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Excavations at Bookham Courte 2015

We regret that owing to the indisposition of the editor this is a shortened version of the *Bulletin*. Planned articles that have unfortunately not been included will be in a future edition.

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND GUILDFORD MUSEUM

David Bird

I should start this note with apologies for the absence of the advertised questionnaire from the last *Bulletin*. It should now be included with this edition and can also be found on the Society's website. There is still time for members to register their views on the Society's future before our meeting on 27 February and we would welcome them as soon as possible.

Matters have moved on since the last *Bulletin*. Working with our lawyers, the Society sought a negotiated agreement with Guildford Borough Council. The Borough Council now say that the Society's collections on display and in store at Guildford Museum itself can stay there free of charge and offered a three month extension for the purported Section 25 Notice to 29 April 2016 to allow time for more detailed discussions. They have specified the high charges they wish to make for storage of Society collections held at the Woking Road depot and a more reasonable charge for the office to remain at least for the time being and probably at 48 Quarry Street. It was made clear that it would not be possible for the Society's library to stay in the Margary Room at Castle Arch on the grounds that the Borough Council intends to use the room to extend the Museum displays.

Work has taken place at the Abinger Research Centre where three outhouses have been cleared to provide space for new shelving in case we have to remove our collections from the Woking Road depot. The large reserve collection of archaeological journals has been transferred from Abinger to temporary storage leaving space that could be used for the library books currently at Castle Arch.

The situation was considered at a special meeting of the Society's Council on 8 January. It was decided that it would be useful to maintain an office at Castle Arch while the changes take effect but thought unlikely that the library could be located in 48 Quarry Street. Floor loading would be a problem and the considerable expense involved in fitting out a new room and moving the books would probably not be worthwhile for a short-term relocation.

Council also decided the proposed charges for storage at Woking Road appear far too expensive when compared with alternatives and agreed to move the archaeological collections if necessary. Council recognised these changes will have major implications in terms of how we deal with our collections in future but there was also considerable enthusiasm for the opportunities that would arise. The archaeological collections are badly in need of reorganisation and fresh study and it is intended to develop a programme to realise this research potential. The opportunity will also arise to involve other museums throughout the county. Options for temporary exhibitions and other ways of presenting the results of the Society's work can also be explored. The direction of these new approaches will be influenced by our understanding of the wishes of the membership as a whole so please take time to fill in and return the questionnaire.

COUNCIL NEWS

New members Emma Coburn

I would like to welcome the following new members who have joined the Society. I have included principal interests where they have been given on the membership application form.

If you have any questions, queries or comments, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me on 01483 532454 or info@surreyarchaeology.org.uk

Name	Town	Principal Archaeological and Local History Interests
Mrs and Mrs R Pope	Sutton	Roman and Medieval History
Mr A M Russ-Turner	Coulsdon	Aerial Archaeology

Computer skills

A self-help course for Society members to improve computer skills is planned for February-April this year. The course will include Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Corel and Data transfer and making good use of the Society's new website. The sessions will be held at St Catherine's Village Hall, Guildford on Wednesday afternoons 2.30-4.30 on February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and April 6, 13 and 20. Free parking is available.

Tuition will be by Society members. The meeting room is quite small so numbers will be limited to about eight people. It will not be necessary to come to all sessions. There will be no charge for Society members who are preparing and leading the sessions but others will be asked to pay £25 for the course to cover the cost of hiring the room.

Please contact David Calow if you are interested (dm.calow@ntlworld.com). As numbers are limited this will have to be on a first-come-first-served basis.

BOOKHAM COURTE 2015

Lyn Spencer

A second season of excavation at a property behind St Nicolas church in Great Bookham concentrated on areas that were excavated in 2014. The five day excavation was undertaken by members of the Surrey Archaeological Society and involved extending the 2014 trench and digging two smaller trenches in an adjoining garden.

The aims of the 2015 evaluation were to determine if the garden had once been part of the manor complex of Bookham Courte, which was demolished about 1720. Bookham Courte may have been the original abbey farm set up by Chertsey Abbey and is described in a 1614 document as consisting of a manor house covered in tile, a gatehouse, two great barns, a

bakery, stables and other buildings surrounded by a great yard. There is a mention of Bookham Courte in the Chertsey Abbey Cartularies of 1332. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries the property passed to the Howards of Effingham.

Bookham Courte's position on the 1614 map places it to the north east of St Nicolas church. The manor house had two entrances, one from Church Road and one from the Lower Road forming two sides of a square. The Lower Road entrance ran alongside the graveyard while the Church Road entrance was almost opposite the current Barn Hall.

