

Iron Age Sword loaned to Museum of London

BECAUSE THE Borough of Wandsworth lacks suitable display and conservation facilities, Wandsworth Historical Society are placing a rare Iron Age sword (3rd century B.C.) on loan with the new Museum of London.

The Museum is now due to open in the Barbican in 1976 and the sword will be principal item in the display on warfare on the Thames banks in the Iron Age. The photograph shows Tom Hume, the Director of the Museum, accepting the sword from Pamela Greenwood, a Wandsworth committee member.



(Photo: London Museum)

Excavations

City, by Guildhall Museum, Department of Urban Archaeology. A series of long term excavations. Enquiries to Brian Hobley, Chief Urban Archaeologist, Guildhall Museum, 55 Basinghall Street, E.C.2 (01-606, 3030, ext. 2217).

Brentford, by the West London Archaeological Field Group. At the rear of 232 Brentford High Street (junction with St. Paul's Road). Experience not necessary. This site is adjacent to a site excavated in 1970-1972. Enquiries to Alison Laws, London Museum, Kensington, W.8 (01-937 9816).

Egham, by Surrey Archaeological Society Motorway Rescue Group. Enquiries to Bernard Johnson, S.A.E.C., Montague Chambers, Montague Close, S.E.1 (01-407 1989).

Enfield, by Enfield Archaeological Society. Site in Lincoln Road, directed by John Ivens. An attempt is being made to pick up the line of Ermine Street; quantities of Roman material have already been found. Enquiries to 120 Hedge Lane, N.13 (01-886 1375).

Fulham, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Site at Dorset Wharf, Fulham. Enquiries to Keith Whitehouse, 56 Tamworth Street, S.W.6 (01-385 6038).

Mitcham, by Merton Historical Society. Excavations to establish the ground plan of a medieval building and obtain further evidence of possible Roman occupation, at Mitcham Grove. Further details from Norman Plastow (01-947 2825).

Putney, by Wandsworth Historical Society. Site off the Upper Richmond Road behind the Police Station, directed by Pat and Joan Loobey. Work on a north/south Roman road and field boundary ditches. Alternate week-ends. Enquiries to 157 Longcliffe House, Arndale Walk, S.W.18 (01-874 9369).

Southwark, by Southwark Archaeological Excavation Committee. Several sites from the Roman period onwards. Enquiries to Harvey Sheldon, S.E.A.C., Montague Chambers, Montague Close, S.E.1 (01-407 1989).

Staines, by London and Middlesex Archaeological Society. A site off Staines High Street, on the outer defences of the Roman settlement. Enquiries to Kevin Crouch (01-560 3880 day) or (09-328 62874 eve).

Line of M11. Full-time work is also taking place along the route of the proposed M11 in the Redbridge-Chigwell-Theydon Bois area. Enquiries to the M11 Field Officer, T. Betts, 3 The Green, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex (01-504 6708).

GENERAL 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 field-work. 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.