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S.A.S. VISITS

March, 22nd:

Visit to Fishbourne and Chichester.

March, 29th:

Symposium at Weybridge.

April, 26th:

Visit to Chipstead Area.

Details of these and other visits are given elsewhere in this Bulletin.

EXCAVATION NOTICE

OLD TOWN, CROYDON (TQ 318655)

A site opposite the west door of Croydon Parish Church is being excavated by the Archaeological Section of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society in advance of redevelopment. The area is presumably near the centre of the Saxon settlement and nearby excavation has shown occupation from the 11th century onwards. Work is expected to continue on weekends 1st-2nd and 15th-16th March.

Enquiries to Mrs. L. Thornhill, 31 Devonshire Way. Shirley, Croydon, CRO 8BU (01-777 5563).

NOTES

Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society

The inaugural meeting of the G.L.I.A.S. was held on 1st December at the Science Museum. A steering committee was formed to launch the Society and to lay down a policy. The secretary is Paul Carter, 20 Chestnut Grove, Sudbury, Middlesex.

Farnham: Badshot Lea Moated Site (SU 863486).

The excavation of the moated site at Park Farm, Badshot Lea was completed in July, 1968.

Three periods of occupation were found, the earliest being 13th century. The structural remains of that period were badly disturbed by intrusive features of later periods. They were the foundation walls of a small rectangular building and consisted of blocks of lower chalk with

nodules of flint. Two pits provided a large quantity of 13th century coarse pottery, slashed handled jugs constituting the bulk of the assemblage. A bronze coin of Edward III and an amulet from St. James di Compostella were found in the occupation level.

Widespread evidence of fire was found throughout the Period 1 levels. It is thought that the site was abandoned until the mid 16th century when a small house was erected to the south-west of the 13th century building. The only tangible structural remains were two brick drains and an extensive rammed chalk floor. Robbing of building fabric had clearly taken place in antiquity and the frequent occurrence of Victorian rubbish pits and other severe disturbances rendered this area of the site unsuitable for a satisfactory excavation.

No signs of destruction by fire were found in the upper levels of this period (Period 2). There is, however, a gap in the pottery series that would suggest another period of desertion until a Georgian house was erected in 1734 by one John Lampard (Period 3). The house was demolished in 1825. A drawing of the house by J. Hassell (1822) appears in Nigel Temple's Farnham Buildings and People.

It appears that the rectangular and apparently 13th century moat was partially infilled to accommodate the house, the vivarium of the Period 1 complex presumably being retained as a landscape feature.

The 13th century site is not unlike the hunting lodge at Writtle, Essex, a plan of which appears on page 83 of The History of the King's Works, Vol. 1 (The Middle Ages).

(I. G. Dormor).

Lambeth: Excavation of Delftware Kiln (TQ 307789).

During building works on the Norfolk House site (south of Lambeth Road between Norfolk Row nad Pratt Walk) opportunity arose to carry out a brief rescue excavation following the discovery of quantities of tinglazed earthenware scattered around two areas of red brick and ash. The work was undertaken by the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society under the direction of B. J. Bloice, J. Thorn and G. J. Dawson.

The foundations of one kiln and remains of a second were discovered. The most substantial foundations were of a rectangular, brick-built, kiln 12' by 6'. Associated with the kiln were delftware wasters and kiln furniture. This is the first tinglazed earthenware kiln to have been excavated in England and it is difficult to draw analogies except with documented continental kilns. It would appear that in England the rectangular plan is confined to the delftware industry as contemporary and later stoneware and coarseware kilns are circular in plan.

There is documentary evidence that this site was used as a pottery between 1686 and 1786. The first known potter was James Barston who had been potting in Southwark for seventeen years before he is heard of in Lambeth. It may be suggested that the Lambeth delftware industry probably had its origins in Southwark.

A closely dated glass kiln known to have been operating between 1879 and 1892 was also partially excavated on the same site.

An interim report of the excavations has appeared in the Newsletter (15, 3-4) of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society.

Recent Publications.

