch system and the testing of a number of areas of potential identified in previous years. Further details can be obtained from David Bird on 01-541 9419, or by writing to the County Planning Officer, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames, KT1 2DT, marking the letter for the attention of Dr. D. G. Bird.

FIELDWALKING, EXCAVATIONS, ETC.

Mayford, Woking: Re-routing of A320 between Mayford Roundabout and Prey Heath Road, Mayford

This roadwork cuts the western edge of Black Close field where a Romano-British and later site was partially excavated 1973/76 (Hawkins, N., 1985, SyAC 76, 69-76).

Fieldwalking was carried out before and during the construction of drainage ditches and culverts and the erection of an embankment for the road, but nothing of archaeological interest was found.

The embankment is now being allowed to settle before completion of the roadway itself starts in approximately 6 months time.

Nancy Hawkins

Nos. 19-31 High Street, Bagshot (SU 911633)

The final phase of rescue excavation, in advance of redevelopment, was successful in locating the outfall of an early 17th century wooden water supply pipe partially excavated in 1983.

The piped water supply discharged into a 15m diameter by 1m deep artificially constructed saucer shaped hollow having a wide sloping shallow channel to the northern side. This hollow had been cut into the natural gravel which, at its lowest level, had punctured the gravel into the underlying running green sands. To counteract the inflow of green sand, the hollow had been floored with a 30cm thick clay "plug".

Excavation of this feature proved the clay "plug" to have an irregular and trampled surface and with preliminary documentary research suggesting that this feature was located behind the rear courtyard of the Crown Inn, it is tentatively identified as an artificial watering pond for animals. Constructed during the first quarter of the 17th century it was out of use by the early to mid 18th century and at this time the hollow had been backfilled with building debris and domestic rubbish which has provided a useful assemblage of material including good examples of slip trailed ware, Staffordshire ware, Delft, tin glazed earthenwares and porcelain.

Various 13th to 14th century ditches, post holes and beam slot trenches were sectioned and very thin scatters of abraded 3rd to 4th century Romano-British Coarse Grey Ware pottery and possible Mesolithic flakes were recorded.

Thanks are due to Benchmark Properties Ltd. for permitting the excavation to be undertaken, M. Wright, Esq. for his constant help with excavation logistics and to the members of the Surrey Heath Group who undertook the excavation.

G. H. Cole
Surrey Heath Group

Sidney Wood, Alfold

The Forestry Commission has laid a Trail through Sidney Wood. This was formally inaugurated on 15th May, in the presence of representatives of the Surrey County Council, Waverley District Council, the Wey and Arun Canal Trust, the Surrey Archaeological Society (the writer of this note), and other local bodies. The Forestry Commission staff present included the Regional Manager, the Forest District Manager (Mr. R. C. Stern), and local foresters. The opening was carried out by Mr. John Evelyn of Wotton.

The Trail winds from north to south across this magnificent 300-odd acre area of mixed woodland, from the new car-park on the Dunsfold-Alfold Crossways road. It is pleasantly varied, and the various stands of trees, and other items of interest, are described in informative notices. Besides an extensive fauna and flora, the wood contains three items of archaeological interest. The course (mostly dry) of the Wey and Arun Canal runs through it in a sinuous north-south line, with remains of several locks, and a fine Agent's house. There is also the important "Sidney Wood" glasshouse (Kenyon's no. 38 — see G. H. Kenyon: *The Glass Industry of the Weald*, 1967), excavated by the Rev. W. Cobb in 1923, and by S. E. Winbolt in 1930-31 (*Wealden Glass*, 1933). The site is much disturbed and fragmentary. The glass from it is Late (early 17th century), and of the finest quality of Forest Glass ever found in this country.

On the Trail itself is the Knightons glasshouse (Kenyon's no. 42). This was excavated by the Society from 1965 to 1973, and published in *Surrey Archaeological Collections* 73 (1982). This glasshouse was operating in the 1550s, and its products (representing almost the whole range of contemporary glassware) can be regarded as the last of the Early period of English Forest glass. The site consisted of two rectangular working furnaces (one of which had been rebuilt), and a horizontal two-chamber furnace, for annealing crown sheets, unique in this country. The site also contained a range of other features which make it more complete than most.

The Forestry Commission have been most helpful and co-operative ever since the glasshouse was discovered, and its presentation of the site has been carried out in consultation with the Society. The site has been cleared and fenced, and the annealing furnace marked out by low walls consolidating those excavated. An explanatory board sets out the main features.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to take part in this event.

Eric Wood

Traders Tokens from Cranleigh

Two traders tokens have recently been bought at auction by Councillor Brian Cheesman on behalf of Cranleigh Parish Council. Both are circular copper farthings.

The Mower Token

Obverse: JOHN MOWER AT THE around a shield bearing a female head, the Virgin from the arms of the Mercers' Guild.

Reverse: IN CRANLEY 1667 around a three flowered plant and the initials I.M.

