



NEWSLETTER

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We welcome as new members

Miss H Lane

We thank for their kind donations:

Mr K Gardner

Mrs P Gill

Mr F Pemberton

Mrs L Shaw

Mr I West

Chairman's Notes

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of Eve Myatt-Price, a long term member and officer of the Society, early in December. A full obituary of Eve appears in this Newsletter.

E&EBC recently carried out repair works to the weir in the Hogsmill by the Lower Mill. This was the channel that directed water to the mill wheel within the working part of the mill that was demolished just before WWII. The late C17 Miller's house survived and was converted to offices in the 1970s. As the weir has always been covered over the form of the structure was rather unexpected. We hope to prepare a full report on this for a future Newsletter.

We also learnt just before Christmas that the important 1568 painting of Nonsuch Palace by Joris Hoefnagel has finally been acquired by the V&A Museum for a reputed £1m. This follows a long period of uncertainty over its future since its rather secretive owners decided to sell it to the highest bidder. It is now on view in the British Galleries at the V&A.

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March 1st AGM and talk: In the land of Gods and Monsters: Shrines and Sacrifice in Celtic Gaul and Britain: Jon Cotton

April 5th Brookwood Cemetery: Kim Lowe

May 3rd Excavations at Cocks Farm, Abinger: Emma Corke

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell KT17 2BB

Doors open 7.45 for 8pm start. Members free, visitors £4, includes refreshments.

EVE MYATT-PRICE (1921-2016)

Eve was born in Daventry in 1921. Her mother was a schoolteacher and her father a Captain in the Royal Engineers, later to have a career in the Civil Service. They moved to south London in 1923 and to Epsom and Ewell in 1935.

Eve attended Wimbledon High School and then King's College, London from where she graduated with a BA in History in 1942 and an MA in Medieval History in 1948. The MA was prepared as a part time student while she was working full time as a Temporary Assistant Principal in the Treasury and in the former Dominions Office. This was regarded as War Service during the Second World War.

Eve was appointed as an Administrative Assistant in the Registrar's Office at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and remained there for 34 years, attaining the rank of Deputy Registrar. On retirement from full time employment in 1981 she continued part time for a further 9 years, organising and directing pre-retirement courses, and planning provisions for assisting, if required, former employees of the LSE. She looked back on her years at the School with gratification that, with good fortune, she had spent her working life in a job which suited her temperament - dealing with young people, working with lively university teachers and planning thorough and well-organised administrative routines.

In an academic environment there were opportunities for writing and Eve published several articles about the history of accounting, based on her MA degree which had included a chapter on medieval accounting methods. These were published by local history societies in this country, by the National Trust, and by universities overseas - in Illinois and Sydney. She contributed to Surrey Archaeological Society, joining in 1972 and serving on three Councils 1980-1994. She was a member of the Publications committee 1982-1994, and of the Library committee 1989-2009. Eve also became a committee member of the Nonsuch Antiquarians (later Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society) in 1972, was auditor 1976-1983, and became a Vice-President in 1993. She contributed to publications of the Society and wrote numerous reviews of other articles in history and archaeology, giving talks to local societies on these topics.

In 1985, on the basis of her published works, Eve was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, an honour usually reserved for academic rather than administrative staff in universities. To be recognised as an historian by professional historians felt wonderful; in 2014 she was elected Emeritus Fellow. Eve was a founder member of the Historical Fellowship - a group that started from a Holiday Fellowship course on archaeology. She held the offices of treasurer, secretary, vice-president, president and committee member at various times, and contributed to the Historical Fellowship's activities by organising weekend and day visits, lectures (some of which she gave), and week-long holidays.

Eve started attending St Mary's church in 1963 where she was at various times a sidesman, chalice assistant and member of the PCC and its committees. She loved music and was the founder chairman of the Friends of St Mary's music. She also wrote the 150th anniversary guide book to St Mary's and a short history of the church for St Mary's

website. Eve was a member of the Ewell Court Branch of the National Association of Women's Clubs and was awarded four pages in the annual Surrey Literary Competition for two essays - one on "Hadrian's Wall" and the other on the "New Memorial Window for St Mary's", and for two poems "The Bridge" and "Flower Power".

