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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 1995-6

Members are reminded that the annual subscription to the Society for the year 1995-6 falls due on May 1st (membership runs to April 30th 1996). Because expenditure has increased and is likely to do so (e.g. lecturers' fees) it has become necessary to increase the subscription so the new rates will be:

<i>Ordinary membership</i>	<i>£ 9.50</i>
<i>Family membership</i>	<i>£12.00</i>
<i>Over 60/student</i>	<i>£ 5.00</i>

There is a membership application form attached to your Newsletter. Please fill this in now and return it, together with the appropriate fee, to the **Membership Secretary: Tim Herrington, 16 Scotney Road, Basingstoke RG21 5SR**. Otherwise, give the subscription to him or to the Hon. Secretary at the May or June meeting. Please give this your urgent attention!

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We give formal notice that the 1995 Annual General meeting of the Basingstoke Archaeological & Historical Society will take place on Thursday, June 8th 1995 in the Conference Room at Queen Mary's Centre, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke at 7.30 pm.

We hope to have as large an attendance to this AGM as we did in 1994! The business part of the evening will be dealt with as smartly as possible so that we can then enjoy the talk to follow. This is to be given by *Dr Edwin Course*, who will describe the *Barns Survey* in which our Society played a significant part.

The agenda for the meeting and copies of the annual report of Society finances will be available at the meeting, or subsequently by post if requested by anyone not able to attend the AGM. In this case, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope when you apply to the Hon. Secretary.

The present Officers and Committee members are:

Chairman	John Horrocks
Secretary	Barbara Herrington
Treasurer	Barry Ennever

Marta Cock, Les Fitzgerald, David Miles, Mary Oliver, Margaret Porter, John Feuillade

Barbara Applin and Tim Herrington are co-opted members.

All of the above listed are willing to continue to serve on the Committee. If you wish to nominate any other Society member for any of the posts above, please obtain permission from the

member concerned and then inform the Secretary in writing, preferably no later than a week before the AGM. Nominations may, of course, be offered on the evening of the AGM by members attending.

FLAG FEN EXCURSION

Mary Oliver



A reminder about our full-day excursion on 10th June, and a request that you send your booking form and f14 cheque to Mary Oliver as soon as possible - or ring to reserve your place if you have lost the form!
(3 Milkingpen Lane, Old Basing, Basingstoke: tel 01256 24263)

We need final numbers before 20th May to decide whether the outing is viable; at the moment we have not enough takers, which is disappointing. It is, of course, a long way, but the cost - including admission to Flag Fen - compares well with the rail fare, and coach travel is more restful than driving the car!

The site of Flag Fen promises to be full of interest. Excavations are still in progress and our visit will include a tour of the current work. Past results are displayed in the Visitor Centre and archaeological park, which includes the Bronze Age farm, reconstructed buildings, part of the unique post alignment, a section of Roman road, and a display of finds, many of them disposed of ritually from the timber platform on the fen edge. This extraordinary ritual site was in use for several centuries and offers us an insight into the religious observances of the Bronze and Iron Ages.

There is now an additional attraction to the day, following Tony Rook's lecture to the Society in April. He described his excavation of a Roman bath house at Welwyn, which is now preserved below the embankment of the A1 M. Since we pass over it on our way to Peterborough, it seemed too good a chance to miss, and Tony has offered to show us round.

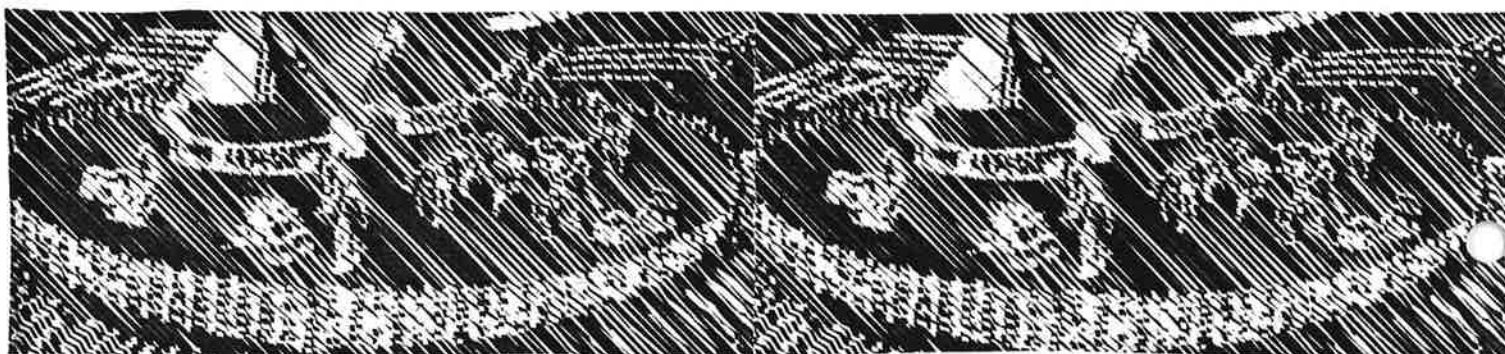
After Flag Fen, there will be time in Peterborough to look at the cathedral, and round the town, and get a cup of tea.

