

FORTHCOMING LECTURES: OWING TO SEVERAL DELAYS IN ARRANGING THE CURRENT PROGRAMME OF LECTURES IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO ISSUE A PRINTED PROGRAMME CARD THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, DETAILS OF THE LECTURES ARE GIVEN BELOW AND WE HOPE THAT MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND AND BRING THEIR FRIENDS. NEXT YEAR IT IS HOPED TO HAVE ARRANGEMENTS SETTLED IN TIME TO SEND OUT PRINTED PROGRAMME CARDS BEFORE THE FIRST MEETING.

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1960 "LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA" LT.-COL. G. W. MEATES, F.S.A.

IN THE VALLEY OF THE DARENT IN KENT, EIGHTEEN MILES FROM LONDON, IN THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF LULLINGSTONE PARK, ARE THE REMAINS OF A LARGE ROMAN VILLA AT WHICH MANY IMPORTANT FINDS HAVE BEEN MADE. EXCAVATIONS SINCE 1949 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COL. MEATES HAVE REVEALED THE PLAN OF THE VILLA AND THE VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS AND RECONSTRUCTIONS OF THE BUILDING. FINE MOSAIC FLOORS HAVE BEEN FOUND AND TWO PORTRAIT HEADS IN GREEK MARBLE, BUT THE MOST EXCITING DISCOVERY WAS THAT ROOMS IN THE VILLA HAD BEEN DESIGNED FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.

A VISIT TO THE SITE IS PLANNED FOR NEXT YEAR BY WHICH TIME THE MINISTRY OF WORKS WILL HAVE ERECTED A BUILDING OVER THE AREA TO PRESERVE THE REMAINS AS EXPOSED.

BOOKS TO READ: ACCOUNTS OF THE EXCAVATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE TRANSACTIONS OF KENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SINCE 1950. BRIEF REPORTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE JOURNAL OF ROMAN STUDIES FOR THE SAME PERIOD. THE BEST POPULAR ACCOUNT IS "LULLINGSTONE ROMAN VILLA", BY COL. MEATES.

NOVEMBER 4TH, 1960: "FILM SHOW"

ONE OF THE FEATURES OF PREVIOUS PROGRAMMES WAS THE ANNUAL FILM SHOW. UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS A SCARCITY OF GOOD ARCHAEOLOGICAL FILMS AND THIS ITEM IN THE PROGRAMME HAD TO BE ABANDONED. HOWEVER A FEW MORE FILMS HAVE COME TO LIGHT AND WILL BE SHOWN AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. THESE WILL INCLUDE "STONE AGE TOOLS", "PALAEOLITHIC MAN" AND "BUILDING A BRONZE AGE HOME".

DECEMBER 9TH, 1960: "THE ROMAN FORT, TOWN AND SUBURBAN VILLA AT GREAT CASTERTON, RUTLAND" PHILIP CORDER, M.A., LITT.D.

SINCE 1950 EXCAVATIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT ON THE SITE OF THE ROMAN TOWN AND VILLA AT GREAT CASTERTON UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. P. CORDER. WORK ON THE SITE HAS UNCOVERED THE PLAN AND STRUCTURAL SEQUENCE OF THE DEFENCES OF THE TOWN AS WELL AS LOCATING MANY BUILDINGS WITHIN THE TOWN WALLS. PROVISIONAL DATING FOR THE SITE IS AS FOLLOWS: DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONQUEST OF A.D.43 A SMALL MILITARY POST WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE SITE: THE TOWN WHICH GREW UP ON THE SITE WAS ENCIRCLED BY A WALL IN THE LATE SECOND CENTURY: THE DEFENCES WERE REORGANIZED AND BASTIONS ADDED TO THE WALL IN THE PERIOD A.D.337 - 367.

THE VILLA, WHICH LAY JUST OUTSIDE THE TOWN, DEVELOPED FROM A SIMPLE BUILDING INTO A LARGE AND COMPLEX VILLA, BEING DESTROYED IN ABOUT A.D.375.

BOOKS TO READ: ACCOUNTS OF THE EXCAVATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE JOURNAL OF ROMAN STUDIES FROM 1951 ONWARDS. TWO INTERIM REPORTS, No.1 1950, AND No.2 1951-1953, EDITED BY DR. CORDER, HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY.

JANUARY 13TH, 1961: "THE ROMAN ARMY" GRAHAM WEBSTER, M.A., F.S.A., A.M.I.C.E.

