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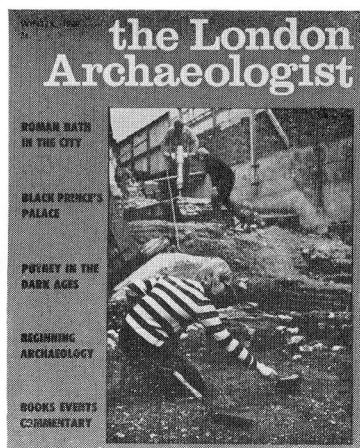
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# Diary

## JUNE

- Until 15 June. 'Frescoes from Florence'—a triumph of conservation. Hayward Art Gallery, South Bank, SE.1.
- Until 29 June. 'Greek Gods and Heroes,' illustrating some of the variations in story, costume and characterisation. British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC.1.
- 13 June—28 September. 'Royal Academy Draughtsmen,' including studies for sculpture and architecture. British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC.1.
- 16 (8.15 p.m.) Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society. 'Unknown London' by Dr. G. Huelin. Eastcote Library, Fieldend Road, Eastcote, Middx.
- 28 (2.30 p.m.) Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. Tour of Roman remains in the City. Meet at Guildhall Museum, Bassishaw High Walk.

## JULY

- 6 Eltham Society. Visit to Faversham. Details from Hon. Secretary, F. G. Shepherd, 37 Colepits Wood Road, Eltham, SE.9.
- 9 (6.30 p.m.) London Natural History Society. 'The Death of Feudalism,' by R. Cox. Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, SE.17.
- 13 (10.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m.) Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society. A day's trip to St. Katharine Dock (next to Tower Bridge) which will illustrate the technique of recording this type of site. Meet at Gate 10. Further details from Paul Carter, 20 Chestnut Grove, Wembley, Middlesex.
- 19 London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. Whole day visit to Northampton, including Brixworth, Delapre Abbey and Althorp. Details from F. J. Froom, 7 Henry's Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex.
- Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society. Visit to West Ham Pumping Station. Party limited to numbers. Further details from Dennis Smith, 22 Horn Lane, Woodford, Essex (01-504 0702).
- 25 (8 p.m.) Wandsworth Historical Society. 'Medieval Pottery Kiln at Kingston,' by Marion Canham. Wandsworth Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW.18.
- 27 (2.15 p.m.) Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. Tour of Historic Southwark. Meet at George Inn, Borough High Street (5 minutes walk from London Bridge Station).

## SPECIAL COURSE

New type of course tailored for London field workers offered in September by the University of London at Prince Henry's Rooms, Strand. Further details from the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, 7 Ridgemount Street, WC.1.

## EXCAVATIONS

### JUNE

*Mitcham.* It is hoped to reveal evidence of a Saxon settlement on a site at 29 Upper Green East. Digging will take place through June and possibly longer. Inquiries to E. N. Montague, 9 Devonshire Road, Sutton, Surrey.

### June 23rd - July 4th

*Croydon.* A second training course in Archaeological Fieldwork and Excavation will take place, directed by P. L. Drewett, primarily for members of the Archaeological Section of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. The excavation will be based on the Late Mesolithic Settlement site on Croham Hurst. A few places are available for interested people who are not members of the C.N.H.S.S. who are able to come for the whole course. Beginners are particularly welcome. Inquiries to Mrs. L. Thornhill, 31 Devonshire Way, Shirley, Croydon, CRO 8BU.

### June 29th - Aug. 5th

*Highgate Wood.* Excavation of the 1st century Roman pottery site (see article inside) will continue under the direction of Tony Brown and Harvey Sheldon. Nearest station: Highgate Underground ( $\frac{1}{2}$  mile), buses down Muswell Hill Road. Inquiries to Harvey Sheldon, 44 Howitt Road, NW3.

### July 19th - Aug. 16th

*Cambridge.* Investigation of Iron Age/Romano-British crop marks, including a villa and an I.A. settlement. Four training courses in field techniques, one in environmental archaeology and one in field surveying. Directed by John Alexander (University of London). Inquiries to him at Extra Mural Department, 7 Ridgemount Street, WC.1.

### July 26th - Aug 9th

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### August 4th - September 1st

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