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## OUR CENTENARY LUNCHEON IN 1954 (see centrefold)

*A 'cold collation' seems to have been followed by an equally chilling group photograph taken on the 30th June 1954 at Kingston. From left to right:*

*Top row: F. E. Bray, Major H. C. Patrick; W. J. Pickering; R. J. Atkinson, OBE, FSA; W. B. Billinghamurst; Bernard Rackham, CB, FSA; C. E. Sexton; Dr. R. Offor; E. L. Sellick; R. H. G. Leveson-Gower.*

*Bottom Row: Dr. W. H. C. Frend; J. R. Warburton; Mrs. Grenside; Miss D. Weeding; Sir Robert Haining, Mayor of Kingston, Lord Lieutenant and Vice-President; A. W. G. Lowther, FSA and Hon. Sec.; J. Wilson Haffenden.*

## FARNHAM CASTLE

*David Graham*

The Castle is currently undergoing a programme of restoration works, part of which has involved stripping the pebble-dashing from part of the outer face of the Great Gate, which is set in the south-west corner of the outer curtain wall, more or less



*South-west face of the North Tower of the Gate House showing masonry coursing and crack running just to the right of the small notice.*

facing the principal access route from the town. This was originally the main entrance to the castle and consists of twin rectangular towers with semi-octagonal outer faces flanking the gate itself, which, in medieval times, had a drawbridge fronting it, to span the defensive ditch that surrounded the castle. Probably dating to the late 12th or early 13th centuries, the Gate was originally higher than it is today, but was badly damaged in a siege during the early part of the Civil War.

The Gate towers were restored and modified during the 19th century, but it was probably during the 1930s that the stonework was protected by a layer of pebble-dashing. It is this layer that has just partially been removed from the northern tower, exposing the medieval stonework for the first time in two generations.



*West face of the North Tower of the Gate House showing small window/arrowslit.*

It can now be seen that the northern tower is constructed of very roughly squared and rectangular malmstone blocks with signs of diagonal tooling on the outer faces. These are interspersed with rubble and laid in more or less regular courses, with areas of later patching. Only the quoin stones at the corners of the building show any sign of being finished to a higher standard. In places near the base of the tower a few of the stones show signs of reddening and it seems possible that these have been reused from an earlier building that had been affected by fire. Most of the existing windows are relatively recent inserts, but a narrow splayed window/arrowslit on the north-west face of the tower appears to be an original feature. This slit - 53cm high and 21cm wide externally, narrowing to about 10cm wide internally - is about 50cm above the present ground surface and would originally have looked diagonally across the defensive ditch and along the line of the curtain wall.

The south-west face of the tower - that next to the gate itself - has a large crack running from ground level to about two thirds of the way up the building. This may possibly have been caused by the petard that was used by Parliamentary forces under Sir William Waller, to blow the gate during the siege of November 1642.

What is interesting is that the construction of the gatehouse does not appear to match that of the 12th century curtain wall. The latter is largely built of regular blocks of sarsen stone (roughly 20 x 30cm) showing no signs of tooling and laid in neat courses. This forms a complete contrast to the much more haphazard construction of the gatehouse towers. It may well be therefore that the two are not contemporary and that the Great Gate is a later insertion and perhaps replaces an earlier Norman structure.

## **A MIDDLE BRONZE AGE HOARD FROM MICKLEHAM**

*David Williams, Finds Liaison Officer*

During November 2003, a small hoard of three complete bronze objects was found by Martin Hay while using a metal detector in Norbury Park, Mickleham. The find spot lies on a gentle slope in woodland of recent generation and some 400m from the west bank of the River Mole. The findspot lies within an area of lynchets or terraces, certainly of agricultural origin and of uncertain, but possibly prehistoric, date. The hoard comprises two palstave axes and a scabbard chape; the latter object appears to date the hoard to the Mid-Late Bronze Age, perhaps to about 1200BC.

All three objects are in very fine condition save for a thin post-depositional calcium crust and appear little used. Axe 1 is 168mm long and 52mm across the blade and weighs 492.1g; Axe 2, which has a 'trident'-like design of three raised ribs on each side, is 182mm long, 50mm across the blade and weighs 623.5g; and the chape is a hollow casting, 152 by 40mm (weight 72.5g), diamond-shaped in section, with two offset circular fixing holes. Its terminal is a circular 'button' 15mm in diameter.

In December an examination of the findspot was carried out using a trench measuring 5 x 1.5m. According to the finder the objects formed a compact group some 30cm below the leaf mould and lay beneath a number of large flint nodules.



The findspot was still clearly visible along with the flints. Along the whole length of the trench a tightly packed layer of flint nodules, some massive was encountered, comprising several hundred pieces. The only other object recovered was part of a dull red pebble of non-local origin. The hoard appeared to have lain at or close to the base of this flint layer that rested on a red/brown clayey soil with flints, which in turn rested upon the natural chalk. No obvious buried soil was found and it may be that the area had been de-turfed prior to the deposition of the flint layer. The clayey soil was much reduced in depth on the downhill side of the trench and appeared to have been truncated. A number of samples of the clayey soil were taken for environmental analysis.

