

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From: The Hon. Secretary,
"Common End", Eastwick Drive,
Great Bookham.

26th April, 1960

Dear Member,

Summer Programme, 1960

May 14th - Visit to Slyfield Manor House at Stoke D'Abernon.

By kind permission of Mr. R.J. Anderson, a party of twenty members will be able to see over the house. Mr. F. Benger has agreed to give a talk about the architecture and history of Slyfield, for parts of the house are fine examples of seventeenth century building. This visit may be particularly interesting to those who have not been living in the district very long and have not yet been able to see the house. The party will meet at Slyfield Manor at 3 p.m. The 462 bus from Leatherhead passes the gate. Would members who wish to go please fill in the slip attached and return it to Mrs. Topping as soon as possible, together with a donation of 2/- a head. This will, at Mr. Anderson's request, be given to the fund to relieve distress in Mauritius after the recent cyclone.

June 25th - Visit in connection with Dr. Kent's talk on Church Brasses.

Further details of this visit will be available at the meeting in April, but the plan is to examine some of the brasses in the area. Members should meet at Lingfield Church at 3 p.m. and, as this is some distance (though hiring a coach would be uneconomic because so many members travel by car), the Programme Secretary would be very grateful for any offers of lifts in cars for members of the Society who are finding getting there difficult. Again, please fill in the attached slip.

July 9th - Conducted Tour of Bookham Common to study its flora and fauna.

Mr. Norkett of the London Natural History Society will be following up his talk in November on Bookham Common, by conducting a party over it. Please meet at Bookham Station at 2.30 p.m. Train from Leatherhead or 418 bus. Bring picnic tea.

August 6th - Field Meeting in the Mole Valley.

Mrs. A. Ward, of the Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre, will be leading a walk along the Valley to study its peculiarly interesting geography and geology. Members should meet at Juniper Hall, Mickleham, at 2.30 p.m. for a preliminary talk, and bring a picnic tea. 470 bus from Leatherhead.

September 24th - a Visit Outside the County to Mickleham Priory.

This historic house near Hailsham in Sussex is the property of the Sussex Archaeological Trust. The Priory was founded in 1229 by Gilbert de Aquila, for the Order of the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. It is reached by taking the A22 to Eastbourne and turning right from it at Lower Dicker. Continue to Upper Dicker and then turn left (B2108) to the entrance. Please will members

meet at the Priory at 2.45 p.m. (though they may look round the grounds before this time, if they wish). Entrance fee to the Priory and tea will be 4/6d and tickets must be obtained from Mrs. Topping before September 16th. Please fill in the slip attached and return it. Again she would be most grateful for offers of lifts to members experiencing transport difficulties.

October 15th - Fungus Foray in Boxhill Woods.

Mrs. Topping will again lead a Fungus Foray and it is hoped that a slightly damper summer than that of 1959 will produce a better crop of fungi to gather. Members should meet outside the Fort Tea Gardens on the top of Boxhill at 2.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at the Fort or members may prefer to bring a picnic tea. The collecting ground will be the slopes behind Boxhill but the physical activity will not be strenuous.

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STUDY COURSES The University of London is holding an extra mural course on "Palaeography: the Records of Parish and Family and how to read them", at Wye College in Kent, from 20th August to 3rd September. The fees are very modest, £13.10s.0d. for two weeks and £7 for one week, so some members may be interested in such a useful, and at the same time pleasant, holiday. Students with no knowledge of palaeography will be trained in the reading of documents in Latin or English or both. More difficult material will be provided for students with experience. Applications must be made by 30th April and the form and further details may be obtained from the Deputy Director (Extension), Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of London, Senate House, London, W.C.1.

A W.E.A. Course of Six Lectures on Modern Local History begins on April 22nd at the Mansion, Leatherhead. The fee will be 5s., and topics to be covered include: Epsom as a Spa; The Railway comes to the Leatherhead Area; The Future of the Leatherhead Area by the County Planning Officer. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Ekins, Hillcroft, St. Mary's Road, Leatherhead.

The Local W.E.A. Branch is also considering Courses next Autumn on Comparative Religion and on Natural History and the Society has been asked if any members would be interested in attending such courses. The fees would probably work out at 9d a lecture. If anybody is interested, please would they contact me as soon as possible, so that I can give some indication to their Secretary.

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The Epsom, Leatherhead and Districts Society for Mentally Handicapped Children have asked for the Society's support for a Fête they are holding at Ronson's Sports Ground at Leatherhead on May 28th. If any member has anything which could be sold or raffled in aid of this good cause, would they please contact Mrs. Rigden, 15 Raymead Close, Fetcham.

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Finally, this year's number of the 'Proceedings' will soon be ready. In the meantime, some members might like to purchase binding cases for their numbers of Volume I (1947 to 1956) at 2/6d. These and back numbers (5/- each) are available from either the Secretary or the Treasurer.

E. Harrison
Hon. Secretary.