Eve believed in encouraging further education and in the value of prizes as incentives and rewards. She had founded prizes in archaeology and geology for part time students of the University of London; for schools in the borough of Epsom and Ewell; and at Tiffin Girls School in Kingston, of which she was a governor for 26 years. Two and a half years ago Eve moved into Roseland in Banstead where she was very comfortable and content, taking pleasure in getting to know all the staff by name and in introducing them to her visitors. Eve was a gracious lady, always well dressed — she was warm-hearted and generous with her time and talents. She would often say that she had had a good life: a good life, and a life lived well.



Above - Eve Myatt-Price as an ARP volunteer during WW2

Right - Eve with her book on St. Mary's Church

Below - Eve cleaning excavated pottery sherds



November Meeting – The History of AC Cars - John Spencer

Steve Nelson

November's meeting, in the presence of the Mayor, Cllr George Crawford, heard the history of the motor engineering firm which for virtually all its existence was based in Thames Ditton. John Spencer is the archivist and Vice President of the AC Car Owners' Club. In opening he said there would be a lot of pictures of cars, which there were, but there was more to it. He outlined the history of the firm from its beginnings in the very early years of the motor car, the rapid development of motor transport from the province of the elite to wider social availability, and the firm's close association with Thames Ditton.

The origins of the firm were Weller Bros who in 1899 were making early motor cycles in West Norwood. In 1902 they formed a partnership with John Portwine, a wealthy butcher, and though not initially successful they were soon making three wheeler delivery vehicles. In 1907 they launched the first "Auto Carrier", which is where the marque AC comes from, and launched the passenger version, the AC "Sociable". In 1907 Auto Carriers Ltd was formed and in 1911 moved to the Ferry Works factory in Thames Ditton. In 1913 their first 4 wheel car was produced before production was interrupted by WW1. These early decades of the 20th century saw the incredibly rapid expansion and development of motor cars from the first experimental versions to more dependable machines. During WW1 the firm largely converted to war production although a new design 6 cylinder engine was developed and ready by 1919.



AC Sociable of 1910

In 1921 Selwyn Edge, ex-racing driver, joined the company and rather "edged" out Weller and Portwine. In the depression of the 1920s Edge bought the company outright and it became AC (Acedes). The 20s were a period of endurance runs for motor vehicles and AC won an important number of them including the incredible 15000m in 9 days in 1927! In 1929 the company was again sold, this time to the Hurlock family and in 1932 a new range of cars was developed, although production was always on a small scale, up to

WW2 when production changed again to war work (glider undercarriages, fire engines, light guns, etc.). The company had also acquired premises in the High Street with a huge works and show rooms opposite, and during the war bought Tagg's Island with its swanky hotel.

After the war car production resumed with the 2 litre saloon and the 1950s saw the development of the AC sports cars with which people are more familiar. However, the company also had a long running contract with the government to produce invalid carriages, which they did until 1976. They also produced four trains, power carriages and coaches for Southend Pier in 1949. A large range of classic sports type models were

developed in the 1960s and 70s with the AC Cobra perhaps the most remembered. This was a period of changing personnel in charge and production finally left Thames Ditton in 1984. The High Street premises were demolished but Ferry works remains and in use by an engineering firm on the rear wall of which can still just be seen a ghost sign of AC *Amazing Cars*. John thought that there was some antagonism in the village to the engineering business, AC's bridge to Tagg's Island had been condemned by the council in the 1950s. Interestingly there had been another heavy engineering business in Summer Road, almost opposite Ferry Works, that of the famous bronze statue foundry which existed from about 1870 until it was acquired by the local council in 1971 and demolished in 1975.



The Bruces at Montlhéry in 1927



AC invalid carriage

Christmas Meeting - talk on Hidden Rome by Brenda Allen, quizzes and refreshments

Nikki Cowlard

It was decided to trial a slightly different format for our Christmas meeting in 2016. Brenda Allen started off the proceedings with a talk on Hidden Rome. Brenda had visited Rome with Andante Travel and had been afforded access to tombs, catacombs and other parts of ancient Rome usually out of bounds to tourists. The group also visited Portus, Rome's great port city which supplied the teeming masses of Rome.

A private visit to the Vatican was arranged where Brenda was able to view the letter from Henry VIII to the Pope asking for the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon.

