

Books

Archaeology, by Clare Goff, *Visual Books—Macdonald Educational* (1973), 48pp. £1.

AIMED CHIEFLY at the school market, Visual Books, as their name implies are largely pictorial, each subject—ranging from *The Human Body* to *Exploring Space*—is divided into chapters, each occupying a double page spread with about 400 words of text and plenty of colourful well-captioned illustrations. The disadvantages as well as advantages of this pleasant but rather restrictive format appear in *Archaeology*, one of the most recent in the series. Chapters run from 'A prehistoric deep-freeze in Siberia' to 'Dating the past' and 'Work on a dig.' Unfortunately the chapters seem to follow no logical sequence, while fitting each on to two pages leads to compression and omission (try describing C14 dating in 80 words) with sometimes bewildering results. The attempt to cover the whole of world archaeology in 48 pages was bound to run into such problems, but it is good to find as much emphasis placed on the methods of archaeology as on its more spectacular discoveries, though a good selection of the latter do appear—the book is up-to-date enough to include the Chinese tombs and Baynard's Castle! Urban rescue archaeology rates a chapter, as does industrial archaeology.

The drawings include reconstructions and some fine cut-away views of buildings and sites, not always as easy to interpret as they might be. The mummies and miscellaneous corpses, and the blood flowing

down the steps of the Temple of Huitzilopochtli will be popular with a young readership!

There are four pages of 'projects,' which include brass-rubbing and surveying, and a section on what to do next; the address of Young Rescue is given, and excavation directors and museum curators will have to consider how to make use of the enthusiasm that could result from reading books like this. A glossary—very necessary—and exhaustive index complete a book that can be recommended to any reader of *the London Archaeologist* looking for a birthday present (probably for an 11th to 13th birthday) for a young relative they wish to bring up in the faith.

JOHN CLARK

I SHOULD like to note the issue in paperback of Francis Klingender's **Art and the Industrial Revolution** by Granada Paladin at 75p. Originally published in 1947 and for long out of print, until revised by Arthur Elton in 1968, this new pocket edition is very welcome. I would imagine that this perceptive analysis of technological changes in the 18th and 19th century Britain, as illustrated by the work of contemporary artists, interests many. The 120 plates provide a valuable compact catalogue of painted or engraved views of early industrial Britain. In my copy the titles to plates 83 and 92 are confusingly misplaced.

JOHN ASHDOWN

Excavations

CITY, by Guildhall Museum, Department of Urban Archaeology. A series of long-term rescue excavations. Enquiries to Brian Hobley, Chief Urban Archaeologist, Guildhall Museum, 55 Basinghall Street, E.C.2. (01-606 3030, ext. 2747).

ACTON, by Gale Sieveking and Richard Burleigh for the British Museum. An important Palaeolithic site at Haberdashers' School, Creffield Road, W.3, from 2-30 September. Volunteers' enquiries to Gale Sieveking, Dept. of Prehistoric and Roman Antiquities, British Museum, W.C.1.

BRENTFORD, by the West London Archaeological Field Group. July 6-September. 9.30-5.30 Sunday to Friday. At the rear of 232 Brentford High Street (junction with St. Paul's Road.) Experience not necessary. This site is adjacent to a site excavated 1970-1972. Enquiries to Roy Canham, London Museum, Kensington, W8 (01-937 9816.)

CHIGWELL, by West Essex Archaeological Field Group. Roman site at Gravel Lane, Chigwell. Digging for two weeks from 31 August. Enquiries to Mr. F. R. Clark, 62 Waltham Road, Woodford Green, Essex. (01-504 4984).

Full-time work is also taking place along the route of the proposed M11 in the Redbridge—Chigwell—Theydon Bois area all summer. Enquiries to the M11 Field Officer, Mr. T. Betts, 3 The Green, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex (01-504 6708).

EGHAM, by Surrey Archaeological Society Motorway Rescue Group. Two sites at Thorpe Lea Nurseries, one Bronze Age, one Roman. Digging every day; enquiries to Bernard Johnson, SAEC, Montague Chambers, Montague Close, S.E.1 (01-407 1989).

FULHAM, by Fulham Archaeological Rescue Group. Site at junction of Fulham Palace Road and Fulham Road directed by Keith Whitehouse. The site includes a section of the moat surrounding Fulham Palace. Week-ends. Enquiries to 56 Tamworth Street, S.W.6. (01-385 6038).

HENDON, by Hendon and District Archaeological Society. Various sites on the development area at Church End, Hendon, will be dug throughout the summer. Enquiries to Mrs. Bridget Grafton-Green, 88 Temple Fortune Lane, N.W.11 (01-455 9050).

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