THE LECTURER HAS EXCAVATED ON MANY MILITARY SITES AND HIS WORK HAS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ROMAN ARMY AND MILITARY OCCUPATION OF ROMAN BRITAIN.

BOOKS TO READ: "THE ROMAN ARMY", GRAHAM WEBSTER: "ROMAN BRITAIN AND THE ROMAN ARMY", E. BIRLEY: "THE ROMAN LEGIONS", H. PARKER.

APRIL 28TH, 1961: "SAXON LONDON"

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THIS WILL BE A JOINT MEETING WITH THE NORTH LONDON BRANCH, THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, AND WILL COMMENCE AT 7.30 P.M.

LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE BEGINNINGS OF SAXON LONDON. IN THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE APPEARS A BRIEF REFERENCE TO THE BRITONS BEING DEFEATED AT CRAYFORD IN KENT AND RETIRING ON LONDON IN A.D.457. HISTORY IS SILENT UNTIL A.D.604 WHEN ANOTHER REFERENCE IN THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE MENTIONS THAT AETHELBERT GAVE MELLITUS AN EPISCOPAL SEE IN LONDON. LONDON WAS ATTACKED SEVERAL TIMES AND THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE AND VIKING SAGAS DESCRIBE THE SACKING AND BURNING OF LONDON DURING THIS PERIOD.

BOOKS TO READ: "LONDON AND THE SAXONS" AND "LONDON AND THE VIKINGS", PUBLISHED BY THE BRITISH MUSEUM. "ARCHAEOLOGY OF MIDDLESEX AND LONDON", C. VULLIAMY. "HISTORY OF THE ANGLO-SAXONS", R. HODGKINSON.

THERE ARE COLLECTIONS OF SAXON AND VIKING MATERIAL AT THE BRITISH AND LONDON MUSEUMS.

AFFILIATION: THE SOCIETY HAS RECENTLY AFFILIATED TO THE NORTH MIDDLESEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIETIES IN NORTH MIDDLESEX, AND EXCAVATIONS AND FIELDWORK ARE ORGANIZED EACH YEAR UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROFESSOR W. GRIMES. THIS YEAR THE MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE AT SOUTH MIMMS IS BEING EXCAVATED. DR. J. KENT, WHO IS DIRECTING THE WORK, WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE EXCAVATIONS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN MARCH, 1961.

MEETINGS FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS: IF SUFFICIENT JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED A SERIES OF MEETINGS DEALING WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ARCHAEOLOGY WILL BE ARRANGED. THE FORM WHICH THESE MEETINGS WILL TAKE HAS YET TO BE DECIDED AND WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON THE RESPONSE OF THE JUNIOR MEMBERS. THOSE JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED ARE ASKED TO WRITE TO THE SECRETARY AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT WHEN AVAILABLE.

ENFIELD SHOW 1960: THE SOCIETY IS ARRANGING A SMALL DISPLAY AT THE NEXT ENFIELD SHOW IN OCTOBER. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL HELP THE SOCIETY TO BECOME MORE GENERALLY KNOWN AND THUS INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP.

FIELDWORK 1960: NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THE START OF THE FIELDWORK AS DESCRIBED IN THE LAST BULLETIN. NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN HAND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED A WISH TO ASSIST WITH THE WORK WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN FINAL DETAILS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

BIBLIOGRAPHY (ROMAN BRITAIN): THE FOLLOWING IS A SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED AS A SUITABLE INTRODUCTION TO ROMAN BRITAIN, AND ALL CONTAIN BIBLIOGRAPHIES FOR FURTHER READING:

MAP OF ROMAN BRITAIN

ORDNANCE SURVEY

THIS MAP SHOWS AT A GLANCE THE "LAYOUT" OF ROMAN BRITAIN. THE ROAD SYSTEMS, TOWNS, FORTS AND INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE CLEARLY MARKED BY THE USE OF DIFFERENT SYMBOLS.

ROMAN BRITAIN AND THE ENGLISH SETTLEMENTS R. COLLINGWOOD AND J. MYRES

THE STANDARD WORK ON ROMAN BRITAIN ALTHOUGH SECTIONS OF THE BOOK ARE NOW OUT OF DATE.

ROMAN BRITAIN

I. RICHMOND

THIS BOOK, ONE OF THE PELICAN "HISTORY OF ENGLAND" SERIES, MUST BE INCLUDED IN ANY READING LIST ON ROMAN BRITAIN. CONTAINS A VERY FULL BIBLIOGRAPHY.

TOWN AND COUNTRY IN ROMAN BRITAIN

A. RIVET

AN EXCELLENT INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT.

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