For any further details, contact Mary Oliver - but please, if you wish to join this action-packed day, book your place now!

MICHELDEVER WOOD

A Society visit is being arranged to the archaeological trail in *Micheldever Wood* on 20th May. Meet at 2.30 pm in the car park at the picnic area signposted from the Lunnways Inn on the A 33 (SU 53 36) - some members may wish to meet unofficially for lunch at the Lunnways!

A leaflet will be available and the trail is clearly marked: a gentle walk of about two and a quarter miles or a shorter route.



THE SOCIETY'S NEXT SEASON

Once again we are indebted to Mary Oliver for her work in arranging the programme of lectures listed below. We know that the compilation has been hard work, frustrating at times but in the end rewarding for us all!

SEPTEMBER 14th
(in the Central
Studio)

Boxgrove Man
by Mark Roberts (Institute of Archaeology)
*Note: This is a joint meeting with the
Hampshire Field Club*

OCTOBER 7th
St Mary's School,
Old Basing

The Archaeology of the English Civil War
*Day Conference held jointly with the Friends
of Basing House (see page 00)*

OCTOBER 12th

Roman Buildings Reconstructed
by David Johnston (Southampton University)

NOVEMBER 9th

In Search of the Early Medieval Church
by Kay Ainsworth (Hampshire County Museum
Service)

DECEMBER 14th

Wine & Cheese Evening

JANUARY 11th

Jane Austen in Hampshire
by Atherton Harrison (B.A.H.S. member)

FEBRUARY 8th	Hunters & Gatherers in the Weald by Gordon Hillman (Institute of Archaeology)
MARCH 14th	Westhampnett: the Iron Age Cemetery by Dr Andrew Fitzpatrick (Wessex Archaeology)
APRIL 11th	Prehistoric & Roman Boats by Prof. Sean McGrail (visiting Professor, Southampton University)
MAY 9th	Recent Excavations at Pompeii by Prof. Michael Fulford (Reading University)
JUNE 13th	Annual General Meeting

PROPOSED VISIT TO LADLE HILL IRON AGE FORT
Thursday, August 24th 1995

If there is sufficient interest by members, Tim Herrington will arrange an evening visit to Ladle Hill, on the chalk downland above Kingsclere. This site is particularly interesting in that it was never completed and it is possible to get some idea about the methods used in the construction of such forts. In addition, there are splendid views over the Vale of Kingsclere (the geology will be explained!) and a view of the Beacon Hill hillfort immediately to the west. Then again, we can see the Bronze Age round barrows and the evidence of later field systems.

Please keep this date in mind and let Tim know (01256 22090) if you are interested. In the August Newsletter there will be a final reminder, but we should like to know now if you might be prepared to come.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Included with this Newsletter is a questionnaire which has been drawn up by the Committee in an attempt to assess whether the Society's activities meet the needs of its membership, and also to take stock of the talents and resources which members may be able to make available to help run the Society.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Secretary, Barbara Herrington, or any Committee member on, or before, the date of the AGM. If any family members require additional copies, please contact the Secretary (01256 22090).

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

As this will be the last Newsletter before the summer break, a reminder to members of the rules of our photographic competition:



- a) Subject matter should be related both to the objectives of the Society, which are "to advance the education of the public in the history, prehistory and archaeology of the Borough of Basingstoke & Deane" and to other areas of historical interest.
- b) Photographs should be taken in the calendar year.
- c) Prints only (colour or monochrome) are eligible, up to 7" x 5", mounted or unmounted.
- d) Entries can have a title or no title.
- e) Fee for each entry will be 50p.
- f) Final date for entries will be 2 weeks after the November 1995 meeting.
- g) A panel of judges will include at least two non-members.
- h) Modest prizes will be awarded.