In order to define the extent of the flint layer a number of test pits were dug beyond the trench up to 20m away and this was followed up by an augur survey. The results were surprising and showed that the flints did not extend further than 1-2m in any direction beyond the trench. A metal detector survey of the general vicinity up to c60m away failed to recover anything but modern material (mostly cartridge cases and nails).

It seems clear therefore that the flints had been deliberately placed on top of the hoard and may have formed a cairn of no more than 3-4m in diameter and which had subsequently tumbled downhill. Some evidence was forthcoming that the cairn had been placed on the edge of a lynchet. This apparent connection between the cairn and the field terraces suggests a close link between the two and that the latter may be of Bronze Age date, as has been suggested for similar lynchets elsewhere in the Mickleham area. The cairn may derive from field clearance or it may have been accumulated purely for the hoard to be buried beneath, or both may be true. Perhaps the hoard was placed here when the slopes were first tilled, as an offering to bring about a plentiful harvest. Whichever was the cairn's original function this hoard can surely now be added to the small number of similar Bronze Age discoveries whose votive origins seem assured.

Note: The hoard, although honestly reported, was found on Access land owned by Surrey County Council and managed by Surrey Wildlife Trust. Metal detecting took place without consent of the owners. Under the extended Treasure Act a group of more than two metal objects of prehistoric date is considered to be treasure and must be reported within 14 days. It remains to be seen what the outcome of this case will be with regards to its valuation and to the disposition of the finds.

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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

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### **THE SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Archaeological Society will be held at 2pm on Saturday, November 20th 2004 at Shere Village Hall.

#### **Agenda for Annual General Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To read and, if appropriate, to sign as correct the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 22nd November 2003.
3. To receive and consider the Annual Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Auditor's Report for the year to 31st March 2004 and, if approved, to adopt them.
4. To elect the President for 2004-2005.
5. To elect Honorary Vice-Presidents for 2004-2005.

6. To elect Vice-Presidents for 2004-2005.
  7. To elect Honorary Officers for 2004-2005.
  8. To elect six Ordinary Members of Council to retire in 2008 under Article 21a. (Nominations for election under items 4-8 should be sent to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven days before the meeting. All nominations require a proposer and seconder, who must be members of the Incorporated Society, and nominations must be accompanied by a signed statement by the nominee of his or her willingness to stand for election. Institutional Members are not eligible for election.)
  9. To appoint Honorary Examiners for 2004-2005 and to authorise Council to determine their remuneration.
- Any Other Business.

## **TRUDIE DREW**

Council reports with sadness the death, in May, of Trudie Drew, mother of Honorary Librarian Gillian Drew. Over the years, Trudie gave great support to the Society and was a familiar presence at meetings and symposia, assisting with sales of Society publications.

We extend our sympathies to Gill.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

*Susan Janaway*

A special welcome to our new members. I have again included principal archaeological interests where they have been given on the membership application form. I hope this will be useful for the Society's Local Secretaries and Committee Chairmen.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Principal Archaeological Interests</b>
Amy, Mrs H A	17 Town End Street Godalming, GU7 1BQ	Medieval period
Bentley, Mr G	29 Pear Tree Road Addlestone, KT15 1SR	
Bromiley, Mrs S	24 Rutherwyke Close Stoneleigh, Epsom, KT17 2NB	Local History
Chishold, Miss R H	Urquhart House Avairy Road, Pyrford, GU22 8T	Roman History
Clarke, R J	Melrose, The Green, Bletchingley Road Godstone, RH9 8LL	Georgian navy
Coopers, Mr A T	11 Badger Close Guildford, GU2 9PJ	Ripley and Guildford (modern/industrial)
Ely, Mrs H J	9 Windermere Way Reigate, RH2 0LW	The Cranston Library, Reigate
Graham-Brown, G	3 Cranston Close Reigate, RH2 7HR	
Hartley, D T	'Mand's Place' Pilgrims Way, Westhumble Dorking, RH5 6AP	Romano-British archaeology, early man - Bronze Age, Iron Age and local history
Laidlaw, Mrs J and Mr P Salt	23 Prentis Road Streatham, London SW16 1QB	

Mallinson, Mr A H	22 Gordon Road Claygate, KT10 0PQ	New (1988) railway line to Guildford via Cobham
Maw, Mrs L M	140 Nightingale Road Carshalton, SM5 2EN	Local History
Newstead, Mr & Mrs R C	14 Jason Close Woodhatch Road Redhill, RH1 5HG	Local History - Redhill, Reigate and Horley area, also local landscape
O'Sullivan, Ms T C	63 Minster Road Godalming, GU7 1SR	History and Henry Smith
Pearce, Robin	2 Marley Hanger Haslemere, GU27 3DP	Military, Roman, Anglo-Saxon
Richmond, Charles	17 Nursery Road, Farncombe, Godalming, GU7 3JU	Military, Anglo-Saxon
Riddiford, Miss N G	Elm Lodge, Harvest Road Englefield Green Egham, TW20 0QR	Prehistoric period
Rounthwaite, Mr D and Mrs R	Reculvers, Chart Lane Dorking, RH4 2BU	Railways, Industrial Archaeology and landscape
Sadler, Miss J L	7 Rossiter Lodge Rosetrees Guildford, GU1 2HU	
Smith, Jez	48 Merton Mansions Bushey Road, Raynes Park London SW20 8DQ	Mainly British Prehistoric
Waits, Thomas	Flat 20 Wycliffe Bldg Portsmouth Road Guildford, GU2 4BW	Pre 20th century construction and engineering, pagan religious practices
White, Mrs J	The Coppice, 25 The Avenue Haslemere, GU27 1JT	
White, Mrs V	Downsland, Manor House Lane Little Bookham, KT23 4EJ	Common fields, Effingham local history, saxon period

