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**S.A.S. MEETINGS**

18th March	Lectures at Guildford.
1st April	Symposium at Dorking.
15th April	Visit to Deal and Walmer.
13th May	Visit to Abinger.

Details of these and other meetings are given elsewhere  
in the **Bulletin**.

**EXCAVATION NOTICES**

**Rumour.**

Rumour has it that some members are selling their houses and are going to live in flats. If YOU are one, have you considered donating your garden tools to the Society?

Wheelbarrows, spades, turf cutters, saws, buckets, secateurs and forks (but NOT your lawnmower) can all be used to supplement the Society's excavation equipment. Please write to the Excavation Secretary, N. P. Thompson, 78 Hillview Court, Woking. We may even arrange collection.

If you were a keen gardener you may still dig on a Surrey excavation and find it even more rewarding.

**WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: L.B.A. AND MESOLITHIC  
SETTLEMENTS**

(N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Excavation will continue on the following dates:

March: 4th/5th, 11th/12th and 24th/27th (Easter);

April: 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th.

Enquiries to Miss Joan M. Harding, 57 The Green, Ewell.

KNIGHTONS, ALFOLD: GLASSHOUSE SITE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 016341)

Directors: E. S. WOOD and F. W. HOLLING.

Excavation of this interesting and important late-16th century glass-house will be resumed on Sunday, 2nd April and will continue at weekends thereafter. Work will begin at 10 a.m. each day. Volunteers should bring trowel, hand-shovels, a brush if possible, and gardening gloves.

The site is reached by the road from Dunsfold to Sidney Wood. Enter the wood by the entrance just past Knightons Cottage. Park there. Turn left immediately through a gate and follow the track for 150 yards to the site.

Enquiries to Mr. F. W. Holling, Castle Arch, Guildford.

6-12 THE PLATT, PUTNEY: R-B SITE  
(N.G.R.: TQ 767239)

Directors: P. ATKINS, N. FARRANT and S. WARREN.

Excavations, organised by the Wandsworth Historical Society, are taking place on this site at weekends.

Enquiries to: Mr. N. Farrant, 103A Howards Lane, London, S.W.15. (PUTney 5206).

BADSHOT LEA: SITE OF MOATED MANOR HOUSE  
(N.G.R.: SU 863486)

Director: I. G. DORMOR.

Excavations will be resumed on this site on Sunday, 19th March, and will continue on Sundays throughout the Summer. It is planned to examine the extensive 13th century structures and the Tudor house complex.

All helpers are welcome. Please bring personal excavation tools.

Directions: From Farnham-Guildford road (A 31) turn at traffic lights at Runfold railway bridge on the A 324. Bear right. The site is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the left behind high red brick wall. Entrance across cattle grid. Car parking on site.

Enquiries to Mr. I. G. Dormor, 28 Bridgefield, Farnham. (Farnham 5491).

COURT LODGE FARM, HORLEY: SITE OF MEDIEVAL  
MANOR FARM

(N.G.R.: TQ 273431)

The HOLMESDALE ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP will start excavating again at this site for a week at Easter 1967, from 25th March until 2nd April.

At the end of last season a substantial section of a foundation wall was uncovered. It is hoped to continue working at this site after Easter on Sundays during the following months. All volunteers during the Easter week and afterwards will be very welcome.

Enquiries to Mrs. J. Beale, 16 Vogan Close, Reigate.  
(Reigate 43489).

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## NOTES

### **Frimley : Unusual flint axe (SU 904590).**

A flint axe was found about five years ago in the gravel works at Frimley and has been lent to Guildford Museum for two years by the owner, Mr. G. H. Rickwood. It is very unusual in form, being almost waisted near the butt end giving it an outline rather like the sole of a shoe. It is not sharpened with a tranchet edge which suggests that it should be Paleolithic rather than Mesolithic. The flint has a thick orange-brown patina.

(F. W. Holling).

### **Limpsfield : R-B pottery and coin (TQ 431515).**

During last summer some R-B pottery and Samian sherds, with a bronze coin of Marcus Aurelius, were found in the topsoil of a small mound on the slopes of Scearn Bank. The site is above the rough roadway below which quantities of medieval pottery lie about on the ground surface. The finds are probably all second century and are now in the Guildford Museum.