All entries will be exhibited at our December 1995 Social Evening. Happy snapping!

TRAINING DIG

Surrey Archaeological Society are organising training weeks in excavation from 17th to 21st July, 24th to 28th July and from 31st July to 4th August this year. This will take place on a multi-period site in rural Surrey with evidence of prehistoric and Romano-British occupation. The tuition fee will be £80 per week, to be paid in full on application, or by a £25 deposit on application and the balance of £55 by 30th June. Non-students will be charged £1.50 per day to cover administration and refreshment costs. Some accommodation may be available. Details and application forms from: Ms J English, Surrey Archaeological Society, 2 Rowland Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 9SW.

BASING HOUSE

There is an intriguing list of events to come at Basing House, (see CALENDAR) culminating in a special Conference in October:

"The Archaeology of the English Civil War"
Basing House Commemorative Conference
Saturday 7th October 1995

The English Civil War was one of the pivotal points in our Nation's development. At this special one day conference, held as part of the 350th anniversary commemorations of the fall of Basing House, a series of expert speakers will describe some of the surviving physical evidence for this great conflict. The conference will be held at St Marys School in the village of Old Basing, Hampshire and the cost of a ticket is £12 to include a buffet lunch and tea and coffee.

For further details contact Alan Turton at Basing House on (01256) 467294.

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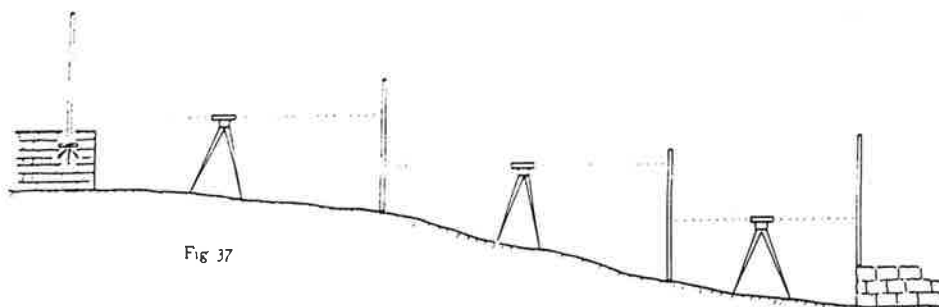
The Friends of
Basing House



FIELDWORK UPDATE

Mary Oliver

Good progress has been made on the several projects involving the Society.



Bramley Frith (Contact telephone number 01256 850028)

The team of surveyors has contrived to meet weekly over the winter, working on the survey of the banks within the ancient woodland. As the site is also a nature reserve, there will now be a temporary halt to this work because of young pheasants and bluebells.

Fieldwalking (Contact telephone number 01256 24263)

The Loddon Valley Project organised by the Thames Valley Archaeological Service was well supported by members, many of whom had not field-walked before. "Intensive walking" was done at Oliver's Farm, Bramley and the field behind the Jekyll & Hyde, Spanish Green. Those who walked are now being invited to help process the results by washing the finds and putting the information on computer for TVAS.

Vyne Water Meadows (Contact telephone number 01256 812557)

Work is in progress, recording what remains of this "floating meadow" system, south-west of the house, and is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Anyone interested in helping with future fieldwork, please ring **Margaret Porter** (01256 56012) for further information.

STOP PRESS Excavation by Wessex Trust at Rooksdown (north end of Roman Road). Society members are welcome to visit Monday-Friday. From 18th April.

COSTUME SOCIETY

Formation of South of England Branch

Marta Cock

Over a hundred people attended the Inaugural General Meeting of the Branch at Southampton Institute of Higher Education, members of BAHS among them. It was lovely for the Steering Committee to sense the enthusiasm around the room, and for this member at least amazing that people travelled so far to join us. Clearly a need is being fulfilled. There was time for people to meet and chat informally before and after Val Fisher from Bournemouth and Poole College of Art and Design rounded off the morning with a talk on "Costume Design for Television".

The Steering Committee, thanks to Graham Cottenden, has already set up a number of events e.g. a visit to Longleat to look at the paintings and the costume collection which is not normally open to the public, a visit to Clarke's Shoe Museum at Street in Somerset and one to Worthing Museum to see their costume store as well as an exhibition of underwear.

