

sion. A weakness in the business may perhaps be indicated by the release of the remainder of the eastern High Street premises, and it is known that Singer was a sick man in these last years. The last straw was the Thames Embankment later to be called the Albert Embankment. In the original plan (1862-3) it was intended that it was to run all the way south from Westminster Bridge to Vauxhall Bridge. While the south end would not have cut through the pottery a proposed access road adjacent to the bridge would have done so. In the end the embankment never reached this far because the project ran out of money. The embankment meant the end of nearly all the small potteries by the river, and the only survivors were those like Doulton who had now outstripped the Vauxhall Pottery and had the power and money to solve the problems of river access. Alfred Singer sold out in 1865 while the

going was good and retired, to live in comfortable circumstances until the end of the century, leaving £27,000 in his will.

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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 DUA, Museum of London, London Wall, E.C.2. (01-600 3699).

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 glass ware 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).

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, 86 Clancarty Road, S.W.6. (01-731 0338).

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

Kingston, by Kingston-up-Thames Archaeological Society. Rescue sites in the town centre. Enquiries to Marion Hinton, 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).

South West London Boroughs, by the South West London Unit, excavations and processing. Enquiries to Scott McCracken, St. Luke's House, Sandycombe Road, Kew (01-940 5989).

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, SE1 2HT. (01-407 1989).

Surrey, by Surrey Archaeological Unit. Enquiries to David Bird, County Archaeological Officer, Planning Department, County Hall, Kingston, Surrey. (01-546 1050 x 3665).

Vauxhall Pottery, by Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Society. 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).

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