Throughout Rome there are Roman temples and baths which have been converted to churches, and the quarrying for stone to build ancient Rome enabled the building of vast catacombs for the burial of its residents probably as a response to overcrowding and shortage of land. Millennia of habitation means many buildings overlie, or incorporate, earlier structures; an early example is the church of Santa Sabina on the Aventine Hill, built in the 5th century AD on the site of early Imperial houses. The structure of Santa Costanza reflects its original function as the mausoleum of one or both of Constantine's two daughters, Constantia and Helena, rather than as the church it became much later. One site that I found particularly fascinating was Monte Testaccio, an artificial hill built of amphorae. It stands a short distance away from the east bank of the River Tiber, near the Horrea Galbae where the state-controlled reserve of olive oil was stored in the late 2nd century AD. The mound later had both religious and military significance.



Monte Testaccio - an artificial hill built of amphorae



Santa Sabina



Crypta Balbi



Santa Costanza , originally a mausoleum

Excavations between 1991-98 at the Crypta Balbi revealed a colonnaded *quadriporticus*, the Theatre of Lucius Cornelius Balbus , a nearby *statio annonae*, where grain supplies used to be stored in ancient times, and the remains of a later occupation of the area dating back to medieval times. It is now part of the National Museum of Rome. These are only a few examples of the sites Brenda elaborated on but they give a flavour of how little of Rome the average tourist gets to see.

Following the talk, members enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine prepared by committee member David Hartley, then took part in two Christmas quizzes before a raffle completed the proceedings. The evening seemed to have been enjoyed by all who attended.

Surrey in The Great War: A County Remembers

Paul Howard Lang

The “Surrey in the Great War” event was held on the 30th November 2016 in the Mayo Hall of the United Reformed Church in Eden Street, Kingston. Four excellent speakers talked on different aspects of the First World War linked to Surrey and to Kingston upon Thames in particular.

The first talk was by Kirsty Bennett, the Senior Project Officer, she gave an overview of the “Surrey in the Great War Project”. This is a four year project showcasing Surrey’s involvement in the First World War. She informed us that 384 Kingstonians had been killed in the war, 279 at the Somme.

160 hospitals were set up in the county and many convalescent homes. Kirsty reminded us of some of the unusual memorials, such as the Horsell Muslim burial ground near Woking and the Woking Post Office war memorial. She also told us about the training trenches at Deepcut that were used to familiarise the troops with trench layouts, in preparation for those found in France and Belgium. Details were given as to the dangerous work carried out by the munitions workers at Chilworth and the German POWs in the Frith Hill camp and how some of them escaped. George Kenner, a POW, was an artist and painted some fine pictures of the camp. It was also mentioned how the Belgium refugees came to Surrey. Apparently lots came to Weybridge and some of the local newspapers printed the news in French for their benefit.

The website for this project is: www.surreyinthegreatwar.co.uk

There is film footage on the website, which includes a film clip showing the 1913 Epsom Derby.

There are news items from Surrey newspapers, such as the Surrey Comet, also details regarding an oral history project can be found on the website.

They are trying to photograph all the war memorials relating to the First World War in Surrey, to have a complete record of these, hence names on these can be accessed.

Next Mr David Hussard gave a detailed talk on the “Sopwith Aviation Company”. A good overview was given of the development in Kingston of the evolution of the Sopwith aeroplanes and of the factory, which started in a former ice skating rink in Kingston, the Canbury Park works were detailed and finally the large government building in Ham. He also told us about Brooklands involvement in the war and the Whitehead Aircraft Company in Richmond. Also covered were the aircraft factories in Croydon and the Vickers factory in Weybridge.

Viv Bennett then gave a talk on the “Voluntary Aid Detachment in Kingston”.

The first Surrey V.A.D. branch was in Wimbledon. Apparently there were also male units as well as female ones. Many auxiliary hospitals were located in Surrey, as the air was deemed to be of good quality. Overall there were 12,000 volunteers in Surrey.

Agatha Christie was a V.A.D. in Torquay in Devon, where she worked as a nurse in a dispensary, acquiring much knowledge about poisons!

A database of all the V.A.D. volunteers who worked in Surrey has been started, and more information is regularly added to this. Much more research could be done from this

source.

The website is: <http://www.redcross.org.uk/About-us/Who-we-are/History-and-origin/First-World-War>

Finally the last talk was given by Nicholas Howgill, RBK, WMA—“Kingston’s Boy Sailors”.

This talk dealt with the naval aspects of the First World War, and how the age limit was much lower than in the army. One had to be 19 to enlist in the army, but at 16 years old you could enlist to go to sea.

