

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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31st October, 1953.

Dear Fellow Member,

Seventh Annual General Meeting, 18th November, 1953

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 come to the Meeting and thus exhibit the real support which the Society deserves. The reading at the end will be of considerable interest to all members, and we hope many people will join in the discussion to follow.

FIXTURES

Saturday, 5th December, 1953, at The Old Rising Sun, Fetcham, Mr. Bernard Rackham, C.B., M.A., F.S.A., will give a talk with lantern slides, on Surrey Stained Glass.

Members will meet at The Old Rising Sun at 3.45 p.m., and tea will be served promptly at 4 p.m. The talk will commence at 4.30 p.m. Tickets will be issued in strict rotation of application. Accommodation is restricted at the restaurant and it may be necessary to limit tickets to members only. Applications for tickets should be made to me. For tea and lecture the cost, including all tips is 3s.6d. For lecture only, at 4.30 p.m., 1s.0d.

Exhibition After the lecture there will be an exhibition of water colours by Hassell, of Leatherhead scenes. These were painted between 1820 - 1830.

The Winter Programme of monthly meetings is now under consideration, and the circular giving particulars will be issued in the New Year.

Free Lectures at Horniman Museum, Forest Hill, S.E.23.

We have been asked to draw your attention to a series of Saturday Lectures at 3.30 p.m., at Horniman's Museum:

7th November	Ludwig Koch and his Birds	Dr. Ludwig Koch
14th November	Traditional Drumming and Dancing among the Elms, by the West African Arts Club.	
21st November	Pottery	by Dr. Bernard Rackham, C.B., M.A.
28th November	Burial Customs in Prehistoric Britain, Mr. W.F. Grimes, M.A., F.S.A.	
5th December	Life and Death in Pompeii	Dr. W.E. Swinton, B.Sc., F.R.S.E.
12th December	The Racial History of Britain	Dr. J.C. Trevor, B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. SHELLEY,

(Hon. Assistant Secretary)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the

SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BULL HILL, LEATHERHEAD on

Wednesday, 18th November, 1953.

at 8.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the last General Meeting.
2. Presentation of the 7th Annual Report by the Executive Committee
(copy Report enclosed).
3. Presentation of the Accounts to 30th September, 1953
(copy Accounts enclosed).
4. Election of Executive Committee and Officers for the year 1953-54.
5. Any other business.
6. At the close of formal business, Mr. J.G.W. Lewarne will read
extracts from Dalloway's History of Leatherhead
(pub. 1821), to be followed by a general discussion.

A. T. RUBY

(Hon. Secretary)

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Report of the Executive Committee

for the Year 1952 - 1953

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee take pleasure in presenting the Seventh Annual Report for 1952-53.

1. No sign of abatement of interest in the Society and its work has been shown and requests for lecturers, articles for local publication and other enquiries continue to demand constant attention. An increase in local building has required a number of visits to newly-opened grounds and reports of small finds have been quite numerous.

2. Membership now stands at 184.

3. The following fixtures were arranged during the year:

- 1952
- November 7th (At the Annual General Meeting) A lantern lecture by Captain A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., on "A Survey of Roman and pre-Roman Sites in the Society's Area".
- November 29th A lantern lecture by Mr. C.W. Phillips, M.A., F.S.A., on "Lost Village Sites".
- 1953
- January 22nd A lantern lecture by Mr. F.H. Edmunds, M.A., on "The Geology of the Leatherhead District".
- February 12th A lantern lecture by Mr. R. Foster Elliott, A.R.I.B.A., on "Elementary Architecture".
- March 12th A talk by Mr. A.T. Ruby, M.B.E., on "The Lords of Pacheham in the XIVth Century".
- April 18th A conducted tour to Wotton House, Wotton Church and Ockley with the battle-site.
- May 16th A nature study ramble conducted by Mrs. M.P. Topping, Ph.D., on Bookham Common.
- June 13th A coach visit to Lewes with a talk on, and conducted tour of, Lewes Castle and the Barbican House Museum by Mr. L.F. Salzman.
- July 11th A conducted tour to Clandon Park.
- August 29th A conducted visit to Thorncroft and Leatherhead Church with a talk on each by Mr. F.B. Benger.
- September 19th A fungus foray on Box Hill, conducted by Mrs. M.P. Topping.

Your Committee would be glad to receive any suggestions you may like to put forward as to future fixtures either to new places or as a revival of past visits. The same applies to subjects for winter talks. Some eighty different fixtures have been arranged to date and it is thought that some of the newer members would welcome a repeat of talks or visits which they have missed. An endeavour will be made to meet any such desire.

4. The work of the Groups will be recorded in the next "Proceedings". Each group is really active but, if their useful work is to continue, additional workers in the field and assistants in research must come forward. When once the plunge of volunteering is taken, the fascination of the task

will be rapidly appreciated. Present inexperience or even ignorance will be gladly dealt with and remedied gently by the Group Leaders.

It is to be remembered that the Society's extensive and useful work cannot be relegated to a few actual workers. It is the efforts of all members which will alone enable the Society to flourish and expand. Deaths and advancing years take a steady toll of those workers who have set the Society so firmly on its feet.

5. The late issue of the sixth number of the Proceedings will not, it is thought, detract from the interest of its contents. Any member who has not received his copy should communicate at once with the Hon. Treasurer.

Copies of all six numbers are available for purchase by members and non-members, price 3/6d each.

6. Your Committee, consisting of the following, have held three Committee meetings during the year:

Captain A.W.G. Lowther (Chairman)	Mr. S.N. Grimes (Committee Member)
Mr. F.B. Benger (Cttee. Member)	Mr. A.T. Ruby (Hon. Secretary)
Mr. C.T. Fisher (Hon. Programme Secretary)	Mr. P.G. Shelley (Hon. Assistant Secretary)
Mr. S.E.D. Fortescue (Hon. Treasurer)	Mr. C.J. Songhurst (Hon. Editor - Co-opted)

7. All members of the Committee retire at the close of the Annual Meeting but are eligible for re-election. Nominations for elections of members (other than retiring members) of the Committee should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Monday, 16th 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.

8. The Accounts (copy enclosed) show that, at the date to which the last Accounts circulated were made up, there was a balance in hand (excluding £3. 7s. 6d. for subscriptions paid in advance) of £47.12s.9d. Various receipts during the year as shown on the debit side of the account amounted to £103.11s.0d. including the £3. 7s. 6d. above mentioned. £60. 5s. 3d. has been spent on the 'Proceedings' and miscellaneous expenses, as set out on the credit side, came to £29. 4s. 5d., a total expenditure of £89. 9s. 8d. Receipts have therefore exceeded expenses by £14. 1s. 4d., the balance in hand being increased by that amount. In view of the increased cost of the 'Proceedings' this is definitely gratifying, but if any expansion of the Society's activities is to be achieved a bigger annual margin is a necessity.

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

9. Members are reminded that the annual subscription of 7s.6d. falls due on 1st November. The Hon. Treasurer will be prepared to receive subscriptions and donations at the Annual Meeting.

Subscriptions can be paid by banker's Order and any member who wishes to employ this method should get into touch with the Hon. Treasurer who will gladly forward the necessary form.

10. 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. Auditor and Group Leaders for their services during the past year.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

31st October, 1963.

A.W.G. LOWTHER - Chairman

