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S.A.S. VISIT

Thursday, 23rd April: Visit to the City of London arranged

by Mrs. V. G. Steward.

Details of this visit, and other meetings, are given elsewhere in this Bulletin.

EXCAVATION NOTICES

LOWER KINGSWOOD. PALAEOLITHIC SITE (TQ 243537)

Director: Mr. F. Pemberton

Work is continuing at this site on Sundays throughout the winter. An Acheulian site on the side of a dry combe is being investigated before the area is used as a rubbish tip.

Enquiries to Mr. S. Nelson, 20 Rose Bushes, Epsom Downs. (Tel.: Burgh Heath 50744).

OLD TOWN, CROYDON: A SAXON TO POST-MEDIEVAL OCCUPATION SEQUENCE (TO 318655)

Director: Mr. P. L. DREWETT

The Archaeology Section of Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society, in conjunction with Surrey Archaeological Society and the Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments, M.P.B.W., are excavating prior to the construction of the new ring road through the centre of Saxon and Medieval Croydon.

Dates: 30th March — 5th April. 23rd May — 31st May.

All dates inclusive. Hours 9 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Equipment provided, but volunteers should bring their own trowels. Enquiries to Miss Helen Nicholson, 54 Lulworth Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex.

NOTES

Acting Honorary Treasurer.

The Council have appointed Mr. A. C. Sargent, B.A., F.C.A., as Acting Hon. Treasurer in succession to Mr. D. J. Coley, F.C.A., who has resigned on his removal to Herefordshire.

(D. J. Turner).

Help needed in S.A.S. Library.

The Library is urgently in need of regular assistance with the professional and routine work of the Library, and unless this assistance is forthcoming the standard of service to members will deteriorate.

During the last ten years the work has greatly increased and is now too much for the present small staff who spend many hours of their spare time working voluntarily for the Library and members of the Society. Today, eighteen months after purchase, the valuable Crook collection of West Surrey typographical prints and drawings is still not available for consultation by members because the work of sorting and cataloguing still remains to be done.

The Library Committee would welcome a professional librarian to take charge of the binding of the books and a trained person to take charge of the maps, illustrations and other graphic and research material.

In addition there is a large amount of routine work to be done and volunteers are needed for this — no previous experience is required — training given on the job.

The work to be carried out includes:

- (a) The checking of books borrowed and returned, sending letters to members who fail to return them. Time: about one afternoon a week, and there are vacancies for the months of April, May, September and October two volunteers are needed for this.
- (b) Accessioning research material, i.e. prints, drawings, etc. Making and keeping up to date scrap books of valuable items from local societies. Time: about one day a month.
- (c) Filing under parishes a large number of newspaper cuttings which have already been prepared. Once the initial back log has been cleared the day to day work could be combined with another job.
 - (d) The work on the Crook collection, as mentioned above.
 - (e) Putting the collection of brass rubbings in order.

Volunteers should get in touch with the Curator-Archivist of Guildford Museum, Castle Arch, Guildford, in the first instance.

(R. A. Christophers).

Surrey Local History Organisations.

This list is condensed from one compiled for the Surrey Archaeological Society and the Surrey Local History Council and is intended to be useful to workers in local history and archaeology in the historic county of Surrey, as a guide to the societies and institutions which may be helpful in their studies and which would be interested in the results of such studies.

The complete list, based on a card-index maintained at the Surrey County Library's Caterham Central Library, Stafford Road, Caterham, is available for perusal at the Surrey Archaeological Society's Library at Castle Arch. Museums, the subject of a note in Bulletin 60, have been omitted, as have references to the excellent facilities offered in A Short Guide to the Local History Resources of Surrey County Library (see Bulletin 61). Other Libraries, not forming part of the Surrey County Library service are also included in the complete list.

BARNES & MORTLAKE HISTORY SOCIETY. Sec: Mrs. Callis, 16 Palmerston Road, London, S.W.14. Tel.: 01-876 3355.

BEDDINGTON, CARSHALTON & WALLINGTON ARCHAEOLO-GICAL SOCIETY. Sec.: Miss E. M. Fox, 156 Park Lane, Carshalton. Tel.: 01-647 1847.

BOURNE SOCIETY. Sec.: Miss D. C. Tutt, 74 Hamsey Green Gardens, Warlingham. Tel.: Upper Warlingham 4730.

CAMBERLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. Sec.: Miss K. Hocking, 172 Frimley Road, Camberley. Tel.: Camberley 21405.

CHARTERHOUSE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Charterhouse School, Godalming. Tel.: Godalming 150.

