

LEATHERHEAD and DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Beechcroft,
Hawks Hill,
Leatherhead.

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Dear Fellow Member,

Eleventh Annual General Meeting

20th November, 1957

Enclosed is the Notice and Agenda for the Annual General Meeting at The Council Offices, Leatherhead. Your Committee particularly ask all members who can possibly do so to attend this meeting where they can have an opportunity of asking questions and expressing their opinions. The Council Chamber is an excellent room for the meeting, being light and warm, and your Committee look forward to a large attendance.

Immediately following the formal meeting we are pleased to announce Mr. J.H.P. Sankey, Warden of Juniper Hall Field Centre, will give us a talk on local fauna. His talk will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Fixtures

Saturday, at the New Bull, Leatherhead, Mr. C.W. Philips, M.A.,
30th November, F.S.A., of the Ordnance Survey, Chessington, has kindly
1957 agreed to give us a lecture on "Long Barrows". Members
will meet at The New Bull at 3.45 p.m., and tea and
biscuits will be served at 4 p.m. promptly. The lecture will commence
at 4.30 p.m.

The accommodation is limited at The New Bull and members are advised to book early to ensure obtaining a ticket. The total cost to include tea and biscuits, lecture and tips, is 3/-. Application should be made to me. (There is NO reduced charge for lecture only this year.)

The Winter Programme is already being considered by your Committee, but the lack of a Programme Secretary makes it very difficult for them to put their plans into operation.

"The Proceedings"

The first volume is now complete apart from the index referred to in the Reports for 1956/7, and your Committee have under consideration the purchase of casings for the first ten copies and index. It would be cheaper to buy these in bulk, and will members who would like one please let me know so that we can go further into the matter and obtain quotations.

Your Committee would like to remind members we are trying to set up a Publications Fund. The cost of "The Proceedings" consumes the best part of each member's subscription and costs are still rising. Hence, if we had a Fund producing an annual income to be used exclusively for publications, the financial strain would be eased and we should feel confident we could maintain our present high standard.

Norbury Park In "The Proceedings" Vol. 1. No.9 at page 30, reference was made to the description by William Gilpin of Barrett's mural paintings in the drawing room and the landscape on the south wall depicting the real view between Box Hill and Dorking. We are asked to say there was and is No landscape painting on the south wall, but that very large windows open on to the actual view of Box Hill and Dorking. The paintings on the south wall are two large statue figures by Cipriani.

Reference was also made to water being raised from a depth of 361 feet by a horse-operated machine. It will be of interest to members to know that the same well in the same engine house is the sole source of water for the house.

Yours sincerely,

P.G. SHELLEY, Hon. Secretary.