All in all these four talks gave a fascinating insight into Surrey’s involvement in the First World War.

For more details see: www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk



One of the Sopwith aeroplane models on display

Forthcoming Events

From Journey's End to The Dam Busters: The Life of R C Sherriff, Playwright of the Trenches

Saturday 4th February 2017 Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking. £5 includes refreshments. Please book a place online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents, in person at Surrey History Centre or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737. Please bring cash or cheque if you would like to purchase a book at a special price of £20.

Kingston upon Thames Archaeological Society: 10,000 Years of Brentford

Thursday 9th February 2017, at 8pm, Surbiton Library Halls, Ewell Road, Surbiton. Our President Jon Cotton talks about the early archaeology of a riverside town.

Leatherhead & District Local History Society: The Birth, Life and Death of the River Mole

Friday 17th February 2017, at 7:30pm for 8pm, Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead. A talk by Professor Richard Selley.

Surrey Archaeological Society (Research Committee) Annual Symposium

Saturday 25th February 2017, at the Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashstead, Surrey, KT21 2BE. This will report on recent work within the county.

Surrey Archaeological Society (Local History Committee) Annual Symposium

Saturday 25th March 2017, at The Surrey History Centre, 30 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey, GU21 6ND. This will cover various aspects of agricultural history and also look at useful sources for historians.

2017 Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2017 become due on 1st January. Subscriptions can be paid at the monthly meetings, or by post to the Treasurer, Jane Pedler, or the Membership Secretary, Doreen Tilbury. Subs are £15 for ordinary membership, £22 for family membership, £6 for student, or £22 for corporate and school memberships. A slip is provided below:

2017 Subscriptions

I (we) wish to renew membership for 2017

Amount enclosed.....

Name and address.....

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Please send copy for the next newsletter to the Newsletter Editor by 12 March 2017

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Gift Aid

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*** PLEASE NOTE: For new or renewing members, there is a new Gift Aid form ***

You can see a colour copy of this newsletter on the Society website from mid February
www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society Annual General Meeting 2017



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society will be held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 8p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the AGM held on 2nd March 2016 (circulated with the April 2016 newsletter).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda.
4. To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Report (herewith).
5. To receive and adopt, if approved, the Treasurer's Report and the Account and Balance Sheet for 2016.

6. Election of Officers

The following are nominated for re-election:

President	Jonathan Cotton
Vice-President	Stephen Nelson
Chairman	Stephen Nelson
Secretary	Nikki Cowlard
Treasurer	Jane Pedler

Eve Myatt-Price, long-term Vice President died at the beginning of December, aged 95. Her obituary appears in the February newsletter.

Committee Members due for re-election are:

Jeff Cousins, David Hartley, Lou Hays, Doreen Tilbury.

Committee members not due for re-election this year are:

Rosemary Burleigh, Ian West.

Isobel Cross is not standing for re-election, after having served on the committee since 1994. Our thanks to her for all her work on behalf of the Society, including her engaging reports on the monthly lectures.

Election of independent examiner

Rod Clarke is nominated for re-election.

7. Open Forum

Members of the Society are invited to ask questions about EEHAS affairs and to give their views on future activities. If anyone prefers to make a short contribution to be read out at the meeting it should be sent to be received by the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

8. Any other business

Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society

Annual Report for 2016

INTRODUCTION

This annual report highlights the main activities of the Society for the year ending 31st December 2016. The well-being of the Society owes a great deal to the hard work of numerous members, not all of whom are mentioned in this report, and we thank them for this.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The principal officers and committee members during the year were:

President	Jonathan Cotton
Vice Presidents	Eve Myatt-Price (died 1.12.16) and Steve Nelson
Chairman	Steve Nelson
Secretary	Nikki Cowlard
Treasurer	Jane Pedler
Committee	Rosemary Burleigh, Jeff Cousins, Isobel Cross, David Hartley, Lesley Hays, Doreen Tilbury and Ian West.

The Committee held six meetings during the year.

Other functionaries are:

Archaeology Officer	Frank Pemberton	Conservation Officer	Nikki Cowlard
Membership Secretary	Doreen Tilbury	Newsletter Editor	Jeff Cousins
Programme Secretary	Vacant	Publicity Officer	Vacant

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships at the end of the year in terms of subscriptions paid were 66 (-3) ordinary, 21 (+1) family, 1 (+1) student and 0 corporate. There were a total of 88 subscriptions and the Society has 6 honorary members. There is a gradual decrease in membership, together with reduced involvement by existing members and this will have implications for how the Society can function going forward.

