

has been appointed by a County archaeological society.

### Publication

Publication is an essential part of archaeological and local history activities because any research or field work that remains unpublished, represents wasted effort. The Society publishes regularly, and distributes free to its members, a journal of reports, articles and notes on a wide range of subjects known as the *Surrey Archaeological Collections*. This is the only journal of an acceptable standard that covers the archaeology and history of the whole historic county and remains the principal medium of archaeological publication for the South London Boroughs as well as for the Administrative County.

In addition, special volumes and research reports are published by the Society from time to time when appropriate.

### Other Benefits

Members benefit from contact with people outside their own neighbourhood whose interests are similar and whose discoveries might throw light on their own field of study. This contact is maintained through a programme of visits and lectures and by twice yearly symposia. Every spring a symposium is held — at different centres each year — on topics that are principally concerned with “dirt” archaeology. In the autumn the Society joins the Surrey

Local History Council at a symposium on more general topics, normally held at Dorking.

Further contact is maintained through the Society's *Bulletin* which gives members the latest news of archaeological discoveries and local history research throughout Surrey. The *Bulletin* is distributed free to members (and on subscription to non-members) ten times a year. It contains notices of discoveries, brief notes on current and recent excavations and other research, lists of publications, and notices of forthcoming excavations and archaeological meetings in the Society's area.

The Society is growing steadily, and this is a cause for some satisfaction since we share with all other archaeological and local history societies the need to grow in order to keep pace with the accelerating threat to our historic past. The subscription list of RESCUE, the popularity of TV programmes such as *Chronicle*, and the number of visitors to the Dover or Baynards Castle excavations, shows the extent of the public interest in archaeology but if this interest is not translated into the membership rolls of the active local and county archaeological societies, then major opportunities for protecting and investigating our historic past will be lost. In particular, the national and county societies which shoulder a large proportion of the costly burden of publishing to an acceptably scholarly standard, are particularly vulnerable and in need of support.

## Excavations and Processing

### EXCAVATIONS

*The Council for British Archaeology produces a monthly Calendar of Excavations from March to September, with a final issue in January summarising the main results of fieldwork. The Calendar gives details of extra-mural courses, summer schools, training excavations and sites where volunteers are needed. The annual subscription is 80p post free, which should be made payable to C.B.A., 8 St. Andrew's Place, N.W.1.*

**CITY**, by Guildhall Museum, Department of Urban Archaeology. A series of long term rescue excavations. Enquiries to Brian Holey, Chief Urban Archaeologist, Guildhall Museum, 55 Basinghall Street, EC2V 5DT (01-606 3030, ext. 2747).

**PUTNEY**, by Wandsworth Historical Society. Corner of Malbrook Road and Upper Richmond Road directed by Pamela Greenwood. Extension of alignment of (?) Roman road found 150 metres to the east. Alternate week-ends from 10 am to dusk. Enquiries to 20 Cromer Villas Road, SW 18. (01-874 9588).

**SOUTHWARK**, by Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee. Several sites from the Roman period onwards. Enquiries to Harvey Sheldon, S.A.E.C., Montague Chambers, Montague Close, SE1. (01-407 1989).

### PROCESSING

**CITY**, by Guildhall Museum, Department of Urban Archaeology. Help on weekdays with processing important Roman and early medieval finds of all types from New Fresh Wharf and Angel Court. Enquiries to Brian Holey (as above).

**EWELL**, by Nonsuch Antiquarian Society. Roman and medieval material from Ewell and a kiln at Cheam. Thursdays at 8.00 pm at Upper Mill, Kingston Road, Ewell. Enquiries to Frank Pemberton, 16 Ross Road, Wallington, Surrey. (01-669 5621).

**PUTNEY**, by Wandsworth Historical Society. Work on the prehistoric and Roman material from Bemish Road, Putney takes place 7.30-9.30 pm on Friday nights (except the last one of the month) during term times at Hotham School (top floor), Hotham Road, Putney, SW15. Enquiries to Jim Slade, 20 Bendemeer Road, SW15 (01-789 3797).

**SOUTHWARK**, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society and Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee. Mondays and Thursdays 6.30-9 p.m. at Montague Chambers, Montague Close (adjoining Southwark Cathedral near London Bridge); Tuesdays 6.30-9 p.m. at Archaeological Workshop, Archbishop Temple School Annexe, Westminster Bridge Road (near Lambeth North Underground Station). General enquiries to Graham Dawson, Cuming Museum, Walworth Road, S.E.17 (01-703 6514).