## GUIDED WALKS IN HISTORIC SURREY

The final walk in the series of guided walks in historic Surrey takes place in September:

### MICKLEHAM DOWNS

**Saturday 18th September 2-6pm**

A walk over open downland to see remains of prehistoric field system and burial mounds, sites of Romano-British farms, a Roman road, medieval sheep run and 18th and 19th century developments of large houses and parkland gardens.

Leader: **Judie English**. Distance: 4-5miles. Children 12 years plus must be accompanied by an adult. Not suitable for those with impaired mobility as the walk involves rough ground with steep climbs. No dogs.

Meet at car park opposite Nower Wood Study Centre on Reigate Road - Mill Way (B2033).

Our sincere thanks to all the people who have so generously led walks in this our 150th Anniversary year.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE:**

**150th ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
OF THE SURREY  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**The Derby Suite of the Queen's Stand  
Epsom Downs**

*Saturday 27th November 2004*  
7 for 7.30pm

***Guest of Honour:***

Professor Martin Biddle, Professor of  
Medieval Archaeology, Cambridge University

The dinner will be the culminating event in a year of celebrations that have marked the 150th Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Society in 1854. Throughout the year the series of special events have been particularly well supported by members and we look forward to your support on this very special occasion.

The Derby Suite, with its magnificent views across London, is the splendid setting for the dinner, and the Guest of Honour, Martin Biddle, is well-known in Surrey for his important work at Nonsuch Palace.

**Tickets:** £38.50, to include a three-course dinner (with a vegetarian option), coffee and table wines. A cash bar service will be available both before and after the dinner.

**Guests most welcome.**

Please complete the enclosed application form for tickets and return to Castle Arch together with your cheques. A seating plan will be arranged in advance and there is also the opportunity for members or groups to make up their own tables of eight.

Full directions to the Queen's Stand will be sent out with tickets. The evening will close at 11pm and taxis can be ordered locally.

# 150th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION OF THE SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## SURREY HISTORY CENTRE

*September & October 2004*

*Goldsworth Road, Woking*

The Centre is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 5pm; until 7.30pm on Thursdays; but only until 4pm on Saturdays.

Fill out the enclosed application form for tickets Further information is available on the Centre's web site or by phone: 01483 518737.

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## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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### TALKS AND DISPLAYS FOR THE PUBLIC

*Gillian Grew*

Members of the Library Committee would be very willing to give talks to publicise the Library's resources, at any venue around the County to local societies, museums, or any interested group. The Library's resources are in many cases quite unique, and deserve to be better known. No serious local researcher can afford to ignore our range of material, and a talk, which could be of any length, might help alert those interested to what is available.

We would also be happy to provide displays advertising Library material on particular topics for use in libraries, museums, or any suitable venue. If anyone knows of a suitable venue that would like such a display, or would like to arrange a talk, would you please contact the Hon Librarian at Castle Arch. With displays, it would be helpful to have an indication of the size of display required.

A reminder to members that the Library is staffed on the first Saturday morning of each month from 9.30am to 1 pm when skilled help is available to assist with your research, and to provide access to the research collection. Parking in Guildford need not be a headache! The Park and Ride system enables you to park at the University and reach the town centre by bus, very cheaply!

It would be very helpful to know if members would appreciate staff help in the Library for the whole day on a Saturday. As this would need to be arranged with voluntary help, we would only be able to respond if there was a genuine need, so if this is a service that you are reasonably certain you would use, can you once again please contact the Hon Librarian at Castle Arch.

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## SURREY HISTORY CENTRE

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### NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

*Maggie Vaughan Lewis (County Archivist)*

There is much happening in the world of online archives which members of the Surrey Local History Committee often hear about and think might interest others. If this is thought a good idea, I'll submit an occasional update on recent archive developments that members might not have picked up. I hope members will tell me what they think!

### **A2A (Access to Archives)**

A2A is a wonderful site hosted by the National Archive (the old Public Record Office and HMC). Hundreds of archive catalogues across the country are searchable on here (check out our very own Loseley manuscripts), but the latest addition is invaluable for building historians:



***A Place In the Sun*** is an index of the policy registers of the Sun Fire Insurance office from 1816 to 1824. The project is continuing and will add data up to 1830 over the next six months.

To view it go to [www.a2a.org.uk](http://www.a2a.org.uk) or if you're already in the Surrey History service website, click on A2A on our How to search page). Put a keyword in the box and select Guildhall Library from the Locations drop list; then click on the red search button. (You can go to extended search and choose Place in the Sun from the themes list but it does exactly the same). Once you have found references to policies, you can order a copy of the register entry itself from the Guildhall Library Manuscripts section; there is a helpful underlined link from each of the hits, reading "contact Guildhall Library".

