

Leatherhead and District Local History Society

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Circular 2/54

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Dear Fellow Member,

Fixtures

Your Programme Committee have arranged a series of outings for the period April to September and we have pleasure in setting out particulars below.)

Saturday, 24th April                      Albury Park

We propose on this date to visit Albury Park, near Guildford, by permission of Her Grace, Helen, Duchess of Northumberland, G.C.V.O., C.B.E. We shall see The Duchess' Boudoir, Library, Dining Room, Drawing Room and Music Room, which contain a fine collection of Old Masters and Antique Furniture. There are attractive gardens and grounds and there is an early Norman Church.

The coach will leave The Priory, Leatherhead, at 2.30 p.m., and we will commence the tour of the house and grounds at 3 p.m. There will be tea in The Tapestry Hall for those desiring it.

Expenses: Entrance Fee 1s.6d., Coach 3s.9d., Tea 2s.6d. Total 7s.9d.

N.B. There is a car park at the house for those going by car, price 1/-.

Saturday, 22nd May                      Loseley House and Compton Church

We are proposing a rather ambitious programme this afternoon and plan to visit two most interesting buildings. We will meet at Loseley House, an Elizabethan structure, at 3 p.m. We estimate we shall leave there about 4.30 and arrive at Compton Church, noted for its beautiful Norman work, about 4.45.

We can have tea in The Coffee House in Compton after leaving the Church, (about 5.30). A coach will leave The Priory, Leatherhead, at 2.30 p.m.

Expenses: Entrance to Loseley House 2s.-, Coach 4s.3d., Tea 2s.6d.  
Total 8s.9d.

Thursday, 24th June                      Farley Heath

This month we have arranged an evening outing instead of the usual afternoon one, and propose to go to Farley Heath. The object of the visit is the Romano-Celtic Temple, and Captain A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., will give a short talk.

The coach will leave The Priory, Leatherhead, at 7.30 p.m., and those who are going by car should meet the party at the Earth Works at 8 p.m. There is a road up from Albury and members will notice a Temple standing up as a land mark.

Expenses: Coach 3s.3d.

Saturday, 17th July                      Ham House, Richmond

Ham House is considered to be one of the best examples of domestic architecture of the 17th Century and now belongs to the National Trust. We have

arranged for a coach to leave The Priory, Leatherhead, at 2.30 and tea can be obtained at the house after we have been over it. We time to start our tour of the property at 3 p.m.

Expenses: Entrance Fee 1s. - (Free to members of National Trust)  
Coach 2s. 9d. Total 3s. 9d.

Saturday, 14th August                      Fetcham Church

This afternoon our outing is a local one and is a visit to one of the most interesting of our local churches. Mr. J.G.W. Lewarne has kindly agreed to give us a discourse on the Church and some of its records, and we hope to be able to arrange a small exhibition there of old maps of Fetcham, old drawings of the Church and of parish registers, etc.

We shall start our meeting at 3 p.m.

The No.418 'bus leaving the London Transport Garage, Leatherhead, at 2.46 stops in Lower Road, Fetcham, for the Church.

Saturday, 18th September                      Fungus Foray on Box Hill

Under the leadership of Dr. Topping, we are proposing another Fungus Foray on Box Hill. We shall meet at Juniper Hall at 2.45. The No.470 leaves The Crescent, Leatherhead, at 2.45 for Juniper Hall and for those who travel by car, there is a car park.

Teas can be arranged at a cost of 1s.9d. each at the Hall and after tea the specimens collected will be exhibited in the laboratory.

Expenses: Tea 1s.9d.    N.B. Attention of members is drawn to the new place of departure of the coach.

E x c a v a t i o n s

The successful dig at Lee Wood last year showed a site full of promise. Any further work must await a full season's effort. At the moment it seems improbable this can be undertaken this year.

L i b r a r y

We can now advise members that the County Librarian, Miss Skinner, has most of our books in the library at The Mansion, and a number are available for members to borrow, whilst others are there for reference purposes. The rules of the library are as follows:

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 therefore 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 one month. 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 during the normal hours of the library, viz.: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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, the book must be retained at the borrower's residence pending further instructions.

5. Members must produce their current membership card when borrowing books.

Any member who has not yet received his membership card, and requires one for access to the Library, should contact the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S.E.D. Fortescue.

### V i s i t o r s

Your Committee have decided to follow the practice prevailing in other similar societies, and charge a visitors' fee. The charge will be ls. - for each visitor for each function. We welcome visitors at our meetings and outings and hope eventually they will become members, but we think all will agree this charge for the benefits they receive is very moderate.

### G e n e r a l   N o t e

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 is 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.

### S u b s c r i p t i o n s

Some Subscriptions for 1953/4 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.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. SHELLEY,

(Hon. Assistant Secretary)