

Leatherhead and District Local History Society

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Circular 2/53

Beechcroft,  
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1st April, 1953.

Dear Fellow Member,

Fixtures

We have now been able to arrange a series of fixtures to cover the period April to September, and details are given below. In our last circular we suggested a visit to Milton Court, Dorking, in April, but we have found we cannot go into the building on a Saturday afternoon, and furthermore the interior has been altered for office accommodation.

Saturday, 18th April, 1953

Wotton House, Wotton Church and Ockley.

A motor coach will leave The New Bull, Leatherhead, at 2.30 p.m. for Wotton House where by courtesy of the National Fire Service, who now inhabit the building, we may look over it. The house lies in the Tillingbourne valley and was the home of the Evelyn family. Short notes about the place will be read to us.

After leaving Wotton House we shall move on to Wotton Church, where there is a most 'interesting' doorway said to have been fashioned during the reign of King John. The Vicar of Wotton, Rev. A.C. Nickel, has very kindly consented to meet us and tell us about his church.

Tea will be taken at The Red Lion, Ockley, and afterwards we propose (weather permitting) to view the site of the battle against the Danes in 851. Again in this case a paper will be read to us about the battle, outside if the weather is fine but inside if not.

Tea 2/3, Transport 3/9, Total 6/-

Saturday, 16th May, 1953

Nature Study Ramble over Bookham Common

Dr. Topping will conduct this Ramble over the Common to Bookham Station. Members intending to join the party should catch the No.462 bus, which leaves Leatherhead Station at 2.35 p.m., and get off the bus at Mark Oak Gate. (This is before you come to Millfields.) It is possible to obtain tea at Bookham at the Grange.

Saturday, 13th June, 1953

Lewes, Sussex

A member of the Sussex Archaeological Society, Mr. L.F. Salzman, has kindly agreed to take us over and talk about Lewes Castle and The Barbican House Museum. The coach will leave The New Bull, Leatherhead, at 2 p.m. and immediately on arrival at Lewes we will have tea at Holloway's Restaurant in the High Street. Mr. Salzman will give a brief description of the places during tea.

Tea 2/3, Coach 7/9, Entrance Charges 1/-, Total 11/-

Saturday, 11th July, 1953

Clandon Park

Through the courtesy of the Earl of Onslow, M.C., T.D., we have been able to arrange a visit to Clandon Park, and a coach will leave from The New Bull, Leatherhead, at 2.30 p.m. Three members of the Onslow family have provided Speakers of the House of Commons. Arthur Onslow was Speaker for 33 years and presided over every Parliament in the reign of George the Second. There will be a conducted tour over the property and a caterer will provide tea for us there.

Tea 2/3, Coach 4/9, Entrance Fee 2/-, Total 9/-

N.B. There is a Car Park. Price 6d.

Saturday, 15th August, 1953

Thorncroft and Leatherhead Church

We are proposing another visit to Thorncroft and afterwards to Leatherhead Church. We shall meet at Thorncroft at 3 p.m., and Mr. F.B. Bengier will talk to us both about the house and the church.

Tea can be obtained at The New Bull, Leatherhead, at about 2s.3d. each. I should be pleased to book teas for members if they will let me know, but payment should be made to the hotel when tea is taken.

Saturday, 19th September, 1953

Fungus Foray in Woods behind Box Hill

The party this afternoon will be conducted by Dr. Topping, and will start from Juniper Hall 2.45. There is a car park there and the No.470 bus leaves Leatherhead Institute at 2.34 for Juniper Hall.

Tea can be arranged at a cost of 1/9 each at the Hall and after tea the specimens collected will be displayed in the laboratory there.

Excavations 1953

The programme for excavations at Lee Wood is at present uncertain. Members concerned with this matter will be notified later, but if they hear nothing by May, they should contact Mr. A.T. Ruby, M.B.E. (Leatherhead 3127).

Publications

The two undermentioned publications are issued by Surrey Archaeological Society and copies can be obtained from that Society at Quarry Street, Guildford.

- (i) Notes on Recording Local History, by C.B. Willcocks, F.S.A. Price 9d.
- (ii) Surrey Local History. A Brief Guide. Price 1/-

General Note

Because of the great difficulty in obtaining transport and to avoid the sometimes awkward necessity of having to collect expenses during the course of the outing, members are asked to forward with their applications for a place, the amount of any charges shown 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. EARLY APPLICATION IS ADVISABLE, but at the latest 48 hours before the outing.

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 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 1952/3 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. S.E.D. Fortescue, Englands, High Street, Great Bookham, Surrey.

N.B. Please note Mr. Fortescue's new address.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. SHELLEY,  
(Hon. Assistant Secretary)