

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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6th November 1951

Circular 3/51

Dear Fellow-Member,

Fifth Annual General Meeting, 14th November, 1951

Enclosed 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 thus exhibit the real support which the Society deserves. The talk at the end will be of great interest to all members.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1951, at The New Bull Hotel (ground floor room), Leatherhead. Mr. F.B. Benger will give a talk on "A Leatherhead Worthy - Edmund Tylney, Master of the Revels to Queen Elizabeth".

Members will assemble at the Hotel at 3.45 p.m. Tea will be served at 4.0 p.m. sharp and the talk will follow at 4.30 p.m. Punctuality is necessary as the Society must vacate the room by 6.0 p.m.

N.B. Owing to limited accommodation, admission will be by ticket only, 3s.0d. including tea, or 1s.0d. at 4.30 p.m. Tickets will be issued in strict rotation of application. 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.

Christmas Cards

There is for sale to members a limited supply of the reproduction, available at the Photographic Exhibition last April, of the 18th century illustration of the Running Horse Inn, Bridge Street. This is available both as a single sheet or double, and either makes an excellent and appropriate Greeting Card and may be purchased on application to me at 10d. each or six for 4s.6d. Early application is desirable.

Library

The following additions to the Library List should be noted.

General Surrey Record Society - Lambeth Churchwardens' Accounts 1504-1645,  
Part I

Archaeology "Excavations on Rockbourne Down, Hampshire" (H. Sumner, 1914)  
"Excavations at East Grimstead, Wiltshire" (H. Sumner, 1924)

Architecture & Buildings "The Builder", 3rd August, 1951. (Article re Sweech House)

Natural History "The South-Eastern Naturalist & Antiquary" 1950 (S.E. Union of Scientific Societies)

Yours sincerely,

A. T. RUBY (Hon. Secretary)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the

FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BULL HILL, LEATHERHEAD on

WEDNESDAY, 14th November, 1951

at 8.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the last General Meeting.
2. Presentation of the 5th Annual Report by the Executive Committee  
(copy Report enclosed).
3. Presentation of the Accounts to 30th September 1951  
(copy Accounts enclosed).
4. Election of Executive Committee and Officers for the year 1951-52.
5. Any other business.
6. At the close of formal business the County Archivist,  
Mr. C.H. Thompson, M.A., Ph.D., will give a talk on Archives  
and Local History.

A.T. Ruby

(Hon. Secretary)

6th November, 1951.

Report of the Executive Committee

for the year 1950 - 1951

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee have the pleasant task of presenting the Fifth Annual Report for 1950-51.

1. Interest in the Society and its work continues to be most keen, both inside and outside the locality. Requests for lecturers, articles for local publications and historical information by residents and others regarding their buildings and other matters are as numerous as ever and it has been a pleasure to cope with them.

Grateful thanks are due to all members and others who have assisted in carrying out the special fixtures arranged for the Festival year.

Arrangements for the elementary talks which were discussed at the last General Meeting are in hand. It has however been found that difficulties in arranging for speakers etc. may cause some postponement.

2. Deaths and resignations during the year resulted, after allowing for new members, in the total membership remaining at 169.

3. The following fixtures were arranged during the year:

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| 1950 December 9th   | A lantern lecture by Capt. A.W.G. Lowther on the completed work at The Mounts.   |
| 1951 January 24th   | A lantern lecture by Mr. J.E.S. Dallas on "A Botanist's Exile in North Wales".   |
| " February 21st     | A lantern lecture by Mr. Edw. Yates on "Manorial Dovecotes".   |
| " March 21st        | A lantern lecture by Mr. C.W. Phillips on "New Light on the Roman Road System of Surrey and Sussex".   |
| " April 16th - 21st | A public exhibition of photographs, illustrations and maps portraying the past history of the district.  |
| " May 2nd - 5th     | (With the collaboration of the clergy and of the local Countryside Protection Society) beating the bounds of the several parishes.   |
| " June 9th          | A conducted tour of the Castle, Retreat House and Bishop's Palace at Farnham.  |
| " July 4th          | A visit to the Old Barn, Burford Bridge, with a talk on "Interesting Features of the Neighbourhood".   |
| " August 25th       | A visit to Little Bookham Church with a talk thereon by Mr. John Harvey, followed by a brief account of the excavations there during 1951. This was also followed, after tea, by a visit, conducted by Mr. Harvey, to the recently restored 16th cent. building known as Half-way House. |
| " September 15th    | A nature study and ramble on Headley Heath. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled at the last minute owing to the weather.  |

It is believed that they have proved to be as interesting as ever to participant members.

4. The work of the Groups will be recorded in the next "Proceedings". The past year has been one of particular activity for all of them in spite of the bad weather, which has failed to daunt the fieldworkers.

/5. The Committee venture

5. The Committee venture to believe that the fourth number of the "Proceedings" (the lateness of which was due to causes beyond the Hon. Editor's control) has come well up to the standard of its predecessors.

