

# Local Society Bookshop

THIS IS THE SIXTH supplement to the list of local publications given in Vol. 3, no. 15, 431-2. Publications are listed alphabetically by their sponsoring Society or Authority. Those received for review are indicated by an asterisk, and may be reviewed at a later date. Prices quoted do not include postage, which is shown separately if known.

## London Borough of Bromley

Publication available from Libraries in Bromley and Orpington, or from the Museum, The Priory, Church Hill, Orpington BR6 0HH. 'Excavation of a Roman and Saxon site in Orpington, Kent', by Susann Palmer. 67pp., 8 figs., 1 pl., £4.\*

## East London History Society

Publication available from 67 Fitzgerald Road, London E11 2ST. 'East London Record, no. 7', 1985. £1.25 including postage and packing.\*

## Ecclesiological Society

Publication available from Hon. Publications Secretary, 7 Braeside Close, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 2JL. 'An Introduction to Church Archaeology', by Richard Morris. 60p plus 18p postage.

## Gunnelsbury Park Museum

Publications available from Gunnersbury Park Museum, Gunnersbury Park, London W3 8LQ. 'A revised and newly illustrated history of the Gunnersbury Estate'. 60p plus 20p postage and packing.

## London Borough of Hackney

Publications available from Archives Department, Rose Lipman Library, De Beauvoir Road, N1 5SQ.

Facsimiles of two Ordnance Survey maps: (i) 1894 Stamford Hill map, (ii) 1868 Stoke Newington map. Both have historical notes and extracts from contemporary local directories. 90p each.

## Hornsey Historical Society

Publication available from The Old Schoolhouse, 136 Tottenham Lane, London N8 7EL. 'Hornsey Historical Bulletin, no. 26'. £1.95 plus 33p postage and packing.\*

## London & Middlesex Archaeological Society and Surrey Archaeological Society

Publication available from Museum of London or Castle Arch, Guildford. 'Excavations in Staines 1975-76', by K. R. Crouch and S. A. Shanks. LAMAS/SAS Joint Publication no. 2. 135pp., 59 figs., 2 pl., bibliog., 1 fiche. £5.\*

## Pinner Local History Society

Publication available from Pinner Local History Society, 45 Lincoln Road, North Harrow, HA2 7RH. 'When I was a Child', memories of Pinner before the Wars. £2.50 plus 25p postage and packing (15p postage and packing for subsequent copies).

## Wandsworth Historical Society

Publication available from H. Sims, 31 Hill Court, Putney Hill, London SW15 6BB. 'Directories (Guide to Local History Sources - No. 1)' by Rita Ensing. £1 including postage.

## Wembley History Society

Publication available from Mr. E. D. Chambers, 11 Turner Road, Edgware, HA8 6AT. 'Aerodrome Estate Alleyways', the first in a series of local guides. 30p plus 20p postage and packing.

## Letters

### UXBRIDGE EXCAVATION

JOHN MILLS is to be congratulated for his excellent interim report on *Excavations in Uxbridge, 1983-84*. Nevertheless it is most disturbing that the latest phase of so-called development has resulted in the wanton destruction of sixteenth and seventeenth century buildings. The cases of 12-14 High Street (c 1500) and 15-17 High Street (c 1550) are particularly grievous. We are not over-endowed with ancient houses in north-west London, and with each that is demolished the urban dreariness of the region becomes sadder.

I can remember the time when Uxbridge was a delightful country town where at last I felt - as a small boy - that the horrid

suburbs had been left behind and I could breathe the air of the real England. Not any more! The planners have smashed a living work of art and made a desolation. Evidently they are intent on taking away even more of the little of ancient Uxbridge that they have left us.

Archaeology should be concerned, not simply with pits and pots, but with recording *and conserving* what still remains. The time should surely have passed when any enlightened person would think of pulling down a Tudor house.

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