CHERTSEY HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP. Jt. Secs.: B. F. J. Pardoe, Queenwood House, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Tel.: Ottershaw 2784. H. J. M. Stratton, Langtons, Woking Road, Ottershaw.

Tel.: Ottershaw 2508.

CHERTSEY SOCIETY. Membership Sec.: Mrs. S. E. Weaver, Orchard End, Bridge Road, Chertsey. Tel.: Chertsey 3041.

CHIDDINGFOLD SOCIETY. Sec.: P. G. Thomas, Nuthurst Cottage, Chiddingfold. Tel.: Wormley 2932. (To be continued).

(L. C. Silverthorne).

Mayford: Lime Kiln at Smart's Heath. (SU 982557)

In May 1969, the Mayford History Society excavated a lime kiln built into the hedgebank between Smart's Heath and land which at the time when the kiln was in use would have belonged to Ellis Farm (subsequently Ellis Place and now Crastock Manor).

It is not possible to determine the original depth of the kiln as the roof and upper levels of the walls have disappeared, but the remaining two-course brick walls are intact to a depth of four feet in some places, forming an elliptical kiln 7 ft. 7 in. across at the widest point and 8 ft. 6 in. from the interior end of the feed tunnel to the far wall of the kiln. At the base of the vertical walls a horizontal ledge one foot wide and one brick deep encircles the kiln; below this is another ledge of the same dimensions, and below this again a sloping ledge drops away in the centre of the kiln to an earth floor containing ash.

At the level of the upper ledge a brick feed tunnel 1 ft. 10 in. wide and 3 ft. 3 in. deep from the apex of the arch to the first ledge, leads through the hedgebank to the base of the ditch on the Heath side of the bank, where wood and furze for firing is plentiful.

The internal surfaces of the kiln are covered with a hard green glasslike glaze; the ledges and the feed tunnel are, however, free of glaze, presumably because they were not in contact with the burning lime. Water for slaking the lime could have been obtained either from a pond a few yards away on the Heath or from a three foot wide drainage ditch Saturday, 14th. 3.00 p.m.

THE ISLEHAM FIND: A WORKSHOP HOARD OF THE L.B.A. FROM CAM-BRIDGESHIRE. Lecture by Mr. D. BRITTON to the PREHISTORIC SOCIETY at the Institute of Archaeology.

Saturday, 14th. 2 p.m.
SYMPOSIUM, RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION IN THE CROYDON AREA. Various speakers to the Croydon Natural History & Scientific SOCIETY. Entrance by programme, 5/- including refreshments. At the Unitarian Church Hall, Friends Road, Croydon.

Tuesday, 17th. 8 p.m.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? STREET NAMES AND LOCAL HISTORY. Lecture by MR. F. J. OWEN to the KINGSTON UPON THAMES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at the Central Library Lecture Hall, Fairfield West, Kingston upon Thames.

Wednesday, 18th. 8.15 p.m.

OLD MOLESEY. Talk by Mr. R. W. BAKER to the WALTON AND WEY-BRIDGE L.H.S. at St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Walton-on-Thames.

Thursday, 19th. 8 p.m.

LOCAL HISTORY WITH THE CAMERA. Talk by Mr. P. GARRETT to the OXTED AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY at the Oxted County School, Blue House Lane, Oxted.

Saturday, 21st. 2.15 p.m.

S.A.S. SYMPOSIUM AT REIGATE

St. Mark's Hali.

See Separate leaflet enclosed with this Bulletin.

Thursday, 26th. 8 p.m.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF SANDERSTEAD. Talk by Mr. R. LEVESON-GOWER to the OXTED AND RISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY, as 19th March.

APRIL

Thursday, 23rd.

S.A.S. VISIT TO THE CITY OF LONDON Arranged by Mrs. V. G. Steward.

There will be an upper limit of 40 persons.

Meet at Fishmongers' Hall, on north-west corner of London 10.50 a.m. Bridge. (Nearest Underground station The Monument). Visit St. Mary Abchurch, just off Cannon Street.

12 noon Lunch Interval.

2.30 p.m. Re-assemble at the Innholders Hall, College Street, Dowgate

3.15 p.m. Visit two more churches in the vicinity, also various other old buildings nearby.

(Finish in time to catch trains before 4.30 p.m.)

Tickets (members 3/-; non-members 4/-) from Mrs. Major, 3 Riversdale Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Saturday, 25th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, S.A.S.

Full details in April Bulletin.

nearby. Carts bringing the raw chalk could have reached the kiln by a track, now overgrown, which ran right past the kiln, alongside the hedgebank, and the Ellis farm buildings could be reached by a path across the fields, crossing the Crastock stream by a brick-built humped bridge.

