

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

"Common End",
Eastwick Drive,
Gt. Bookham,
Surrey.

6th January, 1960

Dear Fellow Member,

SPRING PROGRAMME 1960

20th January - Historical Brains Trust

Mr. John Harvey, F.S.A., Mr. C.W. Phillips, of the Ordnance Survey, Mr. John Sankey, Warden of Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre, and Mr. Ruby, the Society's Chairman, have been empanelled for a Brains Trust. Between them they should be able to cope with the many questions the Committee hopes will be forthcoming on local, national and natural history. This meeting should provide a unique opportunity for getting answers to all sorts of queries about the Leatherhead area, and its success will depend on members asking for them.

Mr. Benger will be taking the chair and questions should be sent to him on a post card before 20th January. His address is "Duntisbourne", Reigate Road, Leatherhead.

The Brains Trust will begin at 8 o'clock and will take place in the Reeve Room at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Highlands Road, Leatherhead. This is one minute from the 470 bus stop by the St. Nicholas Church.

24th February - Mr. Lewarne will talk on "Parish and Other Records with Special reference to Fetcham". For several years, Mr. Lewarne has been working almost single-handed on the history of Fetcham and his talk should be particularly valuable and interesting to those who are thinking of doing some work on local records. This meeting will also be at 8 o'clock at the Parish Hall.

30th March - Mr. Ruby has agreed to describe and comment on some of the "digs", several of them in this area, in which he has taken part. His talk on Field Archaeology will also cover some 'dos' and 'don'ts' for beginners gleaned from experience. This meeting will be at 8 o'clock at the Parish Hall, Leatherhead.

27th April - Dr. J. Kent, of the British Museum, will speak on "English Church Brasses with special reference to those in Surrey". As there are several beautiful examples in this area, a summer excursion is planned to follow on from this talk. Dr. Kent will illustrate his lecture with lantern slides. This meeting will take place at the Parish Hall, Leatherhead, at 8 o'clock.

Enclosed with this circular is a copy of the Society's Accounts for 1958/59, as presented and adopted at the Annual General Meeting in November last year. The Committee very much regrets the late date at which these are being circulated but it was financially impracticable to send them out earlier by themselves.

Whilst on the subject of finance, those few members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are reminded that these fell due in October, 1959, and that the Treasurer (Glynne Cottage, 133 Lower Road, Great Bookham) would be very pleased to receive 10/-.

W.E.A. Lecture Course on Modern Local History The second series of lectures in this course will begin on 22nd January at 8 p.m., at the Mansion, Church Street, Leatherhead. Members who have not been to either this year's or last year's course may find that they were missing something extremely valuable and interesting. The fee for the course is 10/- but attendance at the first talk is free. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Cox, 69, Westfield Avenue, Sanderstead, Surrey. (Sanderstead 6004).

Yours sincerely,

E. R. Harrison,
Hon. Secretary

Report of the Executive Committee

for the year 1958 - 1959

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting their thirteenth Annual Report for the past year.

1. Keen interest in the Society and its work continues and several members have come to join the Society from the W.E.A. course in Local History in Leatherhead last winter.
2. Membership stands at ^{163?} 175 and 1 junior member.
3. The following lectures and visits were arranged and variably attended by members, though larger numbers will always be welcomed by both lecturers and organizers.

6th December, 1958

The County Archivist, Miss Gollancz, M.A., addressed a joint afternoon meeting with the Surrey Archeological Society on the county records. Tea was served before the talk.

18th February, 1959

Mrs. M.A. Cotton, O.B.E., F.S.A., spoke on 'Iron Age Hill Forts in S.E. England', and illustrated her lecture with lantern slides.

18th March, 1959

Mr. W.H.E. Rivett, F.C.S., F.L.S., P.A.I.W.E., of the Dorking Naturalists' Society, gave a talk on 'Geology and Evidence of Early Reptiles in the Dorking Area'. He referred to his own finds at Ockley and demonstrated his points with drawings and maps.

15th April, 1959

Captain A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., lectured on 'Roman Remains in Leatherhead Area', particularly ~~Paschosum Villa~~, and showed lantern slide illustrations.

30th May, 1959

By kind permission of the executors of the late Dr. Marie Stopes, about 70 members visited Norbury Park. Mr. Benger conducted the two parties over the house.

27th June, 1959

A regrettably small group visited St. Peter's Church at Newdigate and had a generous guide in the Rector, the Rev. D. Bruce-Walker.

In July it had been hoped to visit the Open Day at Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre, but numbers were eventually so restricted that the proposal had to be abandoned.

22nd August, 1959

The Ministry of Works excavations of Nonsuch Park were the goal of this visit. Mr. Dent conducted members over the extensive remains of Henry VIII's palace.

3rd October, 1959

A 'Fungus Foray', led by Mrs. Topping, took place in Mickleham Woods.

4. The Index to Volume I of the "Proceedings" has been completed and the question of how and when it can be made available to members is under consideration. Mr. Lewarne's hard work on its compilation is gratefully acknowledged.

