

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1933

AN AFTERNOON MEETING was held on May 18th by the Society at Ockley and Oakwood. The members visited Anstiebury camp, where they were addressed by Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A., and the Churches of St. Margaret, Ockley, and St. John Baptist, Oakwood, where papers were read by Mr. Philip M. Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.

Tea was taken at the Red Lion Inn, Ockley, an interesting timber frame building. Here Mr. C. S. Willis found a "pig" of Old Sussex iron in use as a door stop, which has since been presented to the Society by the Surrey Public House Trust Ltd. and is now in the Guildford Museum.

AN AFTERNOON EXCURSION to Richmond Palace was held on May 30th, when Mr. Allen S. Walker of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society addressed the members on the history and architecture of the building.

The members then visited Asgill House, where they were welcomed by Mr. G. W. Hilditch, who gave a short address on the house, which was built in 1758, and is a good example of the architecture of the period. The house was built on the foundations of a portion of the palace, and in the cellars of the present building the old walls can still be seen.

THE EXCURSION OUT OF THE COUNTY was held this year at Colchester on June 22nd. Mr. M. R. Hull conducted the members round the Castle and Museum. In the afternoon a tour of the City was made under the guidance of Messrs. P. G. Laver, F.S.A., Duncan Clark, F.R.I.B.A., and E. I. Rudsdale.

A WHOLE-DAY EXCURSION was held on July 13th, when the Society visited Weybridge and Byfleet. Mr. L. V. Grinsell addressed

the members on The Bell Barrows on Wisley Common, and Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., read papers at Wisley Church and Byfleet Church.

The party then visited The Manor House, Byfleet, when they were addressed by Mr. L. R. Stevens and afterwards entertained to tea by Mrs. M. E. Rutson.

AN AFTERNOON MEETING was held on September 13th at West Horsley and East Horsley, when Mr. Philip M. Johnston conducted and addressed the members. The members first visited the Church of St. Mary, West Horsley. They were then welcomed by Lord and Lady Crewe at West Horsley Place and conducted by them over the house.

After tea they visited the Church of St. Martin of Tours, East Horsley. The Church was undergoing restoration by Mr. P. M. Johnston, during which several features of considerable interest have been revealed, including a Saxon window.

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THE SPRING MEETING was held on March 1st at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, where the members were received by the Master of the Company, Sir J. E. Kynaston Studd, Bart., O.B.E., who addressed them on the history of the Company and the Hall.

THE SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING under Rule XI of the Society was held on April 28th at the Guildhall, Guildford, by kind invitation of the Mayor of Guildford.

In the absence of the President, Lord Onslow, Lord Farrer took the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted, and the Accounts and Report of Council for the year ending December 31st, 1933, being presented and in the hands of members, were taken as read.

Report of Council

for the year ending December 31st, 1933.

THE COUNCIL OF THE SURREY ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY has pleasure in presenting this, its SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT, together with the CASH ACCOUNT and STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

PUBLICATIONS.—During the year Volume XLI of the *Collections* was issued to all Members.

The Council would like to direct the attention of Members particularly to the article by Mr. A. W. Clapham, C.B.E., F.S.A., on 18th-Century Domestic Architecture. Owing to the lateness of the date, buildings of this class have perhaps not received all the attention they deserve, and the existence of many fine examples of this period is seriously threatened by the present development of building throughout a great part of the County.

The Council, by anticipation, is happy to announce that the arrears in their publications have now been made up by the issue of the *General Index* to Volumes XXI to XXXVIII, in February of present year.

At the last General Meeting a proposal was put forward that the Society should issue a small periodical on the lines of the *Sussex Notes and Queries*. The Council issued a leaflet on this subject with the last volume of the *Collections*, but regrets that the response to its appeal for support has been very meagre, only some 28 answers having been received.

The Council must therefore conclude that there is no wide demand for such a publication in Surrey.

EXCURSIONS.—During the year the following excursions were held.

Whitehall. The existing remains of the Palace were seen on March 7th, under the guidance of Mr. Percy W. Lovell, F.S.A., who read a paper upon the history and associations.

Ockley, Oakwood and Anstiebury on May 18th, 1933. Mr. Arthur Bonner, F.S.A., addressed the members at Anstiebury Camp and Mr. Philip M. Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., at the Churches at Ockley and Oakwood.

Richmond, on May 30th, when Mr. Allen S. Walker addressed

the members on Richmond Palace. The party subsequently visited Asgill House, built 1758, over which they were conducted by the owner, Mr. G. W. Hilditch.

Colchester, on June 22nd, when Mr. M. R. Hull, the Curator, and Mr. H. W. Poulter, Assistant Curator, of the Museum, addressed the party on the Museum and Roman remains in the town. The party also made a tour of the town.

Byfleet and Wisley, on July 13th. The party was conducted by Mr. P. M. Johnston, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A., and addresses were given by Mr. L. V. Grinsell on the barrows at Wisley and by Mr. L. R. Stevens at Byfleet Manor.

West and East Horsley on September 13th, when Mr. P. M. Johnston addressed the party at the Churches at West and East Horsley and West Horsley Place. Members were subsequently conducted over the latter by the owner, the Most Hon. the Marquess of Crewe.

Besides the above, a series of four walking expeditions were carried out in May and June under the guidance of Mr. S. E. Winbolt, along Stane Street from its entry into the County to Epsom, and along its branch from Rowhook to Farley Heath.

The Council takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. R. W. Strickland and all others who helped to make these excursions successful.

EXCAVATIONS.—At the end of June Mr. A. W. G. Lowther undertook for the Society some excavation work on the Roman site adjoining Ashted Churchyard, with a view to determining its date and purpose. A number of trenches were dug, and though no sensational discoveries were made, sufficient information was obtained. Further excavation will be carried out by Mr. Lowther this year, and a full account will be published in Volume XLII of the *Collections*. The Council proposes, if sufficient funds are available, to carry out during the year excavation work at Anstiebury, Chertsey, and on the tumuli at Chobham.

Permission of the owner to excavate at Anstiebury has been obtained. This is the last of the Hill Camps in Surrey which has not been examined, and it is therefore particularly desirable to complete the series. Mr. S. E. Winbolt, who has already excavated on the sites at Holnbury, Hascombe and Lingfield, has undertaken to supervise the work with the assistance of Mr. Lowther.

At Chertsey, Mrs. Gardner, a recently elected member of the Society, whose garden occupies part of the site of Chertsey Abbey, has very generously offered the Society facilities for any digging it considers desirable to undertake.