The Steering Committee is very conscious that it has to work hard to keep up with all this enthusiasm. It plans to survey its membership to find out what it wants and publish a twice yearly newsletter which will include relevant information about events run by other groups as well as various local authorities' Museum Services.

If you think you would like to join, contact *the Acting Membership Secretary, Ruth Smith, 2, 247 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh 2053 2DX, telephone 01703 261157.*

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOPS AT THE WILLIS MUSEUM

Marta Cock

Go to the Willis and learn needlework techniques that go back to medieval times. Ruth Smith will provide expert tuition in the Museum's Embroidery Gallery - a remarkable selection of seventy embroidered textiles.

There are three one-day courses, from 10 am to 4 pm, costing £7.50 including tea and coffee. All levels of ability are welcome. Further details and booking forms are available from the Willis Museum.

The courses, all on Saturday, are:

Canvas Embroidery	27 May
Smocking	24 June
Raised Embroidery or Stumpwork	29 July

THE FARNHAM TOWN WALKABOUT

Tim Herrington

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 19th a happy band of 22 Society members and friends assembled in the car park near the Maltings to be met by two gentlemen from the Farnham Visitors Council who were to be our guides. The weather was on its best (but cold) behaviour when we started at 3 pm and remained so until we were just completing the tour. Then it snowed to good effect!

We divided into two parties and went our separate ways. The next two hours were a delightful insight into the town shown and explained to us most competently. We learned something of the beginnings of the settlement and progressed gently through the ages as we strolled by way of the church through back lanes to West Street to admire the wealth and variety of Georgian buildings there and in the broad sweep of Castle Street.

We learned how the town was the centre of production and processing of hops for brewing which surpassed those of Kent in quality and how the number of pubs grew apace to slake the thirsts of the migrant soldiers from the newly evolving camp site at Aldershot!

We ran out of time before completing more than a half of the full circuit possible, and this was the case with the other group. So that we put it in the minds of our guides, to whom many thanks, that we would appreciate the opportunity to come again and complete the tour. This we will do in the not too distant future.

CHURCH VISITS

John Horrocks

The third foray to look at local churches took place early in April and centred on Oakley. Recorded in Domesday, the village was divided between two parishes, St Leonard and St Lawrence.

The church of **St Leonard** is situated a little away from the modern development. A place of worship has existed on the site from pre-Roman times. One of its main claims to fame is the association with the Tudor Archbishop Warham. The family lived at nearby Malshanger House. A family tomb is set in a wall and a window commemorates the Archbishop who died in 1532, aged 82. He held all the major offices of state, including Lord Chancellor, and was Archbishop for 30 years.

St Leonard's underwent a major reconstruction in 1859 by T. H. Wyatt at a cost of £500, a vast sum in those days. The tower was heightened and now has 6 bells. Particularly memorable is the internal appearance of the tower stair turret with its wildflower corbels and incised floral decoration.

Wootton St Lawrence is a smaller village but the church is much larger than St Leonard's and can seat 250. It has a 14th century tower and Norman doorway. The church has benefited by the presence, next door, of the Oliver-Bellasis family, and Mrs D Oliver-Bellasis kindly showed us round. This close association is commemorated by a striking modern window by Lawrence Whistler. Another window commemorates bee-keeping, a celebration of the life of a former minister. The most remarkable possession is a marble figure of Sir Thomas Hooke by the well-known Roubiliac (1754). Described as "semi-reclining at ease", this handsome young man is in 17th century armour. An iron bracket above formerly held gauntlets etc; they are now in the Tower of London. Again, a major reconstruction of the church took place in the middle of the 19th century.

Our third visit was to the **Methodist Chapel** at Wootton and within half a mile of the village. This is a complete contrast to its Church of England neighbour, in its isolated location, plain exterior and even plainer interior. Built in 1869, it is based on the same design as the Oakley Chapel (1866), and it had the same builder. Services are still held there on Sunday afternoons during the summer.