No.2 of Volume II was published during the year. The publication of the "Proceedings" is, possibly, the most important of the Society's functions, for it permanently preserves the research work carried out by those who freely give their time for the purpose, and the yearly journal goes to a number of great libraries and learned societies. The Hon. Editor will be glad to consider suitable articles for inclusion in future issues. (Address: "Duntisbourne", Reigate Road, Leatherhead.) Members are again reminded that they can obtain back numbers at 5/- each to complete the first volume and also binding cases at 2/6d each.

5. Your Committee, consisting of the following, have met at intervals during the year:

Captain A.W.G. Lowther (Chairman),
Mr. F.B. Benger (Hon. Editor),
Mr. S.E.D. Fortescue (Hon. Treasurer),
Miss E. Harrison (Hon. Programme
Secretary),

Mrs. E. Taylor,
Mr. A.T. Ruby,
Mr. J.E.W. Lewarne,
Mr. K. Waite
(Hon. Secretary).

In view of Captain Lowther's expressed desire not to seek re-election as Chairman of the Society, the Committee have given anxious thought concerning a way properly to mark their - and (they feel confident) all members' - appreciation of and high regard for Captain Lowther's so valuable services which he has rendered to the Society for the past thirteen years. They have come to the conclusion that this would best be done by electing him as the first President of the Society.

Such an election will entail the appointment of a fresh Chairman at the Annual General Meeting and the Committee are unanimous in nominating Mr. A.T. Ruby, M.B.E. to fill that office.

The Committee have also, most unfortunately, to inform you that during the summer Mr. K. Waite resigned as Hon. Secretary. Mr. Waite in the short time he held that office showed great industry and zeal and his resignation is a serious loss which can only be repaired if some equally enthusiastic member comes forward to replace him.

6. If the Society is to continue in the good work it has hitherto accomplished it is essential that a volunteer be forthcoming for that office. All offers to assist and all nominations for this post, with any other nomination for the office of Chairman and/or member(s) of the Committee, should reach me not later than Monday, 16th November, and should state:-

- i) The name of the nominee.
- ii) The name of the proposer and seconder.
- iii) That the nominee has expressed his or her willingness to serve, if elected.

All members of the Committee retire at the close of the Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election.

7. Subscriptions fall due on 1st November, and the Hon. Treasurer will be prepared to receive them 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 in touch with the Hon. Treasurer, who will gladly forward the necessary form.
8. It will be observed from the accounts that membership has remained steady and that there is a little improvement in the funds in hand owing to the lower cost of printing the "Proceedings". The Society has again been fortunate in obtaining grants from the Surrey County Council and the Leatherhead Urban District Council.

Once again the accounts have been audited by Mr. A.H. Kirkby, Accountant, of Great Bookham and the Society is indebted to him for his services and advice.
9. The Society Library does not seem to have been much used during the past year, though our books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc. are in the County Library at The Mansion and the County Librarian, Mr. T.C. Williams, is always ready to assist members. The Committee feels that this is unfortunate and would like to see more use made of our Library. Books may be borrowed on the production of a current membership card or a receipt for a subscription.
10. Your Committee once more thank all members for their support, and express their grateful thanks to the Hon. Auditor and to all those who have helped the Society, particularly with lectures and visits.

17th October, 1959.

"Common End",
Eastwick Drive,
Great Bookham.

By Order of the Executive Committee,

E. R. HARRISON,
(Acting Hon. Secretary)

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 30th September, 1959

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from 1st October, 1958 (including 4 subscriptions in advance)	25.	18.	0.	Printing of Proceedings 1958	92.	13.	0.
Subscriptions: 150 @ 10/- £75. 0. 0.				General Printing	13.	7.	2.
2 @ 1/- 2. 0. 0.				Postages, Stationery and Sundry Disbursements	18.	2.	3.
In arrear 3 @ 10/- 1. 10. 0.				Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees:			
In advance 9 @ 10/- <u>4. 10. 0.</u>	81.	2.	0.	Council of British Archaeology	£1. 0. 0.		
Grants: Surrey County Council £15. 0. 0.				Surrey Record Society	1. 0. 0.		
Leatherhead U.D.C. <u>10. 0. 0.</u>	25.	0.	0.	Field Studies Council	<u>1. 1. 0.</u>	3.	1. 0.
Donations		6.	6. 9.	Balance at Midland Bank Limited, carried forward to next Account			28. 13. 1.
Sale of Proceedings and Binding Cases		16.	6. 9.				
Visits and Meetings: Receipts 10. 3. 0.							
Expenses <u>9. 0. 0.</u>	1.	3.	0.				
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	<u>£155.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>6.</u>				<u>£155. 16. 6.</u>

I Certify that I have examined the above Statement which is in accordance with the Books and Records produced to me and in my opinion correct.

(signed) A. H. KIRKBY, Honorary Auditor

" S.E.D. FORTESCUE, Honorary Treasurer

16th November, 1959.