



BASINGSTOKE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter.

Number 63

November 1980

The Newsletter of the Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society

CONTENTS

'The Earliest Men'
CBA Group 12 Open Meeting
Victorian Evening
Local History Material, Basingstoke Library
Hampshire Field Club Proceedings 1979

CALENDAR

Wednesday
26th November

'The Ancient World and its Ocean - Navigation and Geography' - lecture on the Aspects of Antiquity Series by Professor C.F.C. Hawkes, Lecture Theatre A, Physics Building, Southampton University.

Thursday
27th November

'The Earliest Men' lecture by Dr Clive Gamble of Southampton University.
7.30 p.m. Clennell Room, Chute House, Basingstoke.

Saturday
6th December

'Cowderys Down and some problems in Saxon rural settlement' - O.G.S. Crawford Memorial lecture by Martin Millett at Basingstoke Technical College, 2.30 p.m.

Thursday
11th December

Victorian Evening - Christmas Social at
The Barn, Church Cottage, 7.30 - 10.30 p.m.

ALICE A. FORTSON

The University of the South Pacific
Suva, Fiji
1980

CONTENTS

The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific

CHAPTER I

The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific

CHAPTER II

The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific

CHAPTER III

The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific
The South Pacific

The Earliest Men

Our November lecture is to be given by Dr Clive Gamble of the Department of Archaeology, Southampton University, a Palaeolithic specialist. Our first two lecturers this season have been of relatively recent times in the archaeological time scale, but Dr Gamble will take us right back to the beginning of the story with his lecture on 'The Earliest Men'. Some members of the society have already heard Dr Gamble describe his excavations at Red Barn near Portsmouth where the condition of preservation enabled a surprising amount of information about the earliest Hampshire men to be obtained. The Society has not had a lecture on this period before, and we are fortunate to have a specialist like Dr Gamble explain it to us and give us an up to date account of the recent advances in this field. It should be a most interesting and worthwhile evening.

7.30 p.m. Clennell Room, Chute House, Basingstoke. 27th November.

CBA Group 12 Meeting at Salisbury

On Saturday 25th October three members of the society journeyed to Salisbury to join in the annual Open Meeting of the CBA Group 12 and listened to the reports given by both amateurs and professionals on their recent work. We had a foretaste of last month's lecture on Wickham Glebe, an account of the Fieldwalking project of the Avon Valley, a description of the latest discoveries at Poundbury, where there is a long history of occupation including an impressive Roman cemetery, and a fascinating study of the detailed restoration work carried out on painted wall plaster from Tarrant Hinton Roman Villa. David Johnston described some of the sites to be found on Alderney and Sark where he has been working in recent years on sites as different as Neolithic tombs and a suspected Roman Shore fort and preparing an archaeological guide to the islands, (Now available). Justin Richard of the Stonehenge Environs Project arrived having come straight from the site to tell us about the excavation of a small henge close to Stonehenge and the survey work being carried out by the team; Chris Young of the Royal Commission described his recent work at Carisbrooke Castle where the big surprise was the discovery of an early Norman ditch in the bailey of the existing castle presumably a simple earth ring work preceding the present structure, and the Roman phase at Carisbrooke is now discredited. In addition to the reports there were displays of finds from several societies (including material from the well of a Roman Villa) and some tempting book displays. It was very pleasant to see friends from other societies, and altogether made a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Victorian Evening

This years Christmas Social is to take the form of a Victorian Evening the main details of which you will find on the special notice. We hope that members will be able to wear at least some item of Victorian costume - such as Grandma's brooch, or Grandpa's Crimean medals. We look forward to an interesting collection of articles from the Victorian era and ask members to bring these along. In order to arrange the catering please advise the membership Secretary - Iris Gregory, telephone Basingstoke 62413 of numbers coming, as soon as possible. Please bring your friends - there has been no increase in prices since last year - which therefore remain at £1.75 for adults and 75p for young persons.

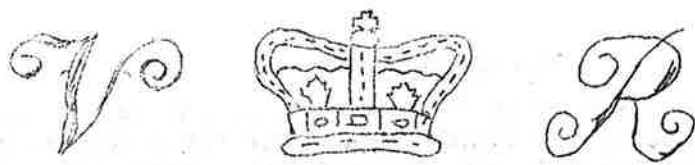
Local History Material in Basingstoke Library

I would like to draw your attention to a list of the local history source material held by the library which has recently been produced and which is available free at the enquiry desk in the Library. The Local history collection includes both loan and reference material and this list of exactly what is available should be extremely useful to those members engaged upon any kind of local research.

Hampshire Field Club - Proceedings 1979

The Society is an associate member of the Hampshire Field Club. The Proceedings for 1979 have just been published and contain an interesting selection of reports. These include articles on the environment, Neolithic axes, excavations in the Itchen Valley, settlement sites at Little Sombourne and Ashley, excavation reports on Micheldever, East Meon and Andover and an essay on town life and animal husbandry in Southampton. Of local interest is the report on the Anglo Saxon Church and Sundial at Hannington. Those members who attended last months lecture and saw the slides of a painted ceiling in a house at Wickham will be interested in the latter report.

Any Member may borrow our copy of the Proceedings or of previous volumes by request to Bob Mulla, our Treasurer who keeps the Society's Library.



BY PERMISSION

CHURCH COTTAGE

BASINGSTOKE

In consequence of the satisfaction given in previous years the committee of the Basingstoke Archaeological & Historical Society have been induced to arrange another

GRAND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 11th December

In celebration of the long and glorious reign of our most gracious

QUEEN VICTORIA

Patrons are earnestly requested to be costumed in befitting apparel although a welcome is extended to those working people who do not have access to such finery.

The assistance of Patrons is solicited in arranging an
INSTRUCTIVE, ARTISTIC AND AMUSING DISPLAY
and they are entreated to bring along suitable items of this great era for the approbation of the assemblage.

A BUFFET

providing a magnificent repast appropriate to the occasion will be served, all persons will be entitled to a FREE GLASS OF WINE. The talented members of the society will conclude the evening with a

GRAND CONCERT

ADMISSION ~ £1.75 adults; 75p children

Doors open at half past seven, Carriages at half past ten