Most of this year's effort was devoted to extending the 2014 trench to the south. Two smaller trenches were dug in the neighbour's garden.

The 2014 trench had uncovered a layer of demolition material at a depth of 20-30cm. This comprised flint, peg tile and brick. An area of scattered chalk and a group of chalk blocks were covered over for further investigation in 2015. The soil in the central part of Great Bookham is clay and gravel, with chalk found further south on the Downs and heavy London clay to the north.

The main 2015 trench measured 6m by 3m and was positioned overlapping with the 2014 trench and encompassed the chalk blocks in the southern corner of the trench and the chalk scattering at the eastern end. Two small trenches were excavated in the adjoining neighbour's garden. These two 1m by 1m trenches were approximately 5m apart.

The excavation uncovered more of the demolition surface of flint and tile; this was consistent with the surface excavated in 2014. Medieval pottery was found in the northern part of the trench and most of this dated between 1250 and 1500.



Figure 1: The cleaned demolition surface

The demolition layer appears in other areas of the garden and is almost certainly demolition material from Bookham Courte. It contains lumps of ferruginous cemented gravel, Lower

Greensand, Upper Greensand, flints, a large amount of peg tile and bits of brick and medieval pottery sherds.

Successions of layers were uncovered under the flint area. The first layer of 5-6cm of orangey sandy soil contained few finds and overlaid a very compacted layer of similar soil packed with very small pieces of crushed brick and tile and some charcoal. The underlying layer of sterile orangey clayey soil was about 3-4cm deep and this layer dipped down in places to a layer of chalk.

In the southwestern end of the main trench a line of chalk blocks ran across the trench diagonally from the western corner. The width of the chalk blocks was approximately 20cm. The large high-quality chalk blocks had a flat top and one or two courses were left. It is unclear whether this structure is a wall or some other feature as it is narrow and structurally weak.

The soil over the blocks and to the south was different to the soil to the north which contained the demolition material. The orange sandy soil to the south contained some post medieval and modern pottery.



Figure 2: The line of chalk blocks with the abutted 2014 section

The layer with the red flecks of crushed brick was above the chalk so these blocks were of an earlier date. In the layer above the chalk was part of a clay pipe with an N on one side and an M or W on the other side. This is similar to an early nineteenth century pipe made in Godalming.

The 2014 gravel surface was uncovered and cleaned and was found to be about 3cm deep and was laid over large flints that were up to 12cm wide. The flints were close-packed and made a very solid surface. They were laid over the chalk scattered surface found in 2014 suggesting the flints were of a later date. The area of gravel and flint was possibly the surface of a yard.

What may be a robbed-out cross wall near the southern end of the chalk blocks consisted of flints and one brick in yellow clay.

In the eastern corner of the trench was a compacted layer of chalk. Further investigation revealed large chalk blocks with flat faces together with solid degrading chalk pieces. These were well packed and contained flint nodules.



Figure 3: The flint surface beneath the chalk blocks

An area of this chalk was removed to reveal closely packed flints which looked like a cobbled surface. A greensand block with a flat upper surface and a circular impression in the centre top could be seen towards the side of the trench. The block looked shaped and was left in place for further investigation in 2016. The circular depression had decomposed metal above it. Only part of the block was revealed and it was difficult to estimate its full size or shape. It is possible that this is a door pivot stone with the remains of a metal spike.

The medieval pottery assemblage was dominated once again by Surrey Whitewares of Kingston, Cheam and Surrey Border types dating from early 13th century to the late 15th century. There were also sherds of Grey/Brown Sandy Ware of 12th to 13th century date. Early post medieval pottery was found, but only a few pieces of late post medieval ware.



Figure 4: The shaped stone with circular depression

Grateful thanks go to Emma Corke for supervising Lyn Spencer, and to Angela Mason as trench supervisor. The hardworking diggers were Pauline Hulse, Geoffrey Gower-Kerslake, Mairi Sargeant, Nick Moore, Neil Merryweather, Tim Wilcock, Kathy French, Nigel Bond, Mike Edwards, Chris Quinn, Gill Rolfe and Irene Goring. Also thanks to the finds team - Ceila Bailey, Brenda Hawkins, Ann Morrison, Isabel Ellis, Sylvia Solarski and Jan Spencer who also provided all the tea, coffee and cake!

RESEARCH COMMITTEE: SYMPOSIUM 2016

The symposium will be held in the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall on Saturday 27 February 2016. A programme has been arranged with talks on the Woking Palace and Abinger excavations. This will end at 3.30pm and will be followed by a session free to all members of the Society to discuss the future plans for the Society. There has been a small change to the programme published with the booking form. The revised programme is below.

