

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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3rd April, 1952.

Circular 2/52

Dear Fellow-Member,

F I X T U R E S

We now have pleasure in advising you of our arrangements for the period April - August.

(I) Saturday, 19th April, 1952

By the courtesy of Mr. R.J.B. Anderson we shall be able to visit Slyfield House, Stoke D'Abernon, and Mr. F.B. Benger has undertaken to conduct the party and to talk generally about the house.

Transport: No.462 Leatherhead-Staines 'bus from  
Leatherhead Station 2.35 or 3.5 p.m.

or from Transport Garage 2.39 or 3.9 p.m.

There are no convenient places for tea near Slyfield House and no doubt members would prefer to make their own arrangements. Buses back to Leatherhead run every half hour.

We would draw members' attention to the article on "The Shiers of Slyfield and the Contents of the Slyfield Chest", in the 1950 Proceedings, by the late Mr. G.H. Smith.

N.B. In our Circular 1/52 we indicated a visit on 26th April to the County Record Office, Kingston-on-Thames, but the authorities at Kingston cannot arrange to conduct us and the Slyfield visit has been arranged instead.

(II) Saturday, 17th May, 1952

Mrs. Topping has agreed to conduct a Nature Study Ramble this afternoon. We propose to set off from Tot Hill across Mickleham Downs, and over to Headley for tea. The starting place, Tot Hill, is the first 'bus stop after Tyrells Wood Golf Course. If members decide to go to Tot Hill by car or bicycle they can be conveniently left there. A 'bus, No.435, leaves the Clock Tower, Leatherhead, at 2.48 p.m.

At Headley we propose to arrange for tea at The Cock Inn at 2/- per head. Please let me know if you want to have tea at The Cock, by 15th May, so that the necessary booking can be effected.

(III) Saturday, 7th June, 1952

The outgoing this afternoon is to view the House and Grounds at Leith Hill Place, through the courtesy of Sir Ralph Wedgwood. The house was altered by General Folliott in the second quarter of eighteenth century to bring it up to date for those days, but the mansion had been built not less than one hundred and fifty years earlier. A successor to General Folliott, Richard Hull, built Leith Hill Tower in 1766.

The grounds are particularly noted for their rhododendrons and azaleas.

It is proposed to leave the New Bull, Leatherhead, by coach at 2.30 p.m. and to have tea at Leith Hill Hotel, Coldharbour. The cost of the outing will be 6/-, and please book with me by 2nd June, stating whether tea is required, as well as the coach accommodation.

Coach .....	4/-
Tea .....	<u>2/-</u>
Total charge.	<u>6/-</u>

(IV) Saturday, 5th July, 1952

We have been able to arrange to view Parham Park, near Storrington, Sussex, the home of the Hon. Clive and Mrs. Pearson, for this afternoon's fixture. Parham is mentioned in the Domesday Book, but the present house, which is E-shaped, is Elizabethan. There are some excellent pictures and furniture in the house and for those who are interested, The Deeds of Parham can be seen in the Long Gallery. Members should find this a most interesting outing, and we hope some will be able to bring friends with them. Tea can be arranged after the visit to the house.

We will be leaving by coach from the New Bull at 2.15 p.m., and I should like to have your bookings for the coach and, if required, tea, by 1st July, so that we may make the necessary arrangements.

Coach .....	7/6
Tea .....	2/-
Fee to see House	<u>1/6</u>
Total charge	<u>11/-</u>

(V) Saturday, 16th August, 1952

The subject of our visit for this month is to Thorncroft, a place of considerable local interest. Mr. F.B. Benger will conduct the party, and we suggest meeting there at 3 p.m. For those who would like to take tea after we have been over the property, arrangements have been made at the New Bull. Would those who want tea please let me know not later than 14th August, so that I can make arrangements with the hotel. The charge for tea is 2/3d.

General Note For the benefit of new members, the following is repeated:

Owing to the great difficulty in obtaining transport, and to avoid the, sometimes awkward, necessity of having to collect expenses during the course of our outing, members are asked to forward with their application for a place the amount of any charges indicated in the Fixture List. For all applications accepted a receipt will be given, which will serve as a Reserved Ticket and will give the time and place for boarding transport, where provided. The receipt will similarly reserve tea, where desired.

If the transport booked becomes filled up, every endeavour will be made to obtain supplementary vehicles. But EARLY APPLICATION IS ESSENTIAL.

It will be much appreciated if any member who intends to use his own car will notify me if he is able and willing to take any passengers. Such members should, in any event, send in the charge for any teas provided, in which they wish to share.

Subscriptions

Some subscriptions for 1951/52 are still outstanding, and we should be very grateful if members who have not yet paid would do so as soon as possible. They should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Fortescue, Pond Meadow, Preston Cross, Great Bookham, Surrey.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. SHELLEY,

(Hon. Assistant Secretary)