

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

Letter 2/64

March, 1964.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventeenth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will take place at the Offices of the Leatherhead Urban District Council Chamber, Bull Hill, Leatherhead at 8 p.m. on Friday 20th March, 1964, with the following Agenda:-

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1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Seventeenth Report, (copy enclosed).
4. Presentation of the Accounts to 31st December, 1963 (copy enclosed).
5. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 1964.
6. Other business.

Dear Member,

Above appears formal notice of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Immediately after the business of the evening it is proposed to stage a session of "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral" when a panel will try to identify objects of an historical nature brought by members. These items include pottery fragments and other finds, documents, photographs and household objects now going out of use. Members present will be able to examine the pieces at close quarters which is not always possible under other conditions. Any member who has anything he would like to have identified is asked to bring it along when some assistance may be forthcoming. Those with pictures and objects of the bygone Leatherhead area are particularly requested to bring them along for the benefit of the meeting, whether identification is needed or not.

Included herewith are the Report of the Executive Committee and the Accounts for 1963. It is important to draw members attention to the following table prepared by the Honorary Treasurer shewing how a member's subscription is spent.

<u>Expenditure</u>	s.	d.
Proceedings actual cost per member	19.	5.
Printing Stationery and Postage	3.	6.
Subscriptions and Fees payable		6.
	<u>23s.</u>	<u>5d.</u>
<u>LESS Receipts</u>		
Membership Subscription	10.	0.
Grants S.C.C. £25		
L.U.D.C. £15		
Donation £6	5.	6.
Sale of Proceedings	3.	9.
	<u>19s.</u>	<u>3d.</u>
	DEFICIT	<u>4s. 2d.</u>

It will be noted that a member's subscription of 10/- becomes in fact 19s. 3d. when grants etc. are added. The Proceedings which are an exceptional publication of its kind (see News Letter 1/64) cost the equivalent of 19s. 5d. per member and the actual running of the Society, circulation and cost of news letters, accommodation for lectures, postages etc only amounted to 4/-. The deficiency shewn of 4s. 2d. per member clearly cannot go on and with increasing printing and other costs the Society may have to consider raising subscriptions for 1965 unless members are willing to make voluntary donations with their subscriptions. We ask for the support of our members in this matter.

The Surrey Archaeological Society is conducting an excavation of the Roman Tile Works at Ashted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 14th-15th  
" 21st-22nd  
" 27th-30th (Easter).

Should any member wish to take part in this excavation in our area details are obtainable from the undersigned.

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Members are asked to note the date of a lecture to be held in the ~~Reeve Room, St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Leatherhead, on Wednesday 22nd April at~~ 8 p.m. entitled "Bygone Bookham" by S.E.D. Fortescue.

This talk will be illustrated by slides.

No further notice of this meeting will be given and it is hoped that members will reserve this date.

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

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Leatherhead, Surrey.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1963

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting their Seventeenth Report.

1. Membership: The number of paid-up members for the year 1963 was 164 including 3 Junior members. In addition there are three Honorary members. This constituted an increase of 9 members. During 1964, 12 members resigned either by letter or default. We regret to record the deaths of Dr. M.F. Topping and Mr. W.J. Pickering. Dr. Topping, who had been in poor health for some time, was the Honorary Programme Secretary since 1959. An obituary notice will appear in Volume 2, No. 7 of the Proceedings. Mr. Pickering who did not take an active part in this Society was at one time Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Surrey Archaeological Society.
2. Lectures & Visits: The following were arranged :-
  - February 20th Lecture and reading to mark the bicentenary of the birth of the Rev. James Dallaway, M.A., M.B., Vicar of Leatherhead 1804 to 1834 by F.B. Benger.
  - March 7th Lecture:- Flints, Flakes and Hammer Stones by Miss J. Harding.
  - March 22nd Annual General Meeting.
  - April 24th Lecture:- Parish Registers by H.V.H. Everard, B.Sc.
  - June 8th Visit to Hawk's Hill Excavations.
  - July 13th Visit to Wotton House.
  - July 20th Visit to Fetcham Church and Badingham College.
  - September 21st Visit to Blechingly and instruction in Brass Rubbing (Mrs. Haynes).
  - October 19th Fungus Foray.
  - November 7th Lecture:- Anglo-Saxon Jewellery by Miss J.M. Cook.
  - December 4th Lecture:- Building Materials and Surrey Houses by K.W. Gravett, B.Sc.
3. Proceedings: Number 6 of Volume 2 was distributed in 1963 and was well received by members. It was notable for the inclusion of a colour reproduction of a water-colour drawing by John Hassell. Back numbers of the Proceedings are available as follows :-