LIAISON WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

EEHAS is affiliated to Surrey Archaeological Society, Surrey Record Society and the Council for British Archaeology. Newsletters are exchanged with neighbouring local history societies. Some of our members have individual membership of Surrey Archaeological Society: our President, Jonathan Cotton and Nikki Cowlard, our Secretary, are Vice-Presidents of the Society; Lesley Hays is a member of Council, sits on the Local History Committee, the Investment Committee and the Roman Studies Group Committee, and is a member of AARG (Artefact and Archaeological Research Group). Nikki Cowlard is a member of the Management Committee, and is Secretary of the Roman Studies Group Committee; David Hartley and Steve Nelson are active members of SyAS' Medieval Studies Group. Other members are also members of other local archaeological and historical societies such as KuTAS and Esher History Society.

PUBLICITY

Thanks go to Isobel Cross and Gay Keeble who produce posters advertising EEHAS talks for the Borough noticeboards, and to Nikki Cowlard for updating the Society information board at Bourne Hall Museum. **The post of Publicity Officer is still vacant** so if you think you might be interested, do talk to a member of the committee who can advise you as to what the role entails.

PUBLICATIONS

Occasional Papers 55 and 56 were published in the course of the year. OP55, *Food and Drink in Roman Ewell* by Jeremy Harte was published in September, and OP56, *The Star, 31 High Street, Ewell: draft report on the historic structure* by Ian West and Stephen Nelson in November. We are grateful to Rosemary Burleigh for managing the sales desk.

Members are encouraged to carry out local historic research and to approach the committee if they have papers for publication.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Report 2016

Frank Pemberton, Archaeology Officer

In addition to working with the group identifying the Roman pottery, from our Church Meadow site, most of my time this year and next year is devoted to identifying and writing up reports on other excavated sites in Ewell. A reassessment of the multi-period site at Purberry Shot, Epsom Road, Ewell has been amalgamated with several sites along the High Street found during shop development works, to form a single monograph.

The site at Purberry Shot revealed Late Iron Age (LIA) settlement debris, an iron working oven, a pit of Early Romano-British date, and the cut and lining of a well. All these structures were filled in and the site levelled in the late 1st - early 2nd century, to enable the construction of a Roman road, constructed of flint nodules and pebbles bonded with sand, together with side ditches, aligned south westwards across the site. The site evidence and finds reports with discussion is set out based upon the site phasing.

The sites down the slope of the High Street revealed surfaces, structures, cut pits, containing a raft of plain and fine pottery of 1st and 2nd century AD. Building materials and personal objects were found which have all been identified and catalogued in the report.

A second report being finalised is the 1977 excavation at the Church Street end of Church Meadow. In situ layers of compacted flints, pebbles and sand consist of the structure and probable resurfacing of the Roman road Stane Street, with ditches found along the eastern edge. The roadside features consisted of flint drystone walling and settlement layers, with a dump of roof and hypocaust tiles, mortar and plaster, mixed with plain and fine pottery sherds, glass and oysters shells. This suggests a roadside building demolition dump. The report could be useful site evidence for the CME excavation report. Two further reports on excavations in churchyard No.4 are still outstanding.

Church Meadow Project

Nikki Cowlard, Site Director

Work continues on finds from the 2012-4 excavations. Thanks must go to the volunteers who are now cataloguing the final season's Roman pottery under the guidance of Phil Stanley and Frank Pemberton; part of the group has catalogued the ceramic building material and metalwork. Specialist reports have been received for animal bone from Roman contexts, and for quern (stone mill for grinding grain), and Frank Pemberton is completing the special finds cataloguing. In order to gain as much information as possible the quern for the whole of Ewell was looked at by Ruth Shaffrey (University of Reading), with funding from CMP, Surrey Archaeological Society and Bourne Hall Museum. The overall report will be published in the Surrey Archaeological Collections. Environmental samples are with an archaeobotanist, and initial results include evidence for cereal grains, chaff and weed seeds.

Church Meadow has now been stripped of vegetation, levelled and seeded in order to convert it to a sports training ground for Ewell Castle School. Metal detectorists recovered more than two dozen Roman coins but all came from disturbed ground - backfill of the trench and upcast from a water main trench. Because soil disturbance was kept to a minimum any remaining archaeology (and coins) will have been left undisturbed.