Copies of the first four numbers are available for purchase by members and non-members, price 3/6 each.

6. Your Committee have held five Committee meetings during the year. Attendances were:

Capt. Lowther (Chairman)	5
Mr. S.N. Grimes	4
" F.B. Benger	5
" S.E.D. Fortescue (Hon. Treasurer)	4
" C.J. Songhurst (Hon. Editor)	4
" C.T. Fisher (Hon. Programme Secretary)	4
" A.T. Ruby (Hon. Secretary)	5

7. Your Committee wish to take this opportunity to record their appreciation of the manner in which your Hon. Secretary has carried out his multifarious and ever increasing duties since the formation of the Society and to appeal for a volunteer to assist him in certain of his tasks. As Mr. Ruby is also Archivist and a very active worker in Groups A, B and D, your Committee feel that it is not fair any longer to ask him to shoulder so much. The part of his duties to be handed over, though not arduous is of the utmost importance to the running of the Society, and will consist of maintenance of membership records, the issue of circulars, the distribution of the "Proceedings" and assistance with fixtures. It will not prove a constant or demanding task to anyone and we earnestly ask a member, lady or gentleman, to volunteer.

8. All members of the Committee retire at the close of the Annual Meeting, but are eligible for re-election. Nominations for election of members (other than retiring members) of the Committee should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, 12th November, stating (i) the name of the nominee, (ii) the names of the proposer and seconder, (iii) that the nominee has expressed his or her willingness to serve if elected.

9. The Accounts (copy attached) show, unfortunately, a debit balance, due largely to rises in costs of postages, printing etc. It is hoped to recover much of the photographic group expenses but even so there will remain a slight deficit. Your Committee have regretfully come to the conclusion that unless a definite effort to obtain new members is made and is successful it will be essential next year to propose an increase in the subscription. Will each member please do his or her utmost to recruit more members for the Society.

Donations of any size to either the Library or General Funds will always be most gratefully received.

10. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 7/6 falls due on 1st November. The Hon. Treasurer will be prepared to receive subscriptions at the Annual Meeting.
11. In conclusion, your Committee desire once more to express their appreciation of the support and encouragement so abundantly afforded them by all members, and their grateful thanks to the Hon. Editor, Hon. Auditor and Group Leaders for their services during the past year.

On behalf of the Executive Committee

A.W.G. LOWTHER - Chairman.

17th October, 1951.

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT

Account for the Year end

Dr.		£.	s.	d.
To balance at 30.9.50				
General	£31. 18. 1.			
Library Fund	21. 4. 8.			
Cash in hand	<u>4. -</u>	53.	6.	9.
" Subscriptions				
155 @ 7/6 (including £2.3.6 received in 1950)		58.	2.	6.
11 @ 1/-			11.	-
" Subscriptions paid in advance for 1952		2.	1.	-
" Subscriptions paid in arrear for 1950			7.	6.
" Sale of Society's "Proceedings"		5.	2.	-
" Visits - Receipts	36. 1. 3.			
Expenses	<u>34. 18. 6.</u>	1.	2.	9.
" Donations		2.	-	1.
" Interest on Bank Account		1.	-	2.
		<u>£123. 13. 9.</u>		

N.B. (1) The accounts do not include items for unsold "Proceedings", library, equipment and archives.  
 (2) A grant of £15 is due from the Surrey County Council, but has not yet been received.

LIBRARY

To Balance brought forward	21. 4. 8.
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S.E.D. Fortescue, Hon. Treasurer.	<u>£21. 4. 8.</u>
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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ended 30th September 1951

		£.	s.	Cr. d.
By Hire of Meeting Halls and Lantern		5.	19.	-
" Printing and Duplicating		14.	9.	-
" Cheque Book, Postages, Stationery and Sundry Disbursements		13.	14.	9.
" Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees				
Surrey Record Society	£1. - -			
South Eastern Union of Scientific Societies	7. 6.			
Council for Promotion of Field Studies	<u>1. 1. -</u>	2.	8.	6.
" Purchases - Library Fund			9.	6.
" Photographic Group Expenses		10.	7.	-
" Balance at Banks				
General	53. 7. 10.			
Library Fund	20. 15. 2.			
Subscriptions in advance	<u>2. 1. -</u>	76.	4.	-
" Cash in hands of Treasurer			2.	-
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		£123.	13.	9.
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N.B. The Balance at Banks includes £49. 6. 1. due for printing of "Proceedings" not yet paid.

FUND

By Purchase of N.C.S.S.pamphlets, 2½" Ordnance Survey Map and Armorial Exhibition Catalogue			9.	6.
" Balance carried forward		20.	15.	2.
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I have examined the above statement with the books and vouchers relating thereto and in my opinion it is properly drawn to show a true and accurate view of the affairs of the Society. W.H. Taylor, Hon. Auditor.

£21. 4. 8.