Of course, for earlier years, don't forget Surrey Local History Committee's project for indexing Surrey policies from 1788 to 1793. These are being added to the committee's page on the SyAS website as time permits ([www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/slhcfire.html](http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/slhcfire.html))

The earliest of the policies were indexed a few years and the result, for 1775 to 1787, was published on fiche. This is available to see at the Surrey History Centre.

**Author:** Jenkins, D T

**Publisher:** Guildhall Library, c1980s

**Title:** *Indexes of the fire insurance policies of the Sun Fire Office and The Royal Exchange Assurance 1775-1787*

**Class:** 368.11

**ISBN:** S012583071

### **Manorial Documents register online (MDR)**

The Manorial Documents Register identifies the location of manorial records such as court rolls, surveys, maps, terriers, documents and all other documents relating to the boundaries, franchises, wastes, customs or courts of a manor. Title deeds are not included in the Register. Currently the National Archive has information for Wales, the Isle of Wight, Hampshire, Norfolk and the three Ridings of Yorkshire available online. However Surrey has just been completed and is due to be launched in September.

If you'd like to know more mark the 16th October in your diary (see below).

### **Demonstration of the Manorial Documents Register for Surrey: Manorial Documents Unmasked**

***Workshop 2pm-5pm***

***Surrey History Centre***

***Saturday 16th October 2004***

Manorial records are a rich but daunting and underused source for family and local historians. Find out more about why they were created and how to use them in our workshop led by expert Dr Mark Forest.

Original documents from Surrey History Centre on display.

Admission is free but by ticket only - please telephone 01483 518737 to book.

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## **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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### **SURREY'S COUNTRYSIDE AND HERITAGE 2004 Surrey History Centre, Goldsworth Road, Woking.**

The annual series of illustrated talks by leading specialists from Surrey County





Council's Countryside and Heritage Division looking at current issues and conservation projects.

All talks will begin at 7.30pm, and there is free admittance.

## **CONSERVING 2000 YEARS OF HISTORY**

**21st October**

How the archives looked after by the Surrey History Service help the work of Surrey's conservation teams to look after buildings, landscapes and ancient monuments.

*Maggie Vaughan-Lewis, Head of the Surrey History Service and David Bird, Head of Heritage Conservation*

## **SURREY'S COUNTRYSIDE AND HERITAGE REVIEW 2004**

**28th October**

The current state of play in conserving the countryside and heritage of Surrey: England's most surprising county. There are many issues, but also opportunities for everyone to become involved.

*Mike Dawson, Head of Countryside and Heritage*

## **EXCAVATING SURREY'S PAST**

**4th November**

Surrey's Time Team uncover the remains of the past.

*Phil Jones, Senior Archaeological Officer and Trudie Cole, Archaeological Education Officer*

## **SURREY'S LAST WILDERNESS**

**11th November**

Lowland heathland is now rare and precious but once covered much of West Surrey: 85% has been lost and it is important to keep and look after what remains.

*RobMcGibbon, Heathland Project Manager*

## **RIGHTS OF WAY AND ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE**

**18th November**

Surrey has more publicly accessible countryside, particularly commons, than anywhere else in south-east England. Historically, footpaths and bridleways have always been the most important means of accessing the countryside, but constant care and vigilance is needed to keep them all open and available.

*Sue Todd, Head of Rights of Way and Countryside Access*

## **INSPIRED BY THE SURREY HILLS**

**25 November**

The rich heritage of the Surrey Hills has inspired many famous writers, painters, designers and musicians. This is one reason for looking after the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

*Rob Fairbanks, Surrey Hills AONB Officer*

All welcome.

Enquiries to Bernice Hall, Tel: 020 8541 9433; e-mail: [bernice.hall@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:bernice.hall@surreycc.gov.uk)

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## **RECENT WORK BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL UNITS WORKING IN THE LONDON BOROUGHs OF SURREY**

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*The fieldwork projects listed below were undertaken by archaeological contractors*

operating mostly during the end of last year and the early months of 2004. A key to the acronyms is provided below, and, where given, the bracketed letters and numbers at the end of each entry is the site code.

AOC	AOC Archaeology
AS	Archaeological Solutions
ASE	Archaeology South-East
CA	Compass Archaeology
LAS	Lindsey Archaeological Services
MoLAS	Museum of London Archaeology Service
<i>NSFF</i>	<i>No significant features or finds</i>
PCA	Pre-Construct Archaeology
SuAS	Sutton Archaeological Services
TVAS	Thames Valley Archaeological Services

## **CROYDON**

**Croydon**, former gasworks, Purley Way (TQ 5312 1655). Evaluation by MoLAS. *NSFF* (PUE 03).

**Croydon**, 100 Church Street (TQ 5320 1655). Watching Brief by MoLAS. Medieval pottery sherds from ploughsoils; 15th to 19th century ploughsoils, dumps, occupation layers and garden soils in northern yard area; similar in northern area below former building, and brick, ragstone and flint walls of former building dating from the early 1850's; similar ploughsoils, dumps and occupation layers towards south of site overlain with Church Street surfaces; Victorian brock features and demolition layers at east edge of site. (CYO 03).

