

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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26th October 1949.

Dear Fellow-Member,

Third Annual General Meeting, 16th November, 1949

Appended is the Agenda for the Meeting together with the Executive Committee's Report and the Accounts.

It is earnestly hoped that every member who can possibly do so will turn up to the Meeting and make it an exhibition of the real support which the Society deserves. The discussion at the close of formal business will prove of the greatest help to the Society and its Committee if all members will freely express any comment, criticism or suggestion which occurs to them. After three years preparatory work the Society's further expansion and development depends on its members.

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Special General Meeting, 16th November, 1949

Rule 6 of the Society's Rules provides "..... The Officers ..... shall be eligible for re-election, except that - failing a resolution passed at a special general meeting ..... - the Chairman shall not hold office for more than three years in succession ....."

The Society has now had the great advantage of Capt. Lowther's chairmanship for three years, and the Rule operates. Members of the Executive Committee feel it would prove a great loss to the Society if the Rule should be enforced, and Mr. S.N. Grimes will move the Resolution set out in the Agenda for the Special Meeting, a notice of which is enclosed. Capt. Lowther has most kindly agreed to continue as Chairman if the Resolution is passed.

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December Fixture

On SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1949, at The New Bull Hotel, Leatherhead, Mr. A.T. Ruby will give an address on "The Life and Times of Sir Eustace de la Hacche". As a result of intensive research, a detailed "life" of Sir Eustace who, a twelvemonth ago was known only for one single incident at Kingston in 1292 can now be described. The full and colourful story of this gentleman who once owned and re-built the manor house of Pachensham, recently disinterred by the Society, and dug the moat round the site, should prove of real interest both historically and romantically to every member.

Proceedings will commence with tea at the Hotel at 4.0 p.m. sharp. The lecture will follow at approximately 4.40 p.m.

N.B. Owing to limited accommodation, admission will be by ticket only, 2s.6d. including tea, or 1s.0d. at 4.40 p.m. Tickets will be issued in strict rotation of application. It may be possible to provide only standing room for some of those who are not booked for tea also. Further, it may, in fairness, be necessary to limit tickets to members only; but, if possible, friends will be welcomed. Applications for tickets should be made to me.

Further Fixtures

These are being arranged and a list will be issued as soon as possible.

Hon. Programme Secretaryship

As stated in the Executive Committee's Report (enclosed), Mr. Gilbert, to everyone's profound regret, finds it necessary to relinquish this office. A successor is urgently required if the Society is to continue its programme of monthly fixtures. Will any lady or gentleman willing to volunteer let me know at once. The duties are solely to arrange the fixtures after the Executive Committee have decided on them; to conduct the necessary correspondence etc. (all expenses repaid), and see that the arrangements are complete. Only quite occasional spells of activity are required. Please, do not be too shy if you can possibly find time to carry out this very essential but not too exacting task.

Yours sincerely,

A.T. Ruby (Hon. Secretary)