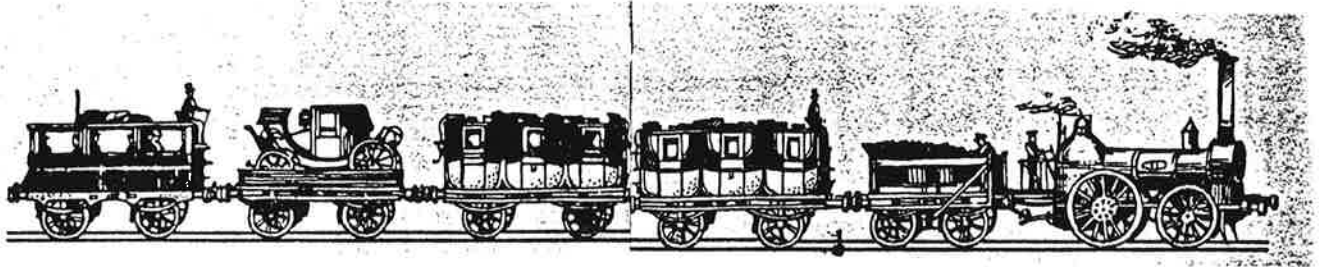
The rash of church building in the middle of the last century around Oakley is truly astonishing. One can only surmise that it was sparked off by friendly rivalry? Unfortunately only St Lawrence's is still open regularly during the day. I recommend a visit.

Paulline Williams adds the following notes:

Lawrence Whistler, who specialised in glass etching, was the younger brother of Rex Whistler and their father was Rector of Sherborne St John.

We were told that in the nave leading up to the altar of St Lawrence's, some very thick paper that had been whitewashed over had started to come away and revealed some wonderful Minton tiles. They were very Victorian, really "Barry & Pugin" and might have come straight from the House of Commons.

One unforeseen delight during our church visit came when we went up the tower and came out onto the roof to see - a steam train coming past on the railway below!



WITHOUT COMMENT!

The following is a letter addressed to Basingstoke & Deane District Council in reply to their leaflet about the proposals to restore the first (last?) five miles of the Basingstoke Canal. The leaflet asked for comments about the proposal. This is Anne Hawker's reply to the invitation, which she is happy for us to print:

"It looks as if the proposal is to change a simple park, as Eastrop now is (which is already attractive to visitors and children), to one which is intended as a show-piece to convey to the outside world that the Council is definitely "with it" in joining the present intention to call back canals into use.

The original Basingstoke Canal had much the same object and failed for the same reasons that I expect this one to fail - not enough water or traffic.

The season of use is expected to be from Easter to Autumn, and, unless it actually freezes over in Winter, that will be it until the next Spring. There may be provision for storage of canal boats, but it is not clear where this will be. It seems as if there will have to be a reservoir for the water, if the NRA does not allow water to be taken from the Loddon at all, and only from aquifers in Winter.

It is more likely that visitors meaning to see Basing House would drive there and park rather than chug very slowly in

a boat along a rather dull route, and then have to come back again. As for expecting us all to rush out and admire flights of locks going up and down a hill....!

This is yet another arty leg-pull like the Gates, Wote Street Willy and those unlikely matchstick men languishing in the lavender bed by the Railway Station.

Yours sincerely..."

FOLLOW-UPS

Barbara Applin

WELWYN BATH-HOUSE As Mary Oliver has mentioned in her piece about the Flag Fen trip, our recent speaker Tony Rook has offered to show us the Roman bath-house that featured in his talk - an occasion not to be missed!

TROY Donald Easton, who gave such an entralling lecture on Troy, has an article in the current *Antiquity* (Vol 69, number 262, March 95) telling of his recent trip to examine the Troy treasures that disappeared from Berlin at the end of the Second World War and are now in the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow and the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg. Only a selected band of scholars were invited to examine this material. It must have been very exciting to identify so many items recorded by the excavators, and now plans are being made to arrange for the two collections to be catalogued, conserved, analysed and displayed, maybe eventually with the creation of a museum for them at Troy. A copy of the article is in our Society library.

TRIREMES The same issue of *Antiquity* contains an article by John Coates comparing the two rival theories on Greek triremes by John Morrison and Alec Tilley. Members will recall the lecture by Tom Hassall which aroused such interest among members, and the post-AGM lecture where Alec Tilley offered his counter-theory. Now John Coates gives further ammunition for the Morrison theory and against Alec Tilley! The battle continues... Copies of successive articles will be available in our library, and in our next issue we will have a summing-up of the controversy so far.

BASINGSTOKE Our Secretary has received the following letter answering some points raised in past Newsletters - answers like this are very welcome!