The Mower family was represented in Cranleigh for over six hundred years, almost to the present day. They seem to have had no great ambitions outside the area but were one of the families which formed the backbone of local life. In the late seventeenth century there were Mowers farming at Smithwood, Poothams (near New Park), Bookhurst, Wyphurst, High Upfolds, Stubbs, Parkhatch, Baynards, Sherrydon and Utworth as well as running bakers, cordwainers, shoemakers and thatchers businesses. John Mower, the mercer, had a shop in the High Street from the 1660's and it passed through at least four generations until 1820 when his great-great-grandson, John, kept it with his wife, Sarah.

The Didlesfold Token

Obverse: WILLIAM DIDLESFOLD around a shield bearing a female head, the Virgin from the arms of the Mercers' Guild.

Reverse: OF CRANLEY around the initials W.D.

The Didlesfold family lived in Cranleigh and the surrounding villages from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries. The William Didlesfold who issued this token lived from 1623 to 1672, he was married but appears to have had no children. In the Hearth Tax Returns of 1664 he appears chargeable for two hearths. The family were considerable landowners; an elder brother, John, farmed at Rapsley and another, William, probably a cousin, lived at Great Garson and owned land at Stovolds Hill and Fastbridge.

The tokens are very similar in design and although that issued by William Didlesfold is dated and that issued by John Mower is not, it seems likely that they were issued at about the same time and possibly were made by the same craftsman.

Judie English

MEETINGS, COURSES, ETC.

JULY

Sunday 13th

CROYDON N.H.S.S. FIELD MEETING TO FOLKESTONE - DOVER REGION. Geology, archaeology and engineering. Details available from Editor.

Tuesday 15th, 8.00 p.m.

"RESEARCH INTO THE BUILDINGS AT HAMPTON COURT". Talk by Juliet Allen to KUTAS at the Heritage Centre, Fairfield West, Kingston.

Saturday 19th

SAS VISIT TO CRANLEIGH. See *Bulletin* 211 for details.

Saturday 19th

WEALDEN IRON RESEARCH GROUP AGM and summer meeting at Fernhurst, West Sussex. Details available from Editor.

Sunday 27th, 2.00 p.m.

CROYDON N.H.S.S. FIELD MEETING: HENLEY WOOD AND NORE HILL. Led by Andrew Skelton. Meet at Chelsham bus garage.

Thursday 31st, 8.00 p.m.

CHERTSEY ABBEY. Talk by Paul Larkin to Egham-by-Runnymede H.S. at the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham.

Coach Outing to Kent. Saturday, 20th September

Organised by Surrey Roman Villa Group.

The outing will include visits to Richborough, Reculver and Stone-by-Faversham. For details and booking forms please contact Mr. Leslie Le Mottee, Little Rising, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead KT22 8TW (Ashted 74107).

Training Excavation: Lewes Castle: 27th July – 10th August

Two one-week training courses on the south-west motte of Lewes Castle under the direction of Peter Drewett. Course fee £45 per week. Applications for places to The General Administrator, Sussex Archaeological Society, Barbican House, Lewes BN7 1YE.

Butser Ancient Farm Project Trust

The Trust is running a number of six-day residential courses on various aspects of archaeology. Brief titles of the remaining courses for 1986 are listed below.

July 21–27. Pollens: recognition and analysis.

July 28–August 3. Ditched and banked enclosures of the Bronze, Iron and early R/B Periods.

August 11–17. Seeds, weeds and crops: recognition and analysis of remains.

September 1–7. Post- and stakehouses: function and construction.

October 27–November 2. Fire, clay and metal: production of pottery, bronze and iron.

Cost of each course is £77. Full details available from Dr. P. J. Reynolds, The Director, Butser Ancient Farm Project Trust, Nexus House, Gravel Hill, Horndean, Hants. Tel: Horndean (0705) 598838.

“Archaeology in Britain — New Views of the Past”

A special exhibition with this title is being held at the British Museum from Thursday, 3rd July, until 15th February, 1987. Some of the finds from the Runnymede Bridge 1984/85 excavations are on display. Other objects on show include “Lindow Man”, the 2000 year old body preserved in the Cheshire peat bog; a reconstruction of an Iron Age chariot burial from North Humberside and a section of the prehistoric trackway from the Somerset Levels.

Admission £1.50. The museum is open 10.00–5.00 on weekdays and 2.30–6.00 on Sundays.

Archaeology of the London Region to 1500. 25th and 26th October, 1986.

A two-day conference arranged by LAMAS to be held at The Museum of London. Tickets for the two days (price £10) obtainable from: Mr. N. Fuentes, LAMAS Regional Conference, 7 Coalecroft Road, London SW15 6LW. Single-day tickets (£5) available after the 1st September. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope and make cheques payable to LAMAS.

Next Bulletin

This will cover September. Copy is required by Saturday, 2nd August. The following issue will be for October and copy must reach the Editor by Saturday, 6th September.