

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President - Capt. A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A.

Letter 1/66

February 1966

Dear Member,

The following meetings have been arranged :-

THURSDAY, February 24th 1966. 8.0 p.m. for 8.15 p.m., thus giving members an opportunity to converse before the lecture commences. Venue - Reeves Room, Leatherhead Parish Church Hall (opposite the North door of Leatherhead Parish Church).
Speaker - J.N. Hampton, Esq. on Recent Excavations in Ashtead Forest. Slide illustrations.
Mr. Hampton has directed extended exploration adjacent to the site which was discovered and excavated by the President of the Society. Members are referred to the Surrey Archaeological Society's Collections Vol. 37 page 144 et seq, Vol. 38 pages 1 et Seq and Proceedings of the Society Vol. 2 No. 3 page 73.

FRIDAY, March 25 1966 at 8.0 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Society at the Council Offices, Leatherhead by courtesy of the Leatherhead Urban District Council. The meeting will be followed immediately by a talk by Miss M. Gollancz, M.A., Surrey County Archivist who will describe the records held at the County Record Office, Kingston-upon-Thames.
Formal notice of the Annual General Meeting appears below.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The nineteenth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will take place at the Offices of the Leatherhead Urban District Council, Bull Hill, Leatherhead at 8.0 p.m. on Friday 25th March 1966 with the following Agenda :-

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. Matters arising therefrom
3. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Nineteenth Report (Copy Enclosed)
4. Presentation of the Accounts to 31st December 1965 (Copy enclosed)
5. Election of Officers and Committee for 1966
6. Other business

Members who visited the Guildford Grammar School last summer will remember the chained library. Through the courtesy of the School Authorities our member Miss M.O'Connor was allowed to examine 'Nova Legenda Angliae' which will be 450 years old this year. Miss O'Connor writes that it is one of the earliest works of an historical character printed in England. It is in abbreviated mediaeval Latin type and is a compilation of 168 lives of saints of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales made by John Capgrave, a monk, who was born in 1393 and died in 1464.

Miss O'Connor's notes are held in the Society's Archives and may be seen by any interested member.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1965

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting its Nineteenth Report.

1. Membership:

The number of members of the Society as at 31st December 1965 was 203 including 3 honorary and 2 life members. This is the highest membership figure reached in the history of the Society. Your Committee beg to remind you that there are always membership reductions due to death and removal and efforts of members to secure new members should not be relaxed. An increasing membership reflects a virile society and the committee would welcome all those interested in this historic area to join. It is with deep regret that the deaths are reported of Mrs Moss and Mr.Haddon Howard.

2. Lectures and Visits:

The following were arranged -

February 25th	Projection of slides of old Leatherhead by J.G.W.Lewarne.
March 26th	Annual General Meeting.
April 29th	Lecture: 'Viking People in Britain' by C.W.Phillips O.B.E.
May 29th	Visit to Ashtead Park.
June 12th	Visit to Leatherhead Church. Described by F.B.Benger.
July 24th	Visit to Guildford Grammar School.
August 24th	Walk over line of City Posts, Tadworth and Mogador.
September 18th.	Visit to Sutton Place, Guildford.
October 14th	Lecture: 'Stages in the Historic Development of Sutton' by R.P.Smith.
November 25th	Lecture: 'Newest Methods used in Archaeology' by A.T.Clark.
December 16th	Lecture: 'Local Flora, with particular reference to rare species' by K.Morford C.B.E.

Your Honorary Visits Organizer endeavours to arrange lectures of local and general interest and visits are arranged which can be reached by public transport, and where reasonable parking facilities are available for those travelling by car. She would appreciate any suggestions for lectures and visits that members care to make.

3. Proceedings.

Number 8 of Volume 2 was distributed in 1965 and your Committee has received many favourable comments in regard to its contents and quality.

Number 9 of Volume 2 is currently being distributed and it is hoped that it will meet with the approval of members.

The Honorary Editor will be very pleased to receive contributions for consideration.

Many back numbers are available for purchase, and enquiries as to prices should be made to the Honorary Secretary.

4. Committee

A.T.Ruby M.B.E.	
53, Nutcroft Grove, Fetcham.	Chairman.
Mrs.B.Haynes.	
Sans Nom, Fir Tree Road, Leatherhead.	Committee Member and Visits Organizer.
F.B.Benger,	
Duntisbourne, Reigate Road, Leatherhead.	Committee Member and Hon.Editor.

W.T.Bristow
Lloyds Bank Ltd., Leatherhead. Hon.Treasurer.
S.E.D.Fortescue,
133, Lower Road, Great Bookham. Committee Member
J.G.W.Lewarne,
69, Cobham Road, Fetcham. Hon.Secretary.

All members of the Committee retire at the Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election.

Nominations for the Committee should reach the Hon.Secretary not later than March 23rd and should state

1. Name of Nominee.
2. Names of Proposer and Seconder.
3. That the Nominee has expressed his or her willingness to serve if elected.

5. Accounts:

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for 1965 is enclosed. The Committee much appreciate that grants from the Surrey County Council and the Leatherhead Urban District Council which are invaluable to the Society, The Accounts do not include the Stock of Proceedings, the Library, Archives etc. as an asset.

6. Subscriptions:

These fall due on January 1st and prompt payment will be greatly appreciated. The Hon.Treasurer, W.T.Bristow, Lloyds Bank Ltd., Leatherhead, will be pleased to receive subscriptions at the Annual General Meeting or at the Bank.

7. Activities:

During the year upwards of one hundred enquiries were received relating to historical matters in the area from private individuals, students and organizations. Many of these required detailed work in order to provide effective replies. A number of lectures are given to local organizations and without doubt this demand shews a very real interest in the past of the Leatherhead District.

8. Costs

As members will remember postage rates were increased in the 1965 Budget and these have placed an additional burden on the finances of the Society. Every endeavour is being made to economize on postage by hand delivery where possible.

9. Your Committee thanks the Honorary Auditor, Lecturers and Guides for their services and appreciates the continuing support of Members.

J.G.W.Lewarne,
Honorary Secretary.

69, Cobham Road,
Fetcham,
Leatherhead,
Surrey.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December 1965.

<u>1964</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>1964</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
	<u>Bank Balances as at 31.12.1964</u>					
86. 0.11	Midland Bank Ltd.	133.18.5		98.12. 0	Printing of Proceedings	131. 0. 0
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	<u>Grants</u>				<u>Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees</u>	
25. 0. 0	Surrey County Council	25. 0.0			Surrey Record Society	1. 0.0
15. 0. 0	Leatherhead U.D.C.	15. 0.0	40. 0. 0		Council for British Archaeology	1. 0.0
	<u>Donations</u>			5.11. 0	Field Studies Council	1. 1.0
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16. 0	Lecture Fees	4. 4.0	24.11. 0		<u>Bank Balances as at 31.12.1965</u>	
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I certify that I have examined the above statement which is in accordance with the Books and Records produced to me, and in my opinion correct.

Honorary Auditor

W. T. Bristow.

Honorary Treasurer