"Dear Mrs Herrington,

Over the past few months I have noticed that there have been several queries in your magazine about old Basingstoke. Last year Mary Oliver asked why Basingstoke was "wretched" in the 17th century, as quoted in Cosimo's "Tour of Europe". Prince Cosimo (he did not become Duke until the end of his tour) of

Tuscany arrived at Basingstoke completely unaware of the various disasters that the town had suffered over the previous years, and consequently he made that remark without finding out. Having suffered the privations of the Civil War, with its connections with Basing House; then a serious fire in 1656, and the Plague ten years later, the towns-folk were still trying to recover both physically and economically when Cosimo and his entourage arrived in the town.

Another query was in regard to Oliver Cromwell and whether he stayed at the "Fleur-de-Lys" Inn in London Street. According to records at the Guildhall Library in London, he did indeed! His letter to the Speaker of the Houses of Parliament was sent from the Inn, with other letters of that time. He also is recorded to have visited the "Angel" Inn when the Marquess of Winchester was imprisoned there after being brought from Basing House. Cromwell is stated to have crossed the road from the "Fleur-de-Lys" and entered the "Angel" to persuade the Marquess to change his ways, but to no avail.

During my research into the history of Basingstoke in the 1960s I was allowed access to many documents at Oxford and London, and I can assure you that the above notes are true.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Brown
Local Historian"

MESA VERDE Members whose appetite was whetted by Alan Roach's account of this amazing site in Colorado will be interested in a feature in The Independent WEEKEND for Saturday 22 April. I'll put it out on our cuttings table.

THE UNDERGRADUATE

Richard Dexter

For the last ten years or so, like so many other parents, my wife and I have been supporting our offspring through higher education. There was not much I did not know about UCCA, PCAS, UCAS, grants, interviews, seminars, books being unavailable and so on. Or so I thought until one day ...

Let me start again. I left school in the 1950s and started work in an office and slowly worked my passage with the promise that I would come out at the other end aged sixty or so, having done my bit. However, come the nineteen nineties I found myself, along with many others, being given early retirement. To many this would have been a complete disaster, but with a supportive family who asked "why not?" and with Peter Heath as an example I set about fulfilling my lifetime's ambition of going to university myself and taking a degree. The choice of subject was not difficult since I have always had an interest in History, and, wanting to live at home, the choice of university too was easy. I

therefore made an approach to Royal Holloway College, at Egham, just up the road on the A30. And this is where the surprises started.

Universities, I found, are these days very keen on wooing the mature student for a number of reasons. One is that they prove to be more financially independent, more committed and less trouble for the accomodation officer, and secondly they are said "to add yeast to the leaven" amongst the younger undergraduates. In any event universities are prepared to waive the usual entry requirements and accept applicants on merit, providing they can show an ability to learn and have a genuine interest in the subject - plus, of course, the interview. I suspect that I must be grateful to the BAHS in this respect. Royal Holloway is taking in about 40% mature students, namely those above the age of 21.

The course is modular, that is it is divided up into twelve units, of which four are taken each year. At the end of each year there are exams. The Royal Holloway History Department is huge, with an annual intake of over 120 per year, it being the largest History department in the University and one of the largest in the country. As a result, the options that can be taken are correspondingly comprehensive. Examples of the units are "Britain from 500 - 1204", "Christian Europe 1049 - 1312", "The Crusades" and so on. They range from Historical Archaeology to the Second World War. It is, though, in your own interest to group subjects together if you intend surviving. For example, I am steering towards medieval and early modern Britain with an emphasis on the Reformation.

Contact time is about eight hours a week and, in my case this year, involves me in three days a week on campus. Terms are of twelve weeks' duration either side of Christmas and a six week exam term in summer. This is the new semester idea adopted by the University of London so as to release the premises for lucrative private and prestigious conferences to boost funds. In these two teaching terms I need to do eight essays of about 1500 words each, typewritten.

That is the nitty gritty but how, you might ask, do I feel about it all? The first thing that struck all us oldies, of which there are about ten in our year, was how could we have been quite so cruel to our children as to send them off to college and expect them to get on with it? The first fortnight was an unbelievable experience. New people, places, ways of doing things and information to be absorbed. Book lists, reading lists, lecture timetables, essay titles and deadlines all thrown in together and time spent for ever queueing to register for something. If you can survive the first fortnight you can survive anything. The only thing that kept me going was the thought that the Admissions Tutor obviously had more faith in his judgement than I had in mine; to duck out at this stage, I reasoned, would be letting him down if nobody else.

