

SHAHT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPENING TIMES

Monday afternoons

2.00 – 4.00

Tuesday evenings

7.30 – 9.00

U3A hold their Archaeology meetings at the centre on the second Monday of each month, so we are not open for sorting activities on the following dates:

14.5.18

11.6.18

9.7.18

We are closed Bank Holiday

Monday 7th May

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

AGM: 14.6.18

(details to follow)

We can open on other dates by prior arrangement: contact details below

If you would like to come along to help us in a variety of archaeological tasks or would like to know more please contact us (details below)

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LATEST NEWS and INFORMATION

We are currently working through one of our most important sites, The Three Mariners and are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to once again see the many unique finds excavated from the site all those years ago.

One of the most important collections is the Venetian Glass that was sent to Hugh Wilmot at Sheffield University to be analysed; we are in the process of ensuring it is kept as a collection that can be viewed by our members and by members of the public for research purposes.



The stem was mended over 300 years ago with gilded wire



Venetian wine glasses



Other items from The Three Mariners



A leather shoe sole



Farnham Ware pottery AD 150

The GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

As you may be aware new legislation comes into force next month and will significantly update privacy laws, giving you more control over how your data is used and how you are contacted.

We are committed to treating your personal data with the utmost care and are taking this opportunity to update our contact database with your email preferences.

As a member of Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust (SHAHT) you receive our newsletter and updates. We hope you wish to continue receiving these, however if you do not wish to receive information and newsletters letters from SHAHT please do let us know.

If you are receiving information from SHAHT and you are not a member you will stop receiving our emails and newsletters from May 2018 unless you inform us you would like to continue receiving them.

You can of course still visit our website to get the latest news and updates.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE PAST -2

This newspaper article from the 1989 recounts the history of the site upon which now stands The Three Mariners.

THE INDEPENDENT Tuesday 1 August 1989

Archaeologists unearth 500 years of alehouse history

Report by
David Keys
Photographs by
Tom Pilston

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have been investigating 500 years of drinking habits on a site in the centre of Bagshot, Surrey, where a succession of four pubs have stood since early Tudor times.

More than 1 million objects have been found on the site by archaeologists from the Surrey Heath Archaeological and Heritage Trust.

The first pub was built in 1500, the second in 1550, the third in 1700 and the fourth, which still stands today, in 1720.

The first — an alehouse of unknown name — lasted until 1600 and has provided the excavation team, led by Geoffrey Cole, with thousands of fragments of local and imported plates, drinking vessels and bowls.

The second drinking house was a fairly upmarket affair which may have been closed by the Puritans in the 1640s. It was known initially as the Saracens Head, but its name had changed to the Red Lion by 1603.

Evidence for the upper class nature of its clientele includes a gold shoelace tip, two silver-plated spurs, and a wine glass, repaired with gold-plated wire. The drinkers appear to have feasted on mutton, venison and oysters.

The establishment may also have been the haunt of highwaymen. What is probably a robber's cache — a bricklined hiding place for storing stolen goods or contraband — has been discovered behind the fireplace.

Archaeological evidence in-



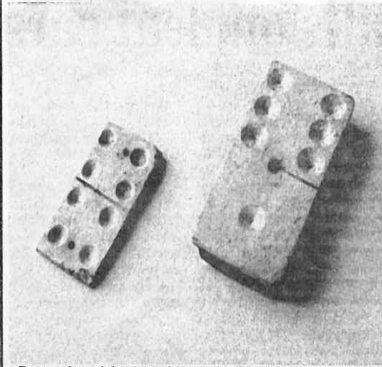
A face mask on the neck of a Bellarmine flagon which dates from about 1620. It is one of several examples of German stoneware found



An English wine glass with a lion mask, from about 1620



A slipware plate bearing a bird motif, dating from about 1720



Bone and wood dominoes found in the remains of the Red Lion

cludes fragments of 70 wine glasses, six bronze barrel taps, 15 German stoneware drinking vessels, half a dozen wine barrel bungs — and a wine flagon decorated with two coats of arms and a bearded face, made in the Rhinish town of Frechen in about 1620.

The third drinking house was known as the Red Lion and appears to have been more downmarket than its predecessor.

Archaeologists have unearthed 70 eighteenth-century onion-shaped wine bottles, clay tobacco pipes, dozens of bone handled

twin-pronged forks, tin glazed and earthenware plates, bone and wood dominoes — and a pair of ivory billiard balls.

This establishment was named the New Red Lion — and became a principal coaching inn on the London-Exeter trunk route. A courtyard flanked by stables was

constructed. The fare served by the enlarged inn appears to have been mutton and oysters — judging by bone and shells unearthed.

The New Red Lion remained a pub until the 1930s, but was demolished in the 1960s.

Today a fourth pub stands nearby. Known as The Three Mariners it was converted from three early eighteenth-century cottages into a drinking establishment by three former sailors in about 1750.

The pubs are only the recent buildings on a settlement which dates back to Roman times. At least four timber-framed medieval buildings occupied the site from around 1200 to 1500.

A rare chainmail head garment with gold-plated links and a leather dagger sheath unearthed by the archaeologists date from the 1480s — the period of the Wars of the Roses.

An Anglo-Saxon ditch and some Roman pottery has also been found.

The finds from the site will eventually go on display in a local museum.



The Three Mariners, close to the site of its predecessors, was converted from three cottages in 1720

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