Volume I	Nos. 2-10	3/- each
Volume I	Index	2/6
Volume II	Nos. 1-5	5/- each
Volume II	No. 6	7/6 each
Binding Cases		2/6 each

Volume I, No. 1 is now out of print.

The series of Articles "Ashted and its History" by Capt. A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., is contained in Volume I Nos. 3-10, Volume II Nos. 1-4.

The series of Articles "A Short History of Bookham" by John Harvey, F.S.A. is contained in Volume I Nos. 8-10, Volume II Nos. 1-6.

The Honorary Secretary will be pleased to receive enquiries in connection with the above.

4. Committee: A.T. Ruby, M.B.E. - Chairman.  
F.B. Bengier - Honorary Editor and Committee Member.  
W.T. Bristow - Honorary Treasurer.  
S.E.D. Fortescue - Committee member (co-opted).  
Mrs. B. Haynes - Committee member.  
J.G.W. Lewarne - Honorary Secretary.

Mrs. B. Haynes has been acting as Honorary Programme Secretary since the death of Mrs. Topping.  
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 18th 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 1963 is enclosed. The Committee much appreciate the grants from the Surrey County Council and the Leatherhead Urban District Council which make a most necessary contribution to the effectiveness of the Society. 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 much appreciated. The Treasurer, W.T. Bristow, Lloyds Bank, Leatherhead, will be pleased to receive amounts at the Annual General Meeting, or sent direct to him.
7. A Large Number of enquiries were received by the Society during the year, from students and others, from kindred Societies - and - perhaps most charming of all - a letter was received from a lady in Newcastle asking where she might hear the nightingale as she had not heard one for fifty years and "being seventy years old could not walk country lanes alone at night".  
Lecturers have been supplied on many occasions to speak to local organizations and groups.

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Your Committee express their thanks to the Honorary Auditors, Lecturers and Visits Organisers and are grateful for the continued support of the members.

J.G.W. LEWARNE,  
Hon. Secretary.

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Leatherhead, Surrey.

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Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1963.

<u>1962</u>	<u>Receipts.</u>				<u>Payments.</u>			
13 18 3	Bank Balance at 31.12.1962	130	3	6	134			162 10
85 14	Subscriptions	76	5	6	15 6	General Printing		12 4 6
	<u>Grants:</u>					<u>Library</u>		2 2
	Surrey County Council	25			18 9	Postages Stationery & Sundry		
40	Leatherhead U.D.C.	15	40		Disbursements			14 10 5
137 18 6	<u>Donations:</u>				<u>Subscriptions &amp; Affiliation Fees:</u>			
	General	3	12	6	Surrey Record Society	1		
	Lecture Fees	2	2	5 14 6	Council for British			
	S.G.Blaxland Stubbs bequest		50		Archaeology (1959-63)	5		
22 3	Sale of Proceedings & Binding				Field Studies Council	1	1	
	Cases		30 18 4		Leatherhead Parochial Church			
	<u>Visits &amp; Meetings:</u>				Council (James Dallaway's Grave)	1	1	8 2
3	Receipts	3	15		2 1	<u>Bank Balances at 31.12.63.</u>		
	Expenses	2	15	1	130 3 6	Midland Bank Ltd	86	11
	Bank Interest		2 2 7			Surrey Trustee Savings Bank	50	14 7
								136 15 6
<u>299 14 0</u>			<u>336 4 5</u>					<u>336 4 5</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

(signed) W. T. Bristow

Honorary Treasurer.