However, after the initial trauma, things started to fall into place. For a start I realised that the teaching staff are prepared to more than meet you half way and that if you want to be there, and are prepared to work, they will ensure that not only

will you succeed in staying the course but they will try to see that you enjoy yourself. The great advantage an adult has in this respect is that the class of degree does not really matter, it is the achievement in itself that counts. We have no career to worry about, nor have we anxious parents to answer to, only post-grad children who look on in mild bemusement and supporting friends who lend books. This, we are told, is our greatest asset, being free from these extra worries.

Incidentally, concerning the borrowing of books, I promise to return them to the Society's library after Easter. They really were a great help.

I have also found that there need not be any competition, for the only person you are competing against is yourself and you set your own targets and choose what aspects you want to study. I admit, though, it is unnerving to be with youngsters less than the age of your own children and with razor sharp minds. You must be prepared for a tutor to say, as indeed mine said to me, "If you really want to know how this question should be handled I suggest you ask JB if you could see her essay because that was good". Nevertheless, one gets the impression that the older students do have an advantage in having a far greater background and reading experience, and the younger ones are aware of it. If you are in trouble, how much easier it is for an adult to say to his tutor that something is not quite right and for it to be sorted out then and there. In the tutorials, although it is the young ones who set the standard, it is the adults who often set the sessions ablaze with arguments and counter theories drawing on facts that the tutors have sometimes not fully considered before. It is mentally exhilarating to be with people who are at the forefront of recent research, developing theories that have not yet been published.

There is another advantage of being older and that is being able to afford the little luxury of treating yourself to purchasing books that are only needed for a particular essay but which are also worth keeping.

It is hard work and a total experience but very worthwhile. The three years are going so quickly. I have to thank the real undergraduates for not only accepting us adults but also for making us so welcome into their environment. To my surprise there is very little awkwardness. I thought at first I would be handicapped by not having such an acute short term memory as when I was younger but I am told it does not matter.

But I shall let you know about that later, after all the exams are over.

Richard has kindly added his phone number in case anyone wants more information (01252-622755). We shall certainly be asking for a follow-up for a later Newsletter. And Peter Heath - what about a note on your experiences - when essays and exams permit? Anyone else?

C A L E N D A R

Sat 20 May	<i>Visit to Micheldever Wood (see page 4)</i>	*
Sat 20 May	St Cross Hospital, Winchester, outing led by Chris Currie: members £2; non-members £2.50; 1.30 - 4.30	HFC
Sun 21 May	Living History display of garrison life during the English Civil War, Basing House	FBH
Wed 24 May	AGM & THE DORSET CURSUS Martin Green, Longstock Village Hall, 7.30 pm	HFC
Sat 27 May	Guided tour of Fareham's Buildings: David Lloyd (Members £6; non-members £7; 10.15	HFC
Sun 28/ Mon 29 May	Living History display of 14th century Castle life by members of The Mercenary Guild, Basing House	FBH
Sat 3 June	Tour of Medieval Churches of North-Eastern Hampshire; Silchester Church 10 am; £6 members; £7 non-members	HFC
Wed 8 June	<i>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and talk by Edwin Course on the Barns Survey</i>	*
Sat 10 June	<i>Visit to FLAG FEN, WELWYN ROMAN VILLA AND Peterborough, (see page 3)</i>	* HFC
Sun 18 June	Living History display of Tudor Cookery (Friends) Basing House	FBH
Tues 11 July	Evening field trip to Hensting Farm Archaeological Excavations near Colden Common, 7 pm (booking needed)	HFC
Sat 15 July	Outing to Fareham (10 am Westbury Manor House Museum); £4 members; £5 non-members	HFC
Sun 16 July	Elizabethan Picnic, Basing House	FBH
Sat 19 Aug	Guided visit to Wherwell village and Priory. 2 pm (£5 members; £6 non-members)	HFC
Thurs 24 Aug	<i>Visit to Ladle Hill (see page 5)</i>	*
Thur 14 Sep	<i>BOXGROVE MAN by Mark Roberts (Institute of Archaeology</i>	* HFC
Sat 7 Oct	<i>One day conference on "The Archaeology of the English Civil War" (see page 7)</i>	FBH *

* Society event (unless otherwise stated 7.30 pm, Conference Room, Queen Mary's Centre)
HFC Hampshire Field Club
FBH Friends of Basing House