- Anon. (1968) N.E.A.S. plan for a Ewell Conservation Area. Newsletter Nonsuch and Ewell Antiq. S., August 1968, 1.
- Anon. (1968) The Mesolithic in Ewell. Newsletter Nonsuch and Ewell Antiq. S., August 1968, 2-3.
- ANON. (1968) The Early Iron Age in Ewell. Newsletter Nonsuch and Ewell Antiq. S., May 1968, 1-2.
- Anon. (1968) The society's work on clay tobacco pipes and the clay tobacco pipe in archaeology. Newsheet S.L.A.S., 9, 3-5.
- Anon. (1968) Excavation on the Thames foreshore, Battersea Park. News Sheet Wandsworth H. S., 1968/5, 2-3. (Summarised in Bulletin, 49.)
- Anon. (1968) Putney's lost monuments. News Sheet Wandsworth H.S., 1968/4, 1-2.
- Anon (1968) Gifts and loans to the (Wilmer House) Museum. Newsletter, Farnham Mus. S., 1/13, 1-2.
- Anon. (1968) Black Prince's Palace at Kennington. The London Archaeologist, Winter 1968, 3-5.
- ASHDOWN, J. (1968) Civic Amenities Act 1967 (Part 1) and the preservation of historic buildings. Kent Arch. Review, 12, 7-9.
- ASHDOWN, J. (1968) Seventeenth century pottery from Wrotham, Kent. Kent Arch. Review, 14, 13-17.
- BAILEY, K. (1968) Putney in the Dark Ages. The London Archaeologist Winter 1968, 19.
- BATLEY, J. (1968) Some pages of Farleigh History. Local History Records Bourne Soc., VIII, 3-7.
- BLOICE, B. J. (1968) Two potteries of South London. The Thames Basin Observer, 21, 1. (Reports the discovery of map evidence for two nineteenth century potteries operating in Bermondsey. They are Cooke's Pottery, operating at TQ 345797 in 1857, and Mr. Mason's Brown Stone Pottery, operating at TQ 358803 in 1843).
- BUNCE, G. (1968) Living crafts: Photography. Local History Records Bourne Soc., VIII, 30-2. (An account of his life and work by a photographer, still living, who started work in the 1890's).
- CARTER, P. (1968) M. W. B. Pumping Station, West Wickham. Kent Arch. Review, 14, 22. (A brief account of the last of the M.W.B.'s Kent Arca well stations still to be running on steam.)
- CLEW, K. R. (1968) Walton-on-the-Hill: An Illustrated History. R. S. Chappell Ltd. (26 Cross Road, Tadworth). 32pp., maps and six illus. 2/6 plus 6d. postage.
- CORNWALL, 1. W. (1968) Prehistoric Animals and Their Hunters. Faber 214pp., 29 drwgs., 2 tables, 4 diagrams. 42/-
- DREWETT, P. (1968) Archaeological Field Work and Excavation on Croham Hurst. Croydon N.H. and S.S. 2pp.

Saturday, 22nd.

S.A.S. VISIT TO FISHBOURNE AND CHICHESTER Arranged by CAPT. WILSON and MISS C. SMITH.

- 8.45 a.m. Coach leaves Reigate, Red Cross P.H.
- 9.00 a.m. Coach leaves Dorking, White Horse Hotel.
- 9.30 a.m. Coach leaves Guildford Park Road, rear of B.R. station. Car park in Guildford Park Road.
- 10.45 a.m. Fishbourne. (Entrance 2/6, payable at Fishbourne). Lunch in Chichester.
- 2.00 p.m. Assemble at Council House and Assembly Rooms, North Street to see Corporation Plate and City Charters.
- 2.45 p.m. City Museum, Little London.
- 3.30 p.m. Tour of the Pallants, the Roman walls, Cannon Lane and Vicars' Close. If time permits, visit the Cathedral to see John Piper tapestry.

Tea. Chichester is well supplied with restaurants for lunch and tea, but the Manager of the Crypt Coffee House is willing to open up a special room for the party at tea time if he knows the numbers in advance. Definite bookings for tea to Miss Smith by 15th March, please.

5.30 p.m. Leave Chichester.

Tickets (members 3/-; non-members 4/-; coach 10/-; tea 4/6) from Miss C. Smith, Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

Saturday, 29th

S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM AT WEYBRIDGE

See separate leaflet enclosed with this Bulletin.

Saturday, 29th. 7.30 p.m.

RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK IN SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH. Talks to the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at the Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road.

APRIL

Saturday, 26th. 10.15 a.m.

S.A.S. VISIT TO CHIPSTEAD (SURREY) AREA Arranged by Mrs. J. F. T. Banks.

Meet at the top of Reigate Hill, by the footpath opposite Margery Lane. Walk to Cheapstead via Shabden and Elmore Pond. Lunch at Chipstead. In the afternoon visit Pirbright Manor and Chipstead Church. Walking distance about seven miles.

Full details, in next month's Bulletin.

Tickets (members 3/-; non-members 4/-) from Miss C. Smith. Elyots, Minster Road, Godalming.

