

lishing, having issued a number of useful publications over the last few years, production of this annual journal breaks new ground for the society. Number One comprises 34 A4 pages enclosed in a stiff card cover. The articles, naturally reflecting the current interests and research projects of members of GLIAS, include the first part of a discussion by David Perrett of the use of the stationary steam engine in London (with a list of steam engines known to be *in situ* in 1978), and part of the recorded interview made at an Enfield Brickworks in

1977 by Pauline Roenisch. Other papers describe the former Limehouse Lock and winch, the Brunel engine house at Rotherhithe, Eel traps at West Drayton, and the former Lifeboat storeyard in Poplar.

A good balance of subjects, which I am sure can be continued in the future, and the new Journal is a venture that is warmly recommended for support to all interested in London's past and present.

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Letters

COAL AND WINE DUTIES MARKERS AT STAINES

I AM pleased to be able to report that the Coal and Wine Duties obelisk which formerly lay prostrate and abandoned beside the railway line between Staines and Wraysbury (TQ 018738) (See my letter on p.148 of the Spring '78 issue) has received attention. The archaeology section of the BP Research Centre at Sunbury has carefully repaired the tall iron obelisk and, with the cooperation of British Rail and of the local authorities, re-erected

it at the north-west corner of the Lammas grounds, beside the B376 (Staines-Wraysbury) road at TQ 026720. This happens to be the site of a missing "City Post", the roadside type of Coal and Wine Duties marker. A purist might, I suppose, object to placing a railway marker beside a road but any such criticism is countered by the great advantage of having the obelisk splendidly restored and re-erected in a safe situation where it is easily visible.

May one hope that something may now be done to improve the state of the other iron obelisk in Staines on the railway embankment off Thames Street (at TQ 036713) which, although standing, is overgrown and very rusty.

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Excavations & Post-Excavation work

City, by Museum of London, Department of Urban Archaeology. A series of long term excavations. Enquiries to Alison Balfour-Lynn, DUA, 71 Basinghall Street, E.C.2. (01-236 1946).

Brentford, by West London Archaeological Field Group. Excavation and processing. Enquiries to 71-72 Brentford High Street, Brentford, Middlesex. (01-560 3880).

Croydon & District. Processing and cataloguing of excavated and museum collections every Tuesday throughout the year. Archaeological reference collections of fabric types, domestic animal bones, clay tobacco pipes and glassware also available for comparative work. Hon. Curator, Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society Ltd. Museum Building, Croydon Biology Centre, Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey. (01-660 3841 or 22 43727.)

Fulham, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Sandford Manor, Rewell Street (New Kings Road), S.W.6. Excavation work in grounds of 17th century house, traceable back to at least 14th century, hopefully will find medieval and earlier occupation. Enquiries to Excavation Director, C. E. Oliver, 18 Albany Court, Ashburnham Road, Ham, Richmond, Surrey. (01-948 2633) or K. Whitehouse.

Fulham Palace, Bishops Avenue, Fulham Palace Road, S.W.6. Examination of existing buildings and research work has revealed earlier buildings underneath. Sundays Enquiries to Keith Whitehouse, 86 Clancarty Road, S.W.6. (01-731 0338).

Hammersmith, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Processing of post-medieval material from Sandford Manor and medieval material from Fulham Palace. Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m.-10 p.m., at Fulham Palace, Bishops Avenue, Fulham Palace Road S.W.6. Contact Keith Whitehouse (see Fulham).

Inner London Boroughs, by the Inner London Unit. Several rescue sites in various areas. (01-242 6620).

Kingston, by Kingston-upon-Thames Archaeological Society. Rescue sites in the town centre. Enquiries to

Marion Smith, Kingston Museum, Fairfield Road, Kingston (01-546 5386).

North-East Greater London, by Passmore Edwards Museum. Enquiries to Pat Wilkinson, Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, E.15. (01-534 4545).

Putney, by Wandsworth Historical Society. Two acre site at junction of Felsham Road and High Street lies on Roman and medieval settlements. Alternate weekends. Enquiries to Nicholas Farrant, 7 Coalecroft Road, S.W.15. (01-788 0015).

South West London Boroughs by the South West London Unit, excavations and processing. Enquiries to Scott McCracken, 21 Harbut Road, Battersea, S.W.11 (01-223 2478).

Southwark, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Excavation Committee. Several sites from the Roman period onwards. Enquiries to Harvey Sheldon, S.L.A.E.C., Port Medical Centre, English Grounds, Morgan's Lane, S.E.1 2HT. (01 407 1989).

Surrey, by Surrey Archaeological Society. Enquiries to David Bird, County Archaeological Officer, Planning Department, County Hall, Kingston, Surrey. (01-546 1050 x3665).

Vauxhall Pottery, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. Excavation at weekends only. Processing of excavated material continues three nights a week. All enquiries to S.L.A.S., c/o Cuming Museum, 155 Walworth Road, S.E.17. (01-703 3324).

GENERAL EXCAVATIONS

The Council for British Archaeology produces a monthly Calendar of Excavations from March to September, with an extra issue in November and 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 £3.30 post-free, which should be made payable to C.B.A., 112 Kensington Road, S.E.11.