It appears that the same mound had earlier been noticed by members of the Ordnance Survey Archaeological Division, who obtained sherds and two coins from it. A hoard of Roman coins found on Scearn bank in the early 19th century is mentioned in *Surrey A.C.* IV, 218, but no details are known.

(F. W. Holling).

### **Southwark : Cuming Museum.**

The Cuming Museum was created by the gift to the then Metropolitan Borough of Southwark in 1902 of the entire collection assembled privately by Richard Cuming and his son Henry Syer Cuming since 1785. This collection was a general one ranging from rocks to ethnography, assembled in a time when knowledge was regarded as a unity.

A gallery was built over the Reading Room of the Public Library in Walworth Road and opened in 1906. The display comprised the entire collection and aimed to show the history of man from the beginning. This display lasted largely unchanged and with no professional staff until 1941 when it was bombed. The museum was closed until 1958 when it was re-opened as a Local History Museum to illustrate the history and archaeology of the Southwark area. The bulk of the material now on show is derived from the old Metropolitan Borough of Southwark but

- 12.40 p.m. Thanks to speakers by Capt. A. W. G. Lowther.  
Lunch
- 2.15 p.m. Mr. Martin Biddle — Recent excavations at Winchester.
- 2.55 p.m. Mr. John Collis — Iron Age site at Owslebury.
- 3.20 p.m. Mr. Brian Philp — Research and excavation in West Kent.
- 3.45 p.m. Miss U. Broadbent — Watendone, a "lost" village found.
- 4.10 p.m. Mr. F. Jenkins — Roman Villa at Wingham.
- 4.35 p.m. Mr. I. Dormor — Moated site at Badshot Lea.
- 5.00 p.m. Thanks to speakers and summing up by MISS KATHLEEN  
KENYON.

Tea

Please bring this programme with you.

TICKETS 4/- in advance from Miss C. Smith, Elyots,  
Minster Road, Godalming.  
(5/- at the Door)

Saturday, 15th

#### S.A.S. VISIT TO DEAL AND WALMER CASTLES

- 8.30 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford Park Road (Behind Guildford  
Main Line S.R. Station).
- 9.00 a.m. Coach leaves Dorking Post Office.
- 9.20 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate Town Hall.
- 8.30 p.m. Coach returns to Guildford.

Lunch and Tea can be obtained at a number of Cafés and Restaurants  
in Deal.

Tickets: Members 3/-, non-members 4/-. Coach fare 16/-, from  
Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming, Surrey. Please  
state when applying for tickets if pick-up at Dorking or Reigate  
is required.

MAY

Saturday, 13th

#### S.A.S. VISIT

Visit to Wotton House, the Mesolithic site at Abinger, and Crossways  
Farm. Further details will be given in the April *Bulletin*.

JULY - AUGUST

Saturday, 29th, to Saturday, 5th. THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE LAKE  
DISTRICT AND NORTH LANCASHIRE, the 1967 BRITISH SUMMER SCHOOL  
OF ARCHAEOLOGY in Lancaster. A series of lectures will cover  
a wide range of archaeological topics and there will be daily coach  
excursions. Accommodation will be in St. Martin's College,  
Lancaster, and the approximate inclusive cost for lectures, accom-  
modation and excursions, is expected to be £16. Further details may  
be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Sidney Jackson,  
13 Lindisfarne Road, Shipley, Yorks.

there is some from the neighbouring boroughs of Lambeth, Bermondsey and Camberwell. All the material now being worked on from the Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee's activities in the area will eventually be housed in the Museum and displayed as far as possible.

The Museum is upstairs in the Newington Public Library, Walworth Road, and is open from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Thursday to 7 p.m.), and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

(G. J. Dawson).

#### **Thames Ditton : Bronze foundry and melting house (TQ 160673)**

Thames Ditton contains the most famous bronze foundry in the world. Almost every bronze statue in the United Kingdom, and many in the Commonwealth and other parts of the world, cast before the Second World War, were cast at Ditton. The foundry still functions almost unaltered but today only produces bronze bearings and the like.

