

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President: Capt. A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A.

Letter 1/63

February, 1963

Dear Member,

The following meetings have been arranged :-

WEDNESDAY, February 20th at 8 p.m.

Venue - Reeve Room, Leatherhead Parish Church Hall.
Lecture and Reading to mark the bicentenary of the birth of the Reverend James Dallaway, M.A., M.B., Vicar of Leatherhead 1804 to 1834.
Born February 20th, 1763, James Dallaway, who is the only incumbent of Leatherhead to obtain a notice in the Dictionary of National Biography, wrote extensively and among his books was one on Leatherhead. Readings from the latter will be included this evening.
Lecturer and Reader : Mr. F.B. Benger.

THURSDAY, March 7th at 8 p.m.

Venue - As above.
Lecture - Flints, Flakes and Hammer Stones.
The Story of Excavation of Late Bronze Age Farmstead in Weston Wood; illustrated by slides.
Lecturer : Miss J. Harding.

The Leatherhead Parish Church Hall is immediately opposite the North Porch of Leatherhead Church.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the Council Offices, Leatherhead (by courtesy of the Leatherhead Urban District Council) on Friday March 22nd at 8 p.m. and members are asked to make a note of this date. Formal notice of the meeting and details of a meeting to be held in April will be contained in the next News-Letter.

HISTORICAL NOTES :

The will of John Dene. Arch. Surrey, Mychell 145.
'In the name of God amen the 20th day of the month of May yn the yere of our Lord God 1530, I John Dene of the parish of Fetcham within the county of Surry make my Testament in the manner following, first I bequeath my Soul to Allmighty God, to Our Lady & all the Saints in Heven & my body to be buried within the churche of Letherhed. Also I will have a trentall of masses said for me in the churche of Letherhed the day of my buryall or immediately after. Also I bequeath to the hygh altar of Letherhed vi.d. Item I bequeath to the hygh altar of Fetcham iiij.d. Item to the Mother church of Winchester ij.d. Also I bequeath to the repairment of the churche of Letherhed vi.s.viiij.d. Also I bequeath to every one of my godchildren iiij.d. Alsi I will that my wyffe Alys Dene have all such goods that remaineth unspent which was hers when I married her. Also I give and bequeath to my said wyffe, my several expenses deducted & my debts paid, the one half of my movehabyll goods and I wyll the other half of my movehabyll goods to be divided to my children after the desire of my wykke. Also I wyll that my wyffe have the use & custody of all my said goods as long as she is widdow & if she should marry then I wyll that shall be surrendered to the said children. Also I bequeath to Anne Dene my daughter 10 quarters of barley by 2 quarters yearly. Also I make Alys Dene my wyffe my sole executrix.

Overseers - Robt. Russell vicar of Letherhed
John Dene eldest brother.
and bequest to them for their labor 3/4.

4. Committee (continued) ;

All members of the Committee retire at the Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election. Nominations for the Committee should reach me not later than March 20th and should state :-

1. Name of nominee.
2. Names of proposer and seconder.
3. That the nominee has expressed his or her willingness to serve if elected.

5. Accounts : The Statement of Receipts and Payments for 1962 is enclosed. The Committee acknowledge with much appreciation the increased grants from the Surrey County Council and the Leatherhead Urban District Council, and trust that the Society will be able to maintain and enhance the reputation it has in the district and the county. The accounts do not include the stock of Proceedings, the Library, Archives etc., as an asset.
6. Subscriptions : These fall due on January 1st and prompt payment will be appreciated by the Treasurer who will be pleased to receive amounts at the Annual General Meeting, or to W.T. Bristow, Hon. Treasurer, Lloyds Bank, Leatherhead.

Your Committee wish to express their thanks to the Honorary Auditor, Lecturers, Visits Organisers and the support of the members of the Society.

J.G.W. Lewarne,
Hon. Secretary.

69 Cobham Road,
Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey.
March, 1963.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting their Sixteenth Report.

- Membership : 158 members including 3 Honorary and 2 Junior members.
The numbers have remained more or less stationery during the year. Members are asked to make the work of the Society as widely known as possible. An increase in membership is essential to ensure the continued effectiveness of the Society.
- Lectures & Visits : The following were arranged :-
February 22nd, 1962. Epidiascope projections of Historical Photographs of Leatherhead, with commentary.
March 22nd, 1962. "Brains Trust" - Chairman, F.B. Benger. Members : J. Harvey, F.S.A., Mrs. Topping, A.T. Ruby and J.G.W. Lewarne.
April 11th, 1962. Lecture : "Some Thoughts on the Dark Ages" by C.W. Philips, O.B.E.
May 19th, 1962. Visit of Bookham Church for brass rubbing, Leader - Mrs. Haynes.
June 24th, 1962. Natural History Ramble on Headley Heath, Leader - Mrs. Topping.
July 14th, 1962. Visit to Museum of Rural Bygones, Wonersh, and Wonersh Church; (talk by H.V.H. Everard).
September 29th, 1962. Visit to Rowhurst, Leatherhead, and Forge, by courtesy of Mrs. V. Quinnell.
November 15th, 1962. Lecture :- "Toadstools" by Dr. M.P. Topping.
December 1st, 1962. Joint meeting with the Surrey Archaeological Society. Lecture : "The Development of the English Castle, 1066-1200 A.D." by J.K. Knight.
- Proceedings : Number 5 of Volume 2 was published during the year. Number 6 of Volume 2 is in preparation and is expected to be distributed about the middle of 1963. The Honorary Editor will be pleased to consider suitable articles for inclusion in future issues.

The Proceedings are widely regarded as one of the best publications of any local society and it is the desire of the Committee that the high standard now reached should be maintained. It is therefore essential that a constant flow of contributions should be available to the Honorary Editor.

We are glad to report that back numbers enjoy a steady sale, but some copies are becoming scarce and members who wish to complete sets are advised to do so at an early date.

Back numbers are available as follows :-

Volume 1. Complete with index and binding case	...	£1.15s.
Volume 1. Nos 2-10.	...	3s each.
It is regretted that No.1 cannot be sold separately.		
Volume 1 Index.	...	2/6d
Volume 2. Nos. 1-4.	...	5s each.
Volume 2. No.5.	...	7/6d each.
Binding Cases	...	2/6d each.

- Committee :
A.T. Ruby - Chairman
F.B. Benger - Honorary Editor and Committee member.
W.T. Bristow - Honorary Treasurer
S.E.D. Fortescue - Committee member (co-opted).
Mrs. B. Haynes - Committee member
Mrs. P. Topping - Honorary Programme Secretary.
J.G.W. Lewarne - Honorary Secretary.

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RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the YEAR ended 31st DECEMBER, 1962

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>			
Bank Balance at 31st December, 1961	£13 18 3	Printing of Proceedings	£134	0	0
Subscriptions	85 14 0	General Printing	15	0	6
<u>Grants :</u>		Postages, Stationery and Sundry Disbursements	18	9	0
Surrey County Council	£25 0 0	Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees:			
Leatherhead U.D.C.	<u>15 0 0</u> 40 0 0	Surrey Record Society	£1	0	0
Donations	137 18 6	Field Studies Council	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Sale of Proceedings and Binding Cases	22 0 3		2	1	0
<u>Visits and Meetings :</u>		BANK BALANCE at 31st December, 1962	130	3	6
Receipts	£5 18 0				
Expenses	<u>5 15 0</u> 3 0				
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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.

(Signed) W.T. Bristow

Honorary Treasurer.

23rd January, 1963