**Purley**, 21-27 Russell Hill Road (TQ 5512 1890). Evaluation by MoLAS. *NSFF* (SY-CRO 03).

**Croydon**, Croham Hurst Golf Club (TQ 5342 1635). Watching Brief by PCA. *NSFF* (CGL 03).

**Selsdon**, Sainsbury's Supermarket, Addington Road/ Farleigh Road (5350 1621). Excavation by LAS in 2003. Prehistoric flints, and pot sherds of Iron Age, Roman, Saxon and medieval date from medieval ploughsoils with ridge and furrow (OSL 03).

**South Norwood**, 27 High Street (5340 1685). Watching Brief by MoLAS in 2003. *NSFF* (HNO 03)

**Croydon**, Whitgift School, Brighton Road (TQ 5323 1639). Evaluation by ASE in 2003. Two struck flints, otherwise *NSFF* (WFS 03).

**Croydon**, 10-12 Heathfield Road (TQ 5326 1647). Watching Brief by AOC in April 2004. *NSFF*. (HHF 04).

**South Norwood**, Harris City Academy (TQ 3395 6858). Watching Brief by PCA in February 2004. *NSFF* (HCA 04).

## **KINGSTON UPON THAMES**

**Worcester Park**, Malden Parochial Primary School, Church Road (TQ 5212 1662). Watching Brief by AOC in April 2003. *NSFF*. (MDP 03).

## **LAMBETH**

**Lambeth**, Clapham Road/ Union Road (TQ 5302 1761). Evaluation by AS in 2003. *NSFF*. (CJA 03).

**Brixton**, St. Matthews Estate (5309 1747). Watching Brief by CA in 2003. *NSFF*. (BXW 03).

## **MERTON**

**Wimbledon**, 7, The Downs (5235 1701). Evaluation by MoLAS in 2003. Several

struck flints. (DWW 03).

## **RICHMOND**

**Kew, Kew Palace, Royal Botanical Gardens (TQ 1848 7747)** Evaluation by PCA in March 2004. Two broadly parallel N-S linear features preceded the large-scale development of the area with the construction of a kitchen wing to the west of the main house in the early 18th century; 18th century truncated drain thought to be broadly contemporary with a foundation wall and the south breast of a fireplace. The north breast had been entirely removed by a 19th century brick soakaway, which may have been constructed immediately after the demolition of the service block in 1880. A 19th century drain at the south end of the trench may have partially reused an earlier 18th century wall. The existing courtyard surface and associated make-up and levelling layers was constructed in the 1960's (KEW 4).

## **SOUTHWARK**

**Southwark, 56 Southwark Bridge Road (5322 1800).** Watching Brief by PCA. Possible Roman layer identified in test pit 1; 17th century pond or pit in test pit 2; 18th and 19th century layers. (SBK 03).

**Nunhead, 1-3 Stuart Road (5353 1751).** Evaluation by TVAS in 2003. *NSFF*. (SUO 03).

**Southwark, St. John's Churchyard, Tower Bridge Road (5334 1798).** Watching Brief by PCA. Brick wall of southern boundary; disarticulated human bone. (SJV 03).

**Southwark, 67 Deverell Street (5327 1792).** Watching Brief by AOC. *NSFF* (DEV 02).

**Southwark, St. George the Martyr church (5325 1798).** Evaluation by AOC in 2003. Palaeochannel; probable medieval and possibly earlier deposits truncated by three earth-cut burials and a brick barrel vault; evidence of the construction of the existing structure of 1734-5. (GMY 03).

**Southwark, 163-167 Bermondsey Street.** Evaluation by MoLAS earlier this year identified a sequence of buildings and structures dating from the medieval periods onwards. No.163 had a probable medieval chalk-built structure encased possibly in the 17th century, later brick-built buildings and a sequence of stone-built walls. The later one of these, possibly of 15th-16th century date was aligned approximately east-west and appeared to demarcate the southern property boundary, a remnant perhaps of the medieval burgage plots which typified the ancient Bermondsey Street townscape. At least one earlier phase on a slightly different alignment may have been of 14th century date. Both walls were much later than a north-south one of good quality stone set c3m east of Bermondsey Street. As it has been long thought that the perimeter wall of the Abbey precinct was located along the east side of Bermondsey Street it is tempting to interpret this as a possible remnant of the precinct wall, but too small a portion survived to be certain.

**Southwark, 291-203 Old Kent Road** Evaluation by MoLAS earlier this year identified a north-south Roman ditch aligned north-south that probably represents a boundary ditch respecting Watling Street.

**Southwark, The George PH, Keyworth Street.** Watching brief by MoLAS earlier this year of geotechnical test pits. Natural gravels were encountered beneath the basement.

**Southwark, Potter's Fields, Tooley Street.** Evaluation by MoLAS earlier this year encountered considerable basements and other obstructions, but the topography of the underlying Horsleydown eyot was mapped, clearly indicating the potential for prehistoric remains surviving on the site.