2016 SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2016 ASHTEAD PEACE MEMORIAL HALL

Registration from 09 30

10.00 Chair: Tim Wilcock

10.05 Country life at Woking Palace: Rob Poulton: SCAU

10.35 Zooarchaeology in Surrey: a review of recent work and research priorities: Martyn

Allen: University of Reading

11.05 COFFEE/TEA

11.30 Abinger Excavations: Emma Corke: SyAS

12.00 Test pitting by the Society in Surrey: Chris Hayward and Richard Savage: SyAS

12.30 Archimedean screw pumps and conveyors: Jan Spencer: SIHG

(A demonstration by SIHG will take place during lunch)

12.55 LUNCH

14.00 Margary Award

14.10 Recent finds in Surrey: Emma Corke for David Williams: Surrey FLO

14.25 The Early Modern Studies Group: Catherine Ferguson: SyAS

14.40 SyAS Website: Tim Wilcock: SyAS

15.00 CLOSE OF SYMPOSIUM

15.30 The Future Development of the Society: an open discussion which is free of charge for all members to attend

17.00 CLOSE

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. The catering has been handled by the same team for many years and this cannot be sustained, so we particularly need people willing to help at tea/coffee times.

Displays are of importance to this event since they highlight the amount of work which is done by members throughout the year. If you wish to arrange for display space please contact Rose Hooker at Castle Arch or via rosemary.hooker@blueyonder.co.uk

REPORT ON THE SURREY HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE (SHERF) 5th December 2015

Designed Landscapes: Parks and Gardens from 1000 to 1800

This annual SHERF conference of Surrey Archaeological Society was held this year in association with Surrey Gardens Trust and was well supported by both groups. Ably chaired by Dr David Bird the conference followed the evolution of parks and gardens in Surrey and England, examining the physical remains in today's landscape and using documentary research to illuminate the social factors which shaped the evolution of garden styles.

Paul Everson, formerly of RCHME, opened the day by taking an archaeologists view of the evolution of parks and gardens. He explained that the field archaeologist examines sites to determine their origins and how they evolved over time, seeking to understand how features in these 'landscapes' would have been experienced by their owners and users. He demonstrated that at certain periods (especially after the Dissolution of the Monasteries and in the Jacobean period) some large parks and gardens were developed as almost public declarations of specific religious or political beliefs.

Elite landscapes of the late medieval period were discussed by Rachel Delman of Oxford University. Illustrated manuscripts and descriptive literature frequently show enclosed gardens at palaces and castles. These gardens seem often to have been designed by 'elite' women; they often had limited access controlled by women. The underlying rationale of such gardens was capable of ambiguous interpretation, being linked with representations of both e and the Virgin Mary and so could be regarded as containing both danger and virtue.

The 'Fens of Surrey' were then described by Richard Savage of Surrey Archaeological Society. This area in the Lower Wey Valley is full of river and stream channels, many of which have been created or modified by man. At Newark Priory the precinct became enclosed by water on three sides; it was noted that water has special significance in many religions, being not only pure in itself but also capable of washing away impurities. It is possible that Newark Priory was being set apart from the everyday world. The varied use of water to enhance the settings of Woking Palace, Pyrford Place and Esher Place on the River Mole was also discussed showing that Surrey is rich in evolved landscapes.

In the afternoon a review of Tudor and Jacobean gardens in London was given by Dr Paula Henderson. It was explained that early maps can be used to discover where gardens and open spaces were, but their accuracy need to be checked by cross-referencing maps of different dates. These maps will often show major works within large aristocratic gardens such as those bordering the Thames behind the Strand. Such gardens became the repositories of sculpture and became the origin of museum gardens. Other types of garden or green space can also be researched using these maps and as land became more built up then 'open spaces' within towns appear to develop as places of privacy and probably of limited accessibility.

Independent research of Albury Park by Jan Clark revealed the influence of friends and contemporaries, the Earl of Arundel and John Evelyn, on the redesign of the garden in the

17th century. The Earl of Arundel owned the estate, and having travelled in Europe he remodelled the grounds of Albury Park in the Italian style with assistance from John Evelyn. They both wished to create a philosophical garden in the Italianate style to facilitate contemplative discourse. The garden of Albury Park is a vital link in garden history before the careers of Kent and Brown.

Finally, Cherril Sands guided a tour through the pleasure garden of Painshill Park. Created by Charles Hamilton in the mid eighteenth century, the garden was designed as a series of scenes to simulate different emotions. After many years of neglect much of the land was bought by Surrey County Council in the late twentieth century and the Painshill Trust was formed with the objective of restoring as much of the original garden as possible. Hamilton had collected new exotics from America in particular and these have now been replanted, while other aspects of the original design have been restored or recreated.

