JULY MEETINGS

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 5

SATURDAY, 3rd JULY, 1965

ALBURY

11.00 a.m. Meet at Weston Wood where the Late Bronze Age Settlement site will be visited by the kindness of the excavation director, Miss Joan M. Harding. (Entrance is from the A25 just opposite the Silent Pool via the gate marked Albury Sand Pit. Cars may be left in the old brickyard. The excavation is above the sand quarry on the south side).

Bus 425 Guildford - Dorking.

Dorking North 10.16 a.m. Silent Pool 10.44 a.m.

Guildford Bus Station 10.16 a.m. Silent Pool 10.43 a.m.

No coach will be run.

Picnic lunch can be eaten in the woods or in the barn below. Refreshments may be obtained at Newlands Corner — 1 mile.

1.45 p.m. Walk to Albury House (the house of Her Grace Helen, Duchess of Northumberland) which will be visited. The old church in the Park will be visited en route.

Tea will be provided and the gardens visited,

Tickets: Members 8/6. Visitors 9/6.

(This includes entrance fee to Albury House and tea).

MEETING No. 6

SATURDAY, 17th JULY, 1965

WALK IN THE BOXHILL AREA

Organiser: K. W. E. Gravett, M.Sc.

10.20 a.m. Assemble at Boxhill and Westhumble Station. Cars should be left at the large car park by the Burford Bridge Hotel. (5 minutes walk to Boxhill Station). Parking at the Station itself is extremely limited and the lane is narrow. The return route will pass the car park. The route will include Westhumble Chapel, Mickleham Church (by the kindness of the Rector, Rev. J. N. Cornell, M.A.) and village, and several objects of interest will be pointed out en route. Members are advised to bring packed lunches which will be eaten near Mickleham.

Tea will be taken at the café on the top of Boxhill, (to be paid for individually). The route has been chosen to avoid steep gradients and awkward stiles and will be approximately six miles long.

There will be no coach as Boxhill Station is easily accessible from all parts of Surrey.

Tickets: Members 3/-. Visitors 4/-.

For all meetings please apply for tickets to Mrs. R. K. Chiles, 38, Court Hill, Sanderstead, and NOT to Castle Arch.

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EXCAVATION NOTICES

WESTON WOOD, ALBURY: LATE BRONZE AGE HOMESTEAD (N.G.R.: TQ 053485)

Excavations will continue during the first two weekends of each month until July. Details were given in the May Bulletin,

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

(Telephone: Museum 3644, etx. 330).

RAPSLEY, EWHURST: ROMAN VILLA (N.G.R.: TQ 08044152)

Excavations will take place between 15th July and 15th August. Details will be given in the July Bulletin.

Enquiries to: The Viscountess Hanworth, Folly Hill, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, (Telephone: Ewhurst 420).

REVISED SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RULES

At the Special General Meeting held on 3rd April, 1965, the revised subscriptions and rules, as were adopted unaminously. The revised subscription rates will come into force on 1st January, 1966.

E. S. Wood, Hon. Secretary.

STUDY TOUR TO DENMARK

29th JULY to 12th AUGUST

The Danish Institute are arranging a study tour to Denmark for British archaeologists. The programme, which includes twelve days of "study visits" to archaeological sites and museums, will cover the archaeology of Denmark from the palaeolithic period to historic times. There will also be time allowed for visiting some of Denmark's historic towns.

The cost will be £64.0s.0d, from Harwich back to Newcastle, excluding meals on board the boat coming and going. Further details may be obtained from Morgens Kay-Larsen, Director in Great Britain, Danish Institute, 3, Doune Terrace, Edinburgh 3.

A provisional programme for the tour is available for consultation at Castle Arch.

Brief contributions to the Bulletin are invited on topics and discoveries of interest to members. They should be sent to the Editors. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Turner, 14 Fairlawn Road, S.W.19. Queries should be sent to Mr. B. F. J. Pardoe, Green Lane Lodge, Chertsey.

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NOTES AND OUERIES

C.B.A. Group 11A

The inaugural meeting of C.B.A. Group 11A was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, 20th March. Delegates were present from the Kent and Surrey Archaeological Societies and from local societies and groups. An executive committee and officers (chairman, secretary and treasurer) were elected. The committee held its first meeting on 21st April when a wide range of topics were discussed.

The group should form a ready channel for co-operation and communication between societies in the two counties. One of its first tasks will be to encourage as many as possible of the archaeological groups and societies in the area to join both the C.B.A. and Group 11A. Ways of keeping in touch with Group 10 and Group 11B will also be explored. It is intended to hold conferences for member societies, each conference to have a definite theme or subject. The committee will next meet in September.