- Southwark**, Final Furlong PH, Grange Road/Spa Road. Evaluation by MoLAS earlier this year revealed a possible Roman ditch, probably representing a boundary, heavily truncated by post-medieval cellars and fill material containing evidence of the nearby tanning industries.
- Southwark**, 137 Great Suffolk Street. Evaluation by MoLAS earlier this year of a site on the south-west margins of Roman Southwark, west of Newington Causeway. Few archaeological features were found, but one Roman ditch may represent land division. There was no indication of Stane Street, which is known to be located in the area.
- Southwark**, 1-3 Bankside. Geoarchaeological evaluation by MoLAS in 2003. The site was found to be in the Bankside Channel, with potential for geoarchaeological information. Intended further work is to provide a cross-section through the channel, providing data on the fluvial regime and local environment from the pre-Holocene onwards. Initial results indicate that the channel, which was very broad, may have had sand bars and possibly small islands within it.
- Peckham**, 60-2 Queens Road. Evaluation by MoLAS. Dumped 17th and 18th century deposits. This part of Peckham was probably unoccupied until the late post-medieval period.

## SUTTON

- Beddington**, The Barn, Carew Manor, Church Road. (5296 1654). Evaluation by SuAS in 2003. Possibly 17th century chalk rubble layer; drain, possibly of 2nd garden phase of 1707-27. (CBO 03).
- Wallington**, Holy Trinity School, Bute Road (5291 1648). Watching Brief by AS in 2003. *NSFF*. (HTY 03).
- Wallington**, 2 & 4 Riverside Close (5286 1652). Evaluation by SuAS in 2003. Three Mesolithic and 18 Neolithic to Bronze Age struck flints; 18th or 19th century east-west ditch or channel; 18th century brick culvert. (BDB 03).
- Carshalton**, 18-20 Kings Lane (5269 1641). Evaluation by SuAS early in 2004. *NSFF*. (KGL 04).
- Beddington**, Sewage Treatment Works. (5297 1662). Watching Brief by SuAS. *NSFF*. (BWG 03).
- Wallington**, Vinamul site, Butter Hill (5282 1652). Excavation by PCA along the River Wandle. Mesolithic and Bronze Age knapping of flint nodules washed on to the shore; two Saxon pits, including one with an antler pick; 19th century mill race. (BTG 01).

## WANDSWORTH

- Balham**, 147-159 Balham High Road. (5286 1734). Evaluation by LAS. *NSFF*. (BHK 03).
- Putney**, 180 Lower Richmond Road (5232 1759). Evaluation by SuAS in 2003. 17th to 20th century sherds. (LWP 03).
- Roehampton**, Whitelands College, Manresa House (5221 1736). Watching Brief by AOC in 2003. *NSFF*. (MHY 03).
- Wandsworth**, St. Andrew's Court, Waynflete Street (5262 1728). Evaluation by AOC in 2003. *NSFF*. (SDO 03).
- Wandsworth**, Amen Corner, Mitcham Road (5280 1709). Evaluation by MoLAS in 2003. *NSFF*. (AMM 03).
- Wandsworth**, Point Pleasant (TQ 2525 7515). Watching Brief by PCA in March 2004 of eleven geotechnical test pits. Natural gravels below undulating sands sealed by alluvial deposits, near the mouth of the River Wandle. The probable edge of a palaeochannel was found with an undated stake along its edge that may represent revetting; a single flint flake was recovered from the sand. (MTO 04).

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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*So sorry about the last **Bulletin** - not only was it one and a half pages short, but somehow it was wrongly numbered as 378 when it should have been 377. Bad proof-reading on my part. So now you will have two numbered the same in your collection; if you keep them, that is.*

*Also, may I take this opportunity of thanking Liz Whitbourn for all her sterling work in arranging the delivery of the **Bulletin** over the last few years. Sadly, increased work commitments have meant that she can no longer assist the Society in this regard, but I speak for you all in thanking her, once again for her diligence.*

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## MISCELLANY

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### ***Guided Walks around Cobham (as advertised in Bulletin 375)***

We were away for the first of these, on 22nd May, but relieved to see that there was a second chance today (10th July). My wife was not fit enough to come along, but I and six or eight others duly assembled in the car park of St Andrew's church at 10am and waited. No guide appeared, however, nor was any explanation available, so in due course we made our way round the church, walked down Church Street and on to the mill, which unfortunately was not open, without the benefit of any enlightenment. Following coffee in a cafe, we duly dispersed, somewhat disappointed.

What happened?

I was sorry not to have the opportunity to learn more about the history of Cobham, the village I spent much of my early childhood in immediately prior to and during WW2.

***Peter Tatlow***

### **SOUTH PARK MOAT OPEN DAY**

***David Graham***

As part of the Society's 150th anniversary celebrations, the medieval moated site at South Park, Grayswood, was opened to the public when the 'Companions of the Crow', a medieval re-enactment society, set up a camp on the island. The site is an atmospheric spot and a sense of how it would have felt in medieval times was wonderfully evoked.

