

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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27th March, 1948.

Dear Fellow-Member?

Visit to Slyfield Manor, 17th April, 1948. To obviate public transport difficulties, your Committee have arranged for a private Coach to pick up Members at selected points and bring them back afterwards to Leatherhead. If sufficient Members so desire, arrangements will also be made for tea after the visit. Members will be asked to contribute to the cost of the Coach and tea (about 4/- per head inclusive; or 2/- for the Coach alone).

WILL ALL MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PLEASE LET ME KNOW NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, 10th APRIL, in order that Pick-up details can be made. Please give 'PHONE NUMBER (if any). Those applying will be notified by post or 'phone of the place and time (between 3.0 and 3.20 p.m.) to board the Coach.

Excavations at the Mounts. Volunteers (men) are asked for to come to the site (weather permitting) on the two Saturdays 3rd and 10th April at 3.30 p.m. (a) to clear the undergrowth for extension (at a subsequent date) of the excavations and (b) to carry out the uninspiring but essential task of filling in the moat ditch. Group D members will appreciate that the pleasures of excavation are always offset by the obligations of filling in; and it is hoped that this call will meet with an unanimous response, and will not be left to be fulfilled by two or three of the more self-sacrificing members. Shovels and billhooks etc. should be brought.

Old Illustrations of the District. If any Member possesses, or knows of anyone who possesses, old photographs or other illustrations of views, buildings, personages, or activities relating to any of the five parishes in the District will he please let me know in order that an effort may be made to secure the preservation of these relics of the past, and to avoid their destruction by persons unaware or careless of the historic value of such items.

Yours sincerely,

A.T. Ruby

Hon. Secretary.

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4th March 1948.

Dear Fellow-Member,

Annual General Meeting, 19th November, 1947. For the benefit of Members who were unable to attend, it is announced that the amendments of the Rules as set out in the Agenda were duly passed; (a) to increase the subscription to 7/6, to include a copy of the 'Proceedings', and (b) to give a vote to non-active Members. The following Officers were re-elected:

Chairman: Captain A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A.
Hon. Treas.: Mr. S.E.D. Fortescue
Hon. Programme Sec.: Miss N. Bourne
Hon. Sec.: Mr. A.T. Ruby
Ctee. Members: Mr. S.N. Grimes, Mr. F.B. Bengier.

After formal business the Chairman gave a full description of the excavations at the 'Mounts' to date; to which was added an exposition by Mr. John H. Harvey of the historical records of the site. It was a remarkable disclosure of the compatibility of the independent archaeological and historical conclusions. Full details will appear in the 'Proceedings'.

Fixtures. Members are asked carefully to preserve and note the list of Fixtures as they are issued from time to time. Circular notices at very frequent intervals would involve an expense which present finances could not warrant, and it is disappointing both to the member and to the Society if non-attendance is due only to a forgotten date. The Committee will be glad to consider any suggestions for future fixtures - whether new ones or repeats of old. The summer programme, now being prepared, is still open for any such requests.

The enclosed leaflet refers to the Lecture - already announced - for 10th March, 1948 on "The Bird and the Birdwatcher".

X N.B. SATURDAY, 17th APRIL, 1948 at 3.30 p.m. A CONDUCTED VISIT TO SLYFIELD MANOR. Members relying on public transport should take the Staines 'bus No.462 which leaves Leatherhead Station at 3.5 p.m. (Leatherhead Garage at 3.10 p.m. approx.)

The 'Proceedings'. Mr. S.G. Blaxland Stubbs, M.B.E., has been good enough to undertake the Hon. Editorship. It is hoped to have the first Number out shortly - it is now ready for the printers.

Archives. The Society's Accessions are now being catalogued and indexed and are available for consultation on application. Will any member who comes across any references to this District from uncommon sources, or who has any pertinent literature, e.g. deeds, programmes, souvenirs, photographs etc., kindly inform me or the appropriate Group Leader, in order that the items or their whereabouts, can be added to the Records. It is, doubtless, appreciated that matters of even little current interest may prove of value to future members or other historians; while a brief and passing reference in some quite unconnected publication to the Leatherhead district, or in relation to some person or place therein, may prove the clue to important facts.

Subscriptions. There are still a few members who have omitted to renew their subscriptions. It will greatly assist the Hon. Treasurer if these can be cleared up without further delay.

Yours sincerely,
A.T. Ruby
(Hon. Secretary)