Addington: Roman Road (TQ. 395612).

In accordance with their published policy members of the West Kent Border Archaeological Group maintained close watch on an electricitycable trench running from Addington (Surrey) to Biggin Hill (Kent), a distance of some three miles. Nothing of archaeological interest was revealed on the Addington side, but the Roman road from London-Lewes was cut through. It follows the County boundary for some miles here and the agger can be clearly seen. The trench revealed a spread of gravel several feet wide and slight traces of flanking ditches. Recent work by the Group at nearby West Wickham had shown the road to be 18 feet wide. About 300 yards beyond the border a previous unrecorded Roman site was encountered and produced pottery of 1st century date. fragments of daub, quernstone and a single tile. This is the sixth new Roman site discovered by the Group on the Kent side of the road within the last three years and this must surely suggest the presence of other similar sites on the Surrey side. Most of the sites appear to have been modest farmsteads occupied during the 1st and second centuries A.D.

(B. Philp).

Croydon: Archbishop's Palace (TQ 319654).

It is very pleasing to see a modern description of this house by Arthur Oswald in *County Life* (8th and 15th April, 1965). Now in use as a school, it was visited by the Society a few years ago and is open to the public in the school holidays. It is one of the more important medieaval houses in Surrey and is worthy of much greater attention than it has received.

(K. Gravett).

Normandy: Westwood Farm (SU 922511)

It is surprising that such an interesting and beautiful house as this should remain derelict and unoccupied, since it could be made a very attractive home by a private purchaser. A hall-house, with an inserted floor and chimney, it displays close-studding on the back, the front having been tilehung and underbuilt in the eighteenth century. Close-studding is rare in West Surrey and its use can only mean either a builder who had worked in an East Surrey (or Kent) tradition or, more likely, perhaps, an early date. This house would repay more study. It cannot be later than the mid-fifteenth century and may well be a hundred years older than this.

(K. Gravett).

Outwood: Post Mill, 1665 (TQ 328456).

June brings the 300th anniversary of the building of the well-known post mill on Outwood Common near Redhill. Believed to be the oldest working windmill in England, its builder was Thomas Budgen and several generations of his family subsequently worked it. The mill has a brick round-house and tarred weatherboarded top and is built up with a single central trunk around which the whole of the mill chamber revolves. Some six years ago repair work, including new sails or sweeps, was carried out with help from the S.P.A.B. and the present owners, Messrs. G. and R. Thomas, and their millwright, Mr. F. T. Brown, have recently undertaken further repairs, tarring etc. Nearby formerly stood the smock mill which collapsed in 1960. A good illustration appears in the List of Antiquities for Surrey, 1951.

(A. Buckland Kent).

Wimbledon: Almshouses (TQ 231712)

The Wimbledon Endowed Almshouses in Camp Road are to be demolished to make way for more up-to-date accommodation for the old people. The almshouses were built in 1839 and there are early twentieth century additions. Measured drawings of the nineteenth century portions have been prepared by Nicholas Hutton and a team of students from Kingston College of Art.

(D. J. Turner).

JUNE MEETING

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEETING No. 4

TUESDAY, 15th JUNE

VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, CASTLE and MUSEUM

Organiser: T. E. C. Walker, F.S.A.

- 10.45 a.m. Arrive Romsey. Coffee and biscuits will be available for those ordering in advance (to be paid for individually). Members not taking refreshment may view the Abbey Church.
- 11.15 a.m. Leave Romsev.
- 12.00 p.m. Arrive Christchurch. Tour of Red House Museum and Art Gallery kindly conducted by the Curator, Mr. J. H. Lavender, B.Sc., A.R.C.S.
- 1 2 p.m. Members are invited by Mr. Lavender to picnic in the Museum gardens. There are several nearby restaurants.
- 2.00 p.m. Priory Church, conducted by Mr. T. Brown.
- 3.00 p.m. Christchurch Castle etc., conducted by Mr. Lavender.
- 4.15 p.m. Members disperse individually for tea.

Coach leaves Guildford Railway Station 9 a.m. Farnham Station Yard 9.30 a.m.

Coach leaves Christchurch 5 p.m. returning via Ringwood to arrive Farnham 7 p.m. (approx.)

Guildford 7.30 p.m. (approx.)

Tickets: Members 2/6 Visitors 3/6 Coach 10/-