South Park is probably the site of the park keeper's lodge for the royal deer park at Witley, and the re-enactors played the roles of an advance party of huntsmen preparing for the arrival of the main party to hunt deer in the park. They had spent the previous night on the site, setting-up a tented encampment on the island. Next day against the background of their handsomely striped tents they gave demonstrations of medieval cooking over an open fire (oatcakes flavoured with cinnamon, raisins and honey cooked on a flat plate raised above the fire and also a pot of venison stew); games and medieval hunting techniques including archery. The group had a truly authentic look in their medieval dress and equipment. Guildford Museum kindly lent some examples of medieval pottery of the type that might have been used at South Park and there was a bookstall.

The day was very successful, well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by members of the public as well as Society members. Children were given copies of the reconstruction drawing to colour and many visitors stayed for two hours or more enjoying a picnic in this delightful spot. The high point of the day came when one of the medieval archers using a long bow managed to burst a SyAS anniversary balloon





*South Park moat open day.*

which was being used as a target at a distance of 50 yards. Impressive!

South Park Moated site is cared for by the Society on a long lease and for those that have not experienced its special atmosphere it is well worth a visit, preferably when the leaves are on the trees. The site is at South Park Farm, Grayswood, near Haslemere. (SU 915356). Access is via a single-track lane on the west side of the A286, about 500 yards north of Grayswood Church, opposite a white bungalow. Cross the railway bridge and follow the signs.

The 'Companions of the Crow' have expressed an interest in returning to the site and hopefully further re-enactments can be arranged in future years. Meanwhile we are immensely grateful to 'The Companions of the Crow' and Matthew Alexander for this year's re-enactment, and to David and Audrey Graham who together with Dave Attyde arranged the day and welcomed visitors.

### **TOWARDS A NEW STONE AGE: *Special Offer!***

Members will have seen the flyer for the new CBA book on aspects of the Neolithic in South-East England edited by Jonathan Cotton & David Field, which was mailed out with an earlier Bulletin

What was not made clear was that, as SyAS was a funding partner of the volume, members are entitled to order their copy at a SPECIAL DISCOUNTED PRICE of £24 (rather than the publication price of £28). Simply quote the code 'STONE04' when ordering from CBA.

### **BUCKLAND WINDMILL RECEIVES CONSERVATION AWARD**

The 2004 Conservation Award of the Surrey Industrial History Group has been presented to Dr Duncan Ferns for his restoration of the Buckland Windmill, at Buckland near Reigate in Surrey. The award was commemorated by the presentation of a plaque to Dr Ferns by Prof. Alan Crocker, President of the Surrey Industrial History Group at a ceremony on Saturday 17th July.

The Buckland Windmill is unique in that it powers a sawmill and wood-working machinery and is believed to have been originally constructed in the 1860s or early 1870s. Many of its components were found in the dilapidated mill building in 1994.†Restoration began in 1995 and proceeded in stages, with advice from the Mills Section of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and with financial support for different stages from the Surrey Historic Buildings Trust, Mole Valley District Council, the BAA Gatwick Environmental Grants Scheme and the Enterprise Grant Scheme of DEFRA. The photograph attached†of the tower and sails shows the small size of the mill compared with that of a corn mill.

The mill is located in the garden of Dr Ferns' house, which dates from 1713 and was for generations the home of the estate carpenters of the Buckland Court Estate. It was the site of a commercial steam-powered sawmill from 1892 to 1950. Both the mill and the house are listed Grade II.

For further details see [www.bucklandsurrey.net](http://www.bucklandsurrey.net) or contact Dr Ferns on [fernsdc@hotmail.com](mailto:fernsdc@hotmail.com) or Tel: 01737 843388.

The Surrey Industrial History Group is a Group of the Surrey Archaeological Society concerned with the recording, conservation and, where possible, restoration of industrial sites and artefacts in Surrey. SIHG has been making annual Conservation Awards to restoration projects in Surrey since 1983.

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## CONFERENCES

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### **THE GREAT TOWER OF GUILDFORD CASTLE CASTLE STUDIES GROUP AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2004**

*The Guildhall, High Street, Guildford.  
Saturday 2nd October 2004*

A conference on the conservation work of 2003-4, and the discoveries made about the history of the tower, in association with Guildford Museum. The exact programme will be announced later but the speakers will be:

**Mary Alexander**, of Guildford Museum, on the history of the great tower.

**Prof John Ashurst** and **Catherine Woolfitt** of Ingram Consultants, on the conservation work.

**Pamela Marshall**, of the Castle Studies Group, on the great tower in context.

Talks will be in the morning, with a visit to the great tower in the afternoon.

Tickets: £20 to include morning coffee/tea and entry to the great tower (£25 for non-members of CSG) are available from: Mary Alexander, Guildford Museum, Castle Arch, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3SX. Tel: 01483 444750; email. [alexanderma@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:alexanderma@guildford.gov.uk)

Optional buffet lunch: £8.00 to be booked in advance. Please make cheques/postal orders payable to Castle Studies Group.

### **SyAS CONFERENCE 2005**

Planning of next year's conference is underway, and its theme will be **Aspects and After - A Research Framework for Surrey**. The conference will be held on Saturday October 1st 2005 at Bourne Hall, Ewell.