Don Josey of the Surrey Gardens Trust closed the conference, thanking Surrey Archaeological Society for organising the day and announcing that the Trust would be surveying the gardens of West Horsley Place in 2016.

MISCELLANY

Surrey Archaeological Collections: back copies available

The Information & Reference Library in Richmond has 108 volumes of Surrey Archaeological Collections dating from Volume 1 1858 to Volume 96 2011 that need a new home. If anyone is interested in obtaining them and can arrange collection they should contact the Information and Reference Library information@richmond.gov.uk 020 8734 3008.

LECTURE MEETINGS

2nd February

The Crystal Palace talk by Ian Bevan, City of London Guide. The Education Centre, The Cathedral, Stag Hill Guildford GU2 7UP. 7.30-9.30pm. Part of the 40th Series of Industrial Archaeology Lectures in Guildford. Single lectures £5, payable on the night. Enquiries to Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk.

4th February

Domes talk by Alan Thomas, SIHG. Room G6. The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH. 10am-12 noon. Part of the Surrey Industrial History Group Leatherhead lecture series. Single lectures £5, payable on the day, but please contact Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk as seating is strictly limited.

6th February

"The Scawens of Carshalton" by Andrew Skelton to Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society in Milton Hall, Coopers Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 3 pm.

8th February

"Johan Zoffany in Kew" by Frances Hughes to Richmond Local History Society at St Anne's, Kew at 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £4.

9th February

"From the dark to the light – crime, prostitution, pubs, cinemas and circuses – 200 years of Waterloo life" by Chris Everett to Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society in New Cut Co-operative Housing Hall, 106 The Cut, almost opposite the Old Vic at 7 pm. Visitors welcome: £1.

10th February

"Reflections on moated sites in Surrey" by Richard Savage to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station at 7.45 pm.

11th February

"Land usage in Sussex" by Judie English to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Surbiton Library Hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton at 7.30 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £3.

12th February

"Lawrence of Arabia's war" by Neil Faulkner to Richmond Archaeological Society at the Vestry Rooms, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8 pm. Visitors welcome by donation.

13th February

"Arts and Crafts gardens in the south east" by Cherrill Sands to Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at the Coffee Lounge, Hersham Village Hall at 3 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

13th February

"Cheam pottery" by Clive Orton to Merton Historical Society at Christ Church Hall, Colliers Wood at 2.30 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

13th February

"Arts and Crafts gardens in the south-east" by Cherrill Sands to Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at Hersham Village Hall, Queen's Road, Hersham at 3 pm.

16th February

Annual General Meeting of Send & Ripley Local History Society in Ripley Village Hall at 7.30 for 8 pm.

16th February

200 Years of Steam Locomotives talk by Peter Bosomworth, Locomotive Engineer & Railway Enthusiast. The Education Centre, The Cathedral, Stag Hill Guildford GU2 7UP. 7.30-9.30pm. Part of the 40th Series of Industrial Archaeology Lectures in Guildford. Single lectures £5, payable on the night. Enquiries to Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk.

18th February

"Early policing in Surrey" by Bob Bartlett to Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.45 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £3.

18th February

The Merchant Navy in Wartime Pt II talk by Richard Mellor. Room G6. The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH. 10am-12 noon. Part of the Surrey Industrial History Group Leatherhead lecture series. Single lectures £5, payable on the day, but please contact Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk as seating is strictly limited.

22nd February

"London's Sailortown in the 18th century" by Derek Morris to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station at 7.45 pm.

23rd February

Annual General Meeting followed by a short talk to Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society in the Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton at 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

25th February

"Local landscapes in art" by Jill Williams to Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Societyat Egham United Church, High Street, Egham at 8 pm.

25th February

"A History of Town Gas" by Ken Tythacott, SIHG. Room G6. The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH. 10am-12 noon. Part of the Surrey Industrial History Group Leatherhead lecture series. Single lectures £5, payable on the day, but please contact Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk as seating is strictly limited.

26th February

"The first saints in Clapham – radical puritan merchants in the 17th century" by Timothy Walker to Wandsworth Historical Society at the Friends' Meeting House, Wandsworth High Street at 8 pm. Visitors welcome free for initial meeting.

29th February

"Out of the Borough Archives" by Lindsay Ould to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station at 7.45 pm.

1st March

"The Great War and Great Uncle Joseph" by Julian Womersley to Dorking Local Hiatory Group at the Follett Hall, United Reformed Church, 53 West Street, Dorking at 7.45 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

1st March

"The medieval village" by Mark Perry Nash to Newdigate Local History Society in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

1st March

"Made in Spelthorne" by Nick Pollard to Addlestone Historical Society at Addlestone Community Centre, Garfield Road at 8 pm.

