LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

"Beechcroft", Hawks Hill, Leatherhead, Surrey

Circular 1/55

10th January, 1955.

Dear Fellow Member.

Fixtures

We are pleased to announce our programme of winter lectures to be held on Tuesday evenings, in January, February and March, at The Priory, Church Road, Leatherhead. Members attending the lectures last winter supported our innovation for coffee and biscuits, and we propose to arrange to serve this before the lectures, at 8.10 p.m., at the same cost of sixpence. The lectures commence at 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th January, 1955
Mr. L.A. Edwards will give us a lecture on "Inland Waterways - with special reference to Surrey Waterways, including River Wey Navigation and the Basingstoke Canal and The Wey and Arun Canal". He has some old documents to exhibit and lantern slides. Coffee at 8.10 p.m. becture at 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1955 Our Chairman, Captain A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., has recently discovered some very interesting old documents about The Manor of Ashtead in the 18th Century, and will give us a lecture arising out of his researches, and the title of his lecture will be, "The Howards of Ashtead". There will be lantern slides. Coffee at 8.10 p.m. Lecture at 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd March, 1955 For this occasion Mr. John Brooke has kindly agreed to give us a Lecture on Fungi, and for which he has some coloured slides. Coffee at 8.10 p.m. Lecture at 8.30 p.m.

Library We want to remind members that our library is functioning under the care of Miss Skinner, the County Librarian, at The Mansion, Leatherhead. Members can borrow books at the times the Public Library is open, i.e. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Fridays - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Borrowers must, of course, produce their Local History Society Membership cards when asking for books.

We are sending with this Circular an up-to-date list of books that can be borrowed, or used for reference purposes in the library. Where books of local, or county history are in the Public Library, we are not buying them for ours.

Eighth Annual General Meeting

For the information of those members who were unable to attend, the meeting on 18th November, 1954, adopted the Executive Committee's Report and Accounts as presented. Mr. C.T. Fisher, our Programme Secretary, notified that as he had left the district he would not offer himself for re-election, and we should like to offer him our thanks for his help and co-operation since he volunteered to take on the job nearly five years ago. The remaining members were re-elected "en bloc". Mr. J.G.W. Lewarne was re-elected Hon. Auditor.

After the meeting Mr. M.P. Topping gave a lecture on "Post Glacial History of the British Flora".

Subscriptions

Your Hon. Treasurer makes a special request to all members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1954/55 (due 1st November, 1954) to do so as quickly as possible, for this will avoid the necessity for reminders. The Society's postage expenses form a heavy drain on its resources. The Treasurer's address is "Englands", High Street, Great Bookham, Surrey.

Members are sincerely requested to do their utmost to obtain new members, in an endeavour to avoid the necessity of raising subscriptions.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. SHELLEY,

(Hon. Assistant Secretary)