

Glass News

THE THIRD issue of *Glass News*, the newsletter of the Association for the History of Glass, became available in the Spring. *Glass News* contains information about current research, exhibitions, conferences and literature in glass studies, including archaeological, analytical and historical work. Its subscription membership now numbers almost 200 with subscribers as far afield as Australia and South Africa – but archaeologists are, unfortunately, conspicuously absent among this number. You are reminded that for just £3 you could receive issues 2 (Winter '96), 3 (Spring '97) and 4 (Winter '97). Cheques should be made payable to "The Association for the History of Glass" and sent to John Clark, Subscription Secretary AHG, c/o Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 5HN. Please say if you would like a free copy of the first issue (Spring '96).

Free site visits for schools

DETAILS OF more than 400 sites offering free entry for educational visits are listed in a new guide, *Visiting Historic Sites and Buildings*, available from English Heritage. Free entry to English Heritage sites is offered to schools, colleges, universities, local authority day and evening classes, Workers' Educational Association, Scouting and Guiding groups, children's charity organisations and home education groups.

The 44-page colour guide, which is free to teachers and college lecturers, is full of ideas and tips on organising successful educational visits to historic sites, and suggests interesting ways of incorporating them into cross-curricular learning, from Key Stage I to GNVQ and Further Education levels. For further details and copies of the guide, please call English Heritage Education Service on (0171) 973 3442.

A date for your diary

THE 35th Annual Conference of London Archaeologists will be held at the Museum of London on Saturday 14 March 1998. As usual, the morning session will be devoted to recent fieldwork and research. The afternoon session will commemorate

the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Department of Urban Archaeology. A fuller programme will be circulated in due course.

In the meantime, nominations are invited for the second Ralph Merrifield Award, to be presented at the Conference to the person, society or institution considered by the LAMAS Archaeological Research Committee to have made the best contribution to London archaeology during 1997. In recognition of Ralph's wide interests, few restrictions are imposed. Nominations should relate to the archaeology (in the widest sense) of the London area, and could include excavation or research, publications both academic or popular, an organisation of public events or exhibitions, or of activities for children. Special consideration will be given to projects by people new to archaeology, and projects designed to spread an interest in London's archaeology to a wider audience.

Nominations, in writing, should be addressed to: Jon Cotton, LAMAS Archaeological Research Committee, Museum of London, 150 London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN, and must be received by 31 December 1997.

New Galleries at the British Museum

THREE NEW galleries opened at the British Museum on 17 July – the Weston Gallery of Roman Britain and the new Later Bronze Age and Celtic Europe Galleries.

The new Roman Britain gallery, made possible by a donation from the Garfield Weston Foundation, shows recent archaeological discoveries that have not previously been on public display. They include the well-preserved early 4th-century building facade from Meonstoke in Hampshire, and the 5th-century hoard from Hoxne, Suffolk, containing jewellery, silver plate and thousands of coins. Old favourites include the Mildenhall, Thetford and Water Newton treasures, while representations of everyday life include examples of the Vindolanda tablets.

Excavations and post-excavation work

City of London. Museum of London Archaeology Service, Walker House, 87 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4AB (0171-410 2200).

Croydon & District. processing and cataloguing of excavated and museum collections every Tuesday throughout the year. Archaeological reference collection of fabric types, domestic animal bones, clay tobacco pipes and glass ware also available for comparative work. Enquiries to Jim Davison, 28 Blenheim Park Road, South Croydon, CR2 6BB.

Greater London (except north-east and south-east London), by Museum of London Archaeology Service. Excavations and processing in all areas. General enquiries to MOLAS, Walker House, 87 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4AB (0171-410 2200).

Borough of Greenwich. Cataloguing of excavated and other archaeological material, the majority from sites in the borough. For further information contact Greenwich Borough Museum, 232 Plumstead High Street, London SE18 1JT (0181-855 3240).

Hammersmith & Fulham, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Processing of material from Fulham Palace. Tuesdays,

7.45 p.m.-10 p.m. at Fulham Palace, Bishop's Avenue, Fulham Palace Road, SW6. Contact Keith Whitehouse, 86 Clancarty Road, SW6 (0171-731 4498).

Kingston, by Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society. Rescue sites in the town centre. Enquiries to Kingston Heritage Centre, Fairfield Road, Kingston (0181-546 5386).

North-east London, by Passmore Edwards Museum. Enquiries to Pat Wilkinson, Newham Museum Service, Archaeology and Local History Centre, 31 Stock Street, E13 0BX (0181-472 4785).

Surrey, by Surrey County Archaeological Unit. Enquiries to Rob Poulton, Archaeological Unit Manager, Old Library Headquarters, 25 West Street, Dorking, RH4 1DE (01306-886 466).

Individual membership of the Council for British Archaeology includes 10 issues a year of British Archaeology, as well as the supplement CBA Briefing, which gives details of conferences, extra-mural courses, summer schools, training excavations and sites where volunteers are needed. The individual subscription rate of £20 p.a. includes postage; payment should be sent to C.B.A., Bowes Morrell House, 111 Walmgate, York, YO1 2UA (01904 671417).