1st March

"Building the Panama Canal" - an historical review talk by Dr Roger Squires, Trustee of the London Canal Museum. The Education Centre, The Cathedral, Stag Hill Guildford GU2 7UP. 7.30-9.30pm. Part of the 40th Series of Industrial Archaeology Lectures in Guildford. Single lectures £5, payable on the night. Enquiries to Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk.

2nd March

Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Jon Cotton to Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society in St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £4.

3rd March

"Smuggling on the south coast" by Chris McCooey to Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.45 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £3.

3rd March

"Roundup of Silchester" by Amanda Clark to Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group at the Methodist Church, Staines at 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

3rd March

"Stainless Steel in Britain" by David Dulieu. Room G6. The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH. 10am-12 noon. Part of the Surrey Industrial History Group Leatherhead lecture series. Single lectures £5, payable on the day, but please contact Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk as seating is strictly limited.

6th March

Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk on 2015 excavation in Beddington Park and photos of the May trip to IOW to Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society in Milton Hall, Coopers Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton at 2.45+ pm.

7th March

"Sex and sin in early eighteenth century Surrey" by Alan Crosby to Woking History Society in the Double Tree by Hilton (formerly the Holiday Inn), Victoria Way, Woking at 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £3.

7th March

"Rock of ages – the architects of medieval Europe" by James Wright to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station at 7.45 pm.

8th March

"Surrey place names" to Westcott Local History Group in the Westcott Reading Room, Institute Road, Westcott at 7.45 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £1.

8th March

"Solent and Thames watermills" by David Plunkett to Southwark & Lambeth Archaeological Society in New Cut Co-operative Housing Hall, 106 The Cut, almost opposite the Old Vic at 7 pm. Visitors welcome: £1.

10th March

"Archaeological aspects of Ewell" by Jon Cotton to Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Surbiton Library Hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton at 7.30 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £3.

10th March

"Technology, Industry and The Napoleonic Wars" by Roger Knight, London University. Room G6. The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH. 10am-12 noon. Part of the Surrey Industrial History Group Leatherhead lecture series. Single lectures £5, payable on the day, but please contact Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk as seating is strictly limited.

11th March

"Rendlesham rediscovered: an East Anglian royal settlement of the time of Sutton Hoo" by Christopher Scull to Richmond Archaeological Society in the Vestry Room, Paradise Road, Richmond at 8 pm. Visitors welcome by donation.

12th March

"A Tudor gentleman in Surrey – Sir William More of Loseley" by Mike Page to Walton & Weybridge Local History Society at St James' Parish Centre, Church Street, Weybridge at 3 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

12th March

"Syon Abbey Herbal AD 1517 – first Monastic Herbal in England" by John Adams to Merton Historical Society I, Christ Church Hall, Colliers Wood at 2.30 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

14th Match

"Bat and ball in Richmond: a history of local cricket" by Murray Hedgcock to Richmond Local History Society in the Duke Street Church, Richmond at 7.30 for 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £4.

15th March

"The Ian Allan story" by David Allan to Sunbury and Shepperton Local History Society in the Theatre at Halliford School, Russell Road, Shepperton at 8 pm. Visitors welcome: £2.

15th March

"Death of a Light Bulb" by John Otten, Engineer & Author to Surrey Industrial History Group. The Education Centre, The Cathedral, Stag Hill Guildford GU2 7UP. 7.30-9.30pm. Part of the 40th Series of Industrial Archaeology Lectures in Guildford. Single lectures £5, payable on the night. Enquiries to Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk.

17th March

Members' Talks Room G6. The Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead KT22 8AH. 10am-12 noon. Part of the Surrey Industrial History Group Leatherhead lecture series. Please contact Bob Bryson, 01483 577809, meetings@sihg.org.uk as seating is strictly limited.

17th March

"The Lady's realm" by Jane Hurst to Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church Hall, South Street, Farnham at 7.45 pm. Visitors welcome: £3.

21st March

"Who did you see at Croydon's Empire, Grand and Davis Theatres?" by Richard Norman and Carole Roberts to Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in the Small Hall of the East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, almost opposite East Croydon Station at 7.45 pm.

DATES FOR BULLETIN

There will be five further issues of the *Bulletin* in 2016. To assist contributors relevant dates are as follows:

	Copy date:	Approx. delivery:	
456	26th February	28th March	
457	29th March	30th May	
458	1 st July	1st August	
459	16th September	17th October	
560	11th November	12th December	

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