

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Dear Fellow-Member,

Fixtures

The following have been arranged:

- Tuesday, 17th January 1950 At the Letherhead Institute, Leatherhead, at 8.15 p.m. A lantern lecture by Mr. E.E. Oldershaw on "The Roman Wall". Mr. Oldershaw took part in the centenary tour of the Wall in 1949 and doubtless the latest information will be available.
- Wednesday, 15th February 1950 At the Wesleyan Hall, Church Road, Leatherhead, at 8.15 p.m. A talk by Mr. G.H. Smith on "The Shiers of Slyfield, and the Contents of the Slyfield Chest". This should be of great historical interest to all members.
- Wednesday, 15th March 1950 At the Wesleyan Hall, Church Road, Leatherhead, at 8.15 p.m. A lantern lecture by Mr. W.C. Cocksedge on "A Talk about Windmills". This delightful subject should be of great general interest to members.

Further fixtures are being arranged.

Hon. Programme Secretary

I am pleased to be able to announce that Mr. C.T. Fisher of Silver Birches, Leatherhead Road, Great Bookham (Tel. Bookham 2232) has been good enough to volunteer to take up this post and has been duly appointed by the Executive Committee.

Third Annual General Meeting

For the benefit of those members who were unable to attend I have to report that the Report of the Executive Committee for 1948-9 and the Accounts to 30th September, 1949, were duly adopted as presented. The Officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. W.G. Gilbert who did not wish to stand again as Hon. Programme Secretary. As no nominations or volunteers were then forthcoming the post was left vacant. (As above stated, however, Mr. C.T. Fisher has since kindly filled the breach and thus avoided a position which could only have seriously endangered the maintenance of this popular feature of the Society's activities.)

At the close of formal business an animated and most valuable discussion took place on a variety of topics. All the suggestions put forward have been noted by the Committee and will be put into effect if, and as soon as, possible. The meeting passed a Resolution that a strong protest should be entered against the projected demolition of the old Toll-house, Effingham. This has been done, and members will be glad to know that the protest has been supported by the Leatherhead & District Countryside Protection Society, the Historical Association (mid-Surrey Branch) and the Surrey Archaeological Society. At the time of writing only an acknowledgment has been received.

Library

As stated in the Executive Committee's Report, your Committee would like to see more use made of the Library service. This consists not only of the maintenance of a collection of books which members can borrow, but the Librarian is able to order books, not in the Society's possession, from the County and other Libraries on terms that enable members to retain the book for study over more than the usual fourteen days. This is a particularly useful arrangement for Group Leaders with members who desire some instruction in their work.

If you have any particular books you would like to borrow do not hesitate to ask the Librarian, who will endeavour to obtain them for you. If you wish to study any particular subject or phase thereof please let him know and he will try to help you, or make suggestions.

Library Rules

1. Members are expected to take all reasonable care of the books they borrow, and will be held responsible for any loss or damage to them. The facilities are provided for members of the Society only, and books must not be transferred to any other persons. Borrowers should immediately report to the Librarian any defect which they may observe in any book borrowed.
2. A book may be borrowed for a first period of not exceeding 14 days. Application for renewal for a further period may be granted provided the book is not otherwise in demand.
3. Books may be borrowed at any time by special arrangement with the Librarian.
4. Borrowers must notify the Librarian of any permanent change of address, and in the case of infectious disease occurring at the borrower's residence. In such case of infection the book must be retained by the borrower pending further instructions.

The Librarian is: Councillor W.G. Mayer, 65 Copthorne Road, Leatherhead.
Telephone: L'head 2579

A list of the present contents is enclosed.

Archives

The Society's Accessions are being catalogued and indexed and are available for consultation on application to the Hon. Secretary. Will any member who comes across any reference 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.

Please report also any references to the Leatherhead district which occur in any work of fiction you have read or have heard of.

If the existence is known of any archives, title deeds or old documents of every sort in anybody's possession, please report to the Hon. Secretary with a view to securing their preservation.

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)