The kiln probably went out of use around the time of the 1914-18 War, as various local residents remember playing in the derelict kiln just after the war.

(Miss N. Cox).

STOP PRESS

Excavation at Brooklands, Weybridge (TQ 068631)

Close to the site of the important Iron Age bucket found in 1907 and prior to the construction of a sewage works, excavation will take place between 30th March and 30th April, inclusive. Volunteers urgently required. Enquiries to Rosamond Hanworth (Director), Folly Hill, Ewhurst. Ewhurst 420.

MEETINGS

EXHIBITIONS

NONSUCH — A LOST TUDOR PALACE. An exhibition of archaeological finds and contemporary illustrations at the LONDON MUSEUM, Kensington Gardens, W.8. (Admission free, weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.) Until 19th April.

CENTENARY — 1870-1970. An Exhibition of the CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY'S activities will be held in the Sun Lounge, Fairfield Hall, Croydon, from Monday 6th — Saturday 11th April at 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

THE BLACK PRINCE'S PALACE AT KENNINGTON

From 1965 to 1968 the SOUTHWARK ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION COMMITTEE and the SOUTHWARK AND LAMBETH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, with the encouragement of the landowners, the Duchy of Cornwall, undertook excavations on the site of the Black Prince's Palace at Kennington.

The Duchy of Cornwall has placed the finds from the site on permanent loan to the Cuming Museum where they are on display in two main sections, illustrating material evidence recovered for the appearance of the buildings, floor covering, roofing material, walls, windows and doors, also domestic life at the Palace, food and vessels used for cooking and drinking. Documents supplement knowledge where material evidence does not survive. Until 11th April.

COURSES.

Saturday, 14th March.

FARNHAM. A PROSPEROUS MARKET TOWN IN THE 18TH CENTURY. One-day course, to discuss the concept of domestic scale, the meaning of buildings and walkways, the needs of modern shopping, the idea of conservation and the impact of the modern car. Cost, including lunch, 30s. (Similar courses on, inter alia, Canterbury & Bruges, Lewes). Organised by the Association for Cultural Exchange, 9 Emmanuel Road, Cambridge.

24th — 30th April.

HISTORIC HOUSES IN SHROPSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE. With an excursion into Derbyshire. Short course planned at Attingham Park, by The National Trust. Places for 65. Cost about £20. Enquiries to The Warden, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury.

MARCH

Tuesday, 3rd. 6.45 p.m.

Recent Archaeological Work in Southwark and Lambeth, Results of 1969. Talks and slides by members of the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society at the North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road.

Wednesday, 4th. 7.30 p.m.

MILLS IN SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND, including Croydon Mill. Talk by MR. C. E. WOODROW, Haxted Watermill Watermill Museum, to the CROYDON NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY at the Friends' Meeting House, Park Lane, Croydon.

Friday, 6th. 7.45 p.m.

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY. Talk by Mr. R. KINGSFORD-CURRAN to the FARNHAM MUSEUM SOCIETY in the Committee room behind the Council Offices in South Street, Farnham.

Tuesday, 10th. 8 p.m.

SURREY IRONWORKS. Talk by Mr. F. Holling to the Nonsuch and EWELL ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY at Pit House, Ewell.

Tuesday, 10th. 8 p.m.

A.G.M. of the EGHAM-BY-RUNNYMEDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, followed by St. Ann's Hill. Talk by Mr. W. T. Bult, at Egham Library Lecture Room.

Wednesday, 11th. 5 p.m.

THE PARR POT: A 16TH CENTURY GLASS TANKARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARR FAMILY. Lecture by MRS. P. J. GLANVILLE to the ROYAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE at Burlington House.

Wednesday, 11th. 8 p.m.

Meeting of the EMLINGE HISTORY SOCIETY at Horley Central Library, Victoria Road.

Thursday, 12th. 6.45 p.m.

THE BLACK PRINCE'S PALACE AT KENNINGTON. Lecture by Mr. G. DAWSON in connection with the Exhibition of finds from the site. At the Cuming Museum, Newington District Library, Walworth Road, S.E.17.

Friday, 13th. 8.15 p.m.

SPRAWL AND CRAWL — AN ACCOUNT OF THE SPREAD OF LONDON INTO SURREY. Talk by Mr. R. C. W. Cox to the Merton Historical Society at the Lecture Hall, Morden Library, London Road, Morden.

Friday, 13th. 8 p.m.

THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE FOR WHOM MONUMENTAL BRASSES WERE MADE. Talk by Mr. J. PAGE-PHILLIPS to the HOLMESDALE N.H.C. at The Museum, Croydon Road, Reigate.