- ESCRITT, J. (1968) Conservation and its Problems I. Newsheet S.L.A.S., 10, 3-5. (Conservation of archaeological objects.)
- FLETCHER, J. (1968) Radio carbon dating for medieval timber buildings. Antiquity, XLII/167, 230-1.
- GOLLANCZ, MISS M. (1968) The Portley Map. Local History Records. Bourne Soc., VIII, 35-8.
- Gordus, Dr. Adon. (1968) Activation analysis, artefacts and art, New Scientist, 40/619 (17th Oct., 1968), 128-31.
- GROVES, E. W. (1968) Living crafts: The Forge, Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon. Local History Records Bourne Soc., VIII. 33-5. (Compiled from interviews).
- HAY, D. (1968) Beginning Local History. Hist. Assocn. 4pp.
- HARLEY, J. B. (1968 onwards) The 1st Edition of the 1" Ord. Survey. A reprint covering England and Wales in 97 sheets. David and Charles. 15/- per sheet.
- IMBER, D. (1968) Roman road research: Stane Street at Clapham. The London Archaeologist, Winter 1968, 12-15.
- MAGGS, K. R. A. (1968) Populations of civil parishes. Croydon Field Studies, 6, 2-7. (Populations of parishes around Pilgrim Fort, except Croydon L.B., from 1801-1961.)
- MATTHEWS, S. K. (1968) Photography in Art and Archaeology. John Baker. 161pp., 74 pls. 84/-,
- MEEKINGS, C. A. F. and SHEARMAN, P. (ed.) (1968) Fitznells Cartulary:

 A Calendar of Bodleian Library MS. Rawlinson B. 430. Surrey
 Record Soc. 120/- to non-members.
- OCOCK, M. (1968) Geophysical surveying in archaeology: some recent Kentish developments. Kent Arch. Review, 14, 5-7.
- OUSELEY, M. H. (1968) Heraldry in All Saints' Church, Sanderstead. Local History Records Bourne Soc., VIII, 8-14.
- PEARMAN, H. (1968) Further secrets of Caterham caves. Local History Records Bourne Soc., VIII, 14-20 (Extracts from Henderson, J., and others (1968) noted in Bulletin No. 49).
- PIGGOTT, PROF. S. (1968) The Druids Thames & Hudson. 42/-.
- RENN, D. (1968) Norman Castles in Britain. John Baker, pp. 76 plans and 48 plates. 126/-. (This book will be the subject of a review in the Collections.)
- SAALER, MRS. M. (1968) Excavation of the Roman road at Caterham. Local History Records Bourne Soc., VIII, 20-2.
- SHAW, MRS. M. E. (1968) Some new approaches to archaeology. Proc. and Trans. C.N.H.S.S., 14(2,) 1-24.
- SOWAN, P. W. (1968) A bibliography of bibliographical aids in the society's library. Croydon Bibliographies for the Regional Survey, 1. C.N.H.S.S., 3pp. (Copies obtainable from C.N.H.S.S., 96a Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2 6AD. Send s.a.e. plus 6d. in stamps.)

- SOWAN, P. W. (1968) List of periodicals held in the society's library. Croydon Bibliographies for the Regional Survey, 2. C.N.H.S.S. 8pp. (Copies obtainable from C.N.H.S.S., 96A Brighton Road, South Croydon, CR2, 6AD. Send s.a.e. plus 6d. in stamps).
- Spence, J. (1968) Victorian Caterham. Local History Records. Bourne Soc., VIII, 22-9. (An account written by one James Balch who was born in 1845 and lived in Caterham until his death in 1927. The account was written in 1909 and has only recently been discovered and prepared for the press).
- THOMSON, I. C. (1968) 17th century tokens of London. The London Archaeologist, Winter 1968, 8-10.
- Local History Records, VIII, is published by the Bourne Society, 52 Buxton Lane, Caterham, 2/6, postage 6d.

MEETINGS

MARCH

Friday, 14th. 7.30 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR THE ARCHAEOLOGIST. A talk by Mr. P. SANDIFORD to the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society at Coombe Cliff Education Centre, Coombe Road, Croydon.

Friday, 14th. 8.0 p.m.

THE INDUSTRIAL MONUMENTS SURVEY. A talk by Mr. REX WAILES. To the HOLMESDALE NATURAL HISTORY CLUB at the Museum, Croydon Road, Reigate.

Friday, 14th. 8.15 p.m.

ABBEY ROADS. A talk by Mr. W. J. RUDD to the MERTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY at Morden Library, London Road, Morden.

Saturday, 15th. 3 p.m.

EVIDENCE FOR NEOLITHIC ACTIVITY AT STORRS MOSS, LANCASHIRE: EXCAVATIONS 1965-7. A lecture to the Prehistoric Society at the Institute of Archaeology,

Friday, 21st.

Half day course on manuscript reading. Arranged by the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY. Enquiries to Mrs. Manning, 18 Upper South View, Farnham.

Friday, 21st. 6.30 p.m.

ECCLES ROMANO-BRITISH VILLA, 1962-8. Lecture by Mr. A. P. DETSICAS, to the LONDON AND MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at the Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

Friday, 21st to Sunday 23rd.

Conference to be held at Lincoln by the SOCIETY FOR POST-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY. Papers on kiln excavation, local ceramics, clay pipes, glass, etc. Enquiries to Mr. K. J. Barton, Cumberland House Museum and Art Gallery, Southsea, Hampshire.