CONSERVATION

The Society's Conservation Officers check the Borough's planning applications regularly to highlight applications which affect listed buildings, locally listed buildings and buildings of interest within conservation areas. They also respond to concerns from members about conservation issues that affect the community.

As always there is pressure on built-up areas for development, whether in back gardens, knocking down buildings and redeveloping, or on brown-field or green-field sites. Whilst we cannot stop future development in our neighbourhoods we can all help reduce the negative impact by voicing our concerns and ensuring that the development that goes ahead is appropriate for its surroundings and respects our historic buildings and environs.

The Committee has liaised with the acting Council Planning Heritage Officer to raise issues of concern related to nationally or locally-listed buildings. Planning applications or conservation issues which we have discussed, commented on or viewed include: The British Legion,; The Star, Ewell; 25 Alexandra Road, Epsom; Woodcote Green House, Epsom; The White Horse, Dorking Road, Epsom; Woodcote End House, Epsom; the old Williams shop, 32 High Street, Ewell; The Old Barn and Grade II listed walled garden, RAC; Berridale, College Road; The Olde Kings Head, Church Street Epsom; Pedestrian gate to Glyn House; Ashley House, Epsom; 16 Waterloo Road, Epsom. Building recording has been carried out on The Star, Woodcote Green House, 16 Waterloo Road, and on the head race at the Lower Mill.

We are fortunate to have the expertise of Ian West in recording buildings at risk, and to feed appropriately into planning applications.

We rely on you to let us know of any concerns you have about local buildings - we need 'eyes and ears' around the Borough to make sure problems are picked up and highlighted. You can contact us by phone, e-mail or post.

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BOURNE HALL MUSEUM

Members of EEHAS continue to support the Museum and Jeremy Harte, the Museum's curator, aids members' work on historical and archaeological archives. Isobel Cross continues to volunteer in the running the Museum shop; new volunteers are always needed.

DISPLAYS

The Society was involved in producing one display this year. The Church Meadow Excavation display on post-excavation work yet again won 2nd place in the Margary Award at Surrey Archaeological Society's February Symposium. The prize of £100 was donated to The Church Meadow Project.

LECTURE PROGRAMME AND VISITS

Committee members have arranged another interesting and varied programme of lectures, in the absence of a lecture coordinator. This year's lectures were: Ravenna; Architecture of the London Underground; Vanished People of the Wandle; Langley Vale Memorial Wood; History of Kingston; Epsom College and the First World War; Archaeology of the NESCoT site – Industry and Magic: Quarrying and Selective Deposition in Ewell; Magna Carta through time; A-Z of Wartime; The History of AC Cars; Hidden Rome. In lieu of the Members' meeting in August Ian West led a most interesting walk around the Woodcote area followed by refreshments at 10 Chalk Lane. All who attended much enjoyed it.

REFRESHMENTS

Unfortunately no-one has come forward to run the refreshments rota so once again this role is being carried by the committee. All members are encouraged to take part in the refreshments rota - it is a good way to meet other members and helps to share the workload. Thanks to all those members who have contributed their help this year.

NEWSLETTERS

Five newsletters were produced throughout the year, edited by Jeff Cousins. Our thanks go to Jeff for producing such informative newsletters. They are also published on the website with colour photographs. The reports on the monthly lecture have been written by committee members due to lack of a volunteer from the membership. Articles that have appeared in the year's newsletters include: Ewell Court House: A phoenix from the ashes; Background on the badges: A potted history of the RAMC; Pubs, Inns and Taverns of Epsom, Ewell and Cheam; WW1 Centenary Events – 1916; History of Epsom Speakers Club; Local finds – a Saxon silver *sceat* and a 14th century punched point mirror case; A Glimpse of Tudor Epsom; A feather curler from Epsom; Carting Faggots for Christmas; New at the Museum; Pottery finds from Beech Walk; Food and Drink in Roman Ewell.

Thanks as ever to Doreen Tilbury for organising distribution of the newsletter. Assistance by volunteers in distributing to people who do not regularly attend our meetings gives a useful saving in postal costs.

FINANCES

The Treasurer's Report will be available at the AGM and will be published online in advance of the meeting. The Society's finances remain in the capable hands of Jane Pedler.