Further details will be published in the Bulletin in due course

### **THE CINQUE PORTS OF KENT AND SUSSEX Saturday 13th November 2004 University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton**

**Council for British Archaeology South-East, in association with the Centre for Continuing Education at the University of Sussex and the Sussex Archaeological Society**

The Cinque Ports of Sandwich, Dover, Hythe, New Romney and Hastings and their associates, the 'Ancient Towns' of Winchelsea and Rye, are not merely urban settlements with a rich medieval heritage. They are particularly interesting for us these days because of our contemporary concern with global warming, environmental change and consequent flooding. Their fluctuating fortunes will become evident from the lectures given by specialists on the individual towns, who are currently working on historical or archaeological investigations in each. The aims, objectives and progress of two new multi-disciplinary projects centred on Sandwich and Rye and involving archaeologists, architectural historians, documentary historians and geomorphologists will be outlined as an illustration of a new approach to urban and hinterland interaction. Finally, the ports will be set in the context of an ambitious scheme to study coastal change and the maritime landscape of Kent and Sussex.

The speakers will include: **Keith Parfitt** on DOVER; **Andrew Butcher** on HYTHE; **Gill Draper** and **Frank Meddens** on NEW ROMNEY; **Peter Marsden** on HASTINGS, **David Martin** on WINCHELSEA and **Helen Clarke** on the multi-disciplinary projects at SANDWICH and RYE. **Gustav Milne** will provide both an Introduction and a Summing Up, and set the context of maritime landscape. The conference will be chaired by **David Rudling**.

For further details about, and an application form for this conference, please send an A5 sized stamped addressed envelope to: David Morris, Centre for Continuing Education, Arts E201, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 9QQ.

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## LECTURE MEETINGS

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### **21st September**

"The Victorian Seaside" by Peter Street to the West Surrey Branch of the Historical Association in the Friends' Meeting House, North Street, Guildford at 7.30 pm. Non-members £2.

### **28th September**

"William McMurray or Don Guillermo, wireworker, papermaker and esparto" by Alan Crocker to the Surrey Industrial History Group

### **30th September**

"Rockets, Rains and Roman Candles" by Gerry Moss to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society in the Main Hall of the Literary Institute, Egham High Street at 8pm.

### **28th September**

"Recent Archaeological Work in Southwark" by Sarah Gibson in the Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road, opposite Lambeth North Underground Station at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome £1.

### **4th October**

"The early history of cycling in Surrey" by Les Bowerman to the Woking History Society at Mayford Village Hall, Saunders Lane, Mayford at 9 pm. Visitors welcome £2.

### **6th October**

"Some Local Industries" by Peter Tarplee to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society in St Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell at 7.45 for 8 pm.

**8th October**

"Mysteries of the Church Organ" by Edward Rook to the Walton on the Hill & District Local History Society at the Riddell Hall, Walton on the Hill at 8 pm.

**12th October**

"The Portable Antiquities Scheme in Surrey" by David Williams to the Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society in the Lower Hall of the Friends' Meeting House, Eden Street, Kingston at 8 pm. Visitors welcome £1.50.

**14th October**

"Gemmology and the Archaeologist" by Marjorie Hutchinson to the Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

**15th October**

"The History of Croydon Airport" by Robert Duffett to the Leatherhead & District Local History Society in the Dixon Hall of the Letherhead Institute, High Street, Leatherhead at 8 pm (coffee at 7.30).

**16th October**

"John Frederick Lewis, R.A., of Walton; Victorian Painter of the Harem and Bazaar" by Iris C. Hawkins to the Walton and Weybridge Local History Society at Weybridge Library Lecture Hall at 2.30pm.

**21st October**

The Coverdale Lecture to the Farnham & District Museum Society. "Treasure: Finding our Past" by Dr Rochard Hobbs of the British Museum at Farnham College, Morley Road, Farnham at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. F&DMS members £4; non-members £5.

**23rd October**

"The Mills and Gardens of the Upper Wandle" by John Phillips to the Merton Historical Society at Snuff Mill Environmental Centre, Morden Hall Park at 2.40 pm.

**28th October**

"Sundials" by Doug Bayeman to the Farnham & District Museum Society in the United Reformed Church, South Street, Farnham at 7.30 for 7.45 pm.

**28th October**

"The Encampment on Chobham Common in June and July 1853" by Mary Bennett to the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society in the Main Hall of the Literary Institute, Egham High Street at 8pm.

**1st November**

"The Guildhall, Guildford and its clock" by Ken Marshall to the Guildford Archaeology and Local History Group at Guildford Museum, Quarry Street, Guildford at 7.30 pm

**2nd November 2004**

'A villa too far? Reconstructions at Butser' by Dai Morgan Evans to the Roman Studies Group in the Friends' Meeting House, 3 Ward Street, Guildford, 7.30 for 7.45p.m. Visitors £2.

**7th December**

"Roman Mosaics" an illustrated talk by Steve Cosh (a national expert on mosaics) to the Roman Studies Group at the Guildford Institute, Ward Street, Guildford, 7.30 for 7.45 pm. Group members free; non-members welcome, admission £2.

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