

OBITUARY

S. E. WARREN

Stan Warren died on Christmas Eve 1980 after several years of seriously declining health. By his death the Wandsworth Historical Society has lost one of its most respected members.

Stan Warren's introduction to archaeological excavations was in 1963. With his special interest in prehistory it was not surprising to find him by 1969 directing the excavation of the Neolithic site at Sefton Street, Putney. The dig finished in June 1970 and he quickly produced an interim report for *The London Archaeologist* (Autumn 1971) and in due course a final report which appeared in *Transactions* for 1977. When the parish church of St. Mary at Putney was gutted by fire in 1973, it was Stan Warren who volunteered to direct an excavation prior to the rebuilding; this task continued to 1976. During this period his disability slowed down his work but nevertheless he persevered with commendable fortitude.

Declining health prompted Stan Warren's resignation in March 1975 from the Council of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society on which he had served as a member for two years, and after finishing the excavation at St. Mary's, he was forced, reluctantly, to retire from fieldwork. Despite his illness, Stan Warren continued to support the archaeological group of the Wandsworth Historical Society as its vice-chairman for some five years, and he managed from time to time to visit excavation sites in order to maintain his interests in local archaeological activities.

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