The earliest record traced of the foundry is in 1876, when it was owned by Cox and Co. who cast the famous Robert Burns statue for Glasgow in 1877. By 1880 the ownership had passed to Drew and Co. and in about 1890 James Moore took over. By 1900 the firm became Hollinghead and Burton but in 1902 Hollinghead died and the firm became A. B. Burton. In October 1941 London Metal Warehouses Ltd. bought the foundry.

In the early part of the 18th century there was a building mentioned in the Poor Rate Books, etc., as the 'Melting House' or 'Smelting House'. It appears as owned by Mr. Hitchcock and Co. in 1728, 1729, 1730, 1732 and 1738. In 1758 it was owned by Thos. Oxly and, in 1765 to 1774, by Bunyan and Sanders. In 1775 the name becomes Sanders, but in June 1775 the records show Sir James Creed and Co. for the Smelting House. In 1779 it was owned by John Crouch who also had a large coal wharf next to the Swan Inn. Further entries appears in 1783 and 1784 and in 1817 and 1818 rates were paid by Saml. Dodson for the Melting House. In 1829 there is an entry Jno. Mott for the "Late Melting House".

Judging by its position in the various lists, the melting house must have been very near the site of the foundry and it seems probable that the melting house and the foundry were one and the same place. The evidence suggests that here is a foundry established on the same site for about 240 years and still operating.

(T. S. Mercer).

#### **Thursley : Mesolithic flint axe (SU 891391).**

A Mesolithic axe or adze with a pointed butt and tranchet edge was kindly loaned to the Guildford Museum recently for recording purposes by the owner, Mr. Gale. It was found many years ago by a member of his family in a garden at Pitch Place.

(F. W. Holling).

#### **Wimbledon : Mill on Beverley Brook (TQ 215707).**

*Bulletin* No. 25 (January, 1967) contained a note on a possible mill site at Wimbledon. The following extract from Edward Walford's *Greater London* (II, 479) may be relevant:

"It has been ascertained that there was a fulling mill on the Beverley Brook, in Coombe Valley, just below Caesar's Camp . . . on Wimbledon Common; and there is not the slightest doubt that this mill belonged to Walter Cromwell, that is, that he made and started the mill when the lease of his father's fulling mill on the River Wandle expired, about 1473 or 1474. The course of the race which led out of the Brook can still be easily traced. Of the mill, however, no vestige remains. It is referred to, however, in a survey of the manor made in 1617."

(Miss G. Hawtin).

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

### MARCH

Friday, 10th. 7.30 p.m. A talk on RESISTIVITY SURVEYING by MR. A. J. CLARK, at the Wilmer House Museum, Farnham. Arranged by the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY.

Tuesday, 14th. 6.30 p.m. THE WRITTEN WORD, 1066 to DATE. A talk by MISS I. DARLINGTON, at the Cuming Museum, Southwark Central Library, Walworth Road, S.E.17. Arranged by the LONDON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECTION). Members of the S.A.S. welcome.

Saturday, 18th.

### S.A.S. LECTURES AT GUILDFORD

To be given at the Brew House, North Street. (Near the Library)  
11.00 a.m. THE STORY OF BRIGHTON FROM ITS STREET NAMES by MISS L. CANDLIN.

2.30 p.m. PETRA, by the REV. LESLEY JOLLIE.

Tickets: Members 3/—, non-members 4/—, from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

Saturday, 18th. 2.30 p.m. London and Middlesex Archaeological Society's Fourth Annual Conference of Archaeologists. Details from Mr. N. Farrant, 103A Howards Lane, London, S.W.15.

Wednesday, 22nd. 8.15 p.m. RECOLLECTIONS OF OLD MERTON, at Morden Library, London Road, Morden. Arranged by the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

### APRIL

Saturday, 1st

### SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM GRAND HALL, DORKING

#### PROGRAMME

10.30 a.m. Coffee.

11.00 a.m. Miss Joan M. Harding — Mesolithic structures at Weston Wood.

11.25 a.m. Mrs. S. M. Standing — A study of Mesolithic distribution in the Weald.

11.50 a.m. Mr. A. J. Clark — Bell barrow on the Hog's Back.

12.15 p.m. Mr. A. G. Down — Roman cemetery and defensive ditch at Chichester.