

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

Letter 1/65

February, 1965.

Dear Member,

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, 25th February at 8 p.m. in the Reeves Room, Leatherhead Parish Church Hall (Opposite the north door of the Leatherhead Parish Church), when a number of slides of the district will be projected. These slides include many made from pictures of old Leatherhead held by the Society and a number taken of existing scenes depicting buildings of interest. Slides in possession of J.G.W. Lewarne, who will comment.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday, 26th March in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Leatherhead by courtesy of the Leatherhead Urban District Council. Formal notice appears at the end of this letter.

Immediately following the business of the evening there will be a discussion entitled 'Leatherhead in the Valiant Years'.

The Second World War began more than a quarter of a century ago and has now become a part of history. Your Committee feel that it is important that incidents of this war as they affected the Leatherhead area should be recorded before the memories fade into oblivion. With this object in view it is proposed to hold a discussion on this subject. It is hoped that two openers will speak for about ten minutes or so each, and then those members who resided in the area during the war will be asked to relate any of their experiences in this area which will add to our knowledge. These items may be grave or gay but must be factual - experiences with A.R.P. L.D.V. and Home Guard, Schools, Evacuation, Billeting, Shopping, Bombing, Peace Celebrations, Savings Movement, etc. are all of interest. So please do contribute. If at the last moment you find you are unable to attend the meeting and you have something to tell us, please write to me instead - the only qualification is that it must be true and relate to the Leatherhead area.

We hope to record the discussion, so will any member who is an exponent of shorthand and who is prepared to take notes and write them back, please get in touch with me within the next fortnight.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The eighteenth 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, 26th March, 1965, with the following Agenda:-

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Eighteenth Report. (Copy enclosed).
4. Presentation of the Accounts to 31st December, 1964. (Copy enclosed).
5. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 1965.
6. Other Business.

In connection with the Annual General Meeting the Report of the Executive Committee for 1964 and the Accounts for that year are enclosed herewith.

Please make a note of the above dates in your diaries. The next news-letter will be issued early in April when fixtures for April onwards will be announced.

A prospectus of 'Surrey People from the twelfth century to the twentieth' has been received. This is described as a guide to reference books, documents and other sources of information which give the names of people, past and present, who are, or have been resident in Surrey. It will be published by the Surrey County Library in April, 1965 produced from typescript by Multilith, and comprize about 120 pages. The expected price to recover cost of production is 10/-.

Notices of Excavations, Courses, and other activities of kindred societies and establishments are continually received and any member interested should write to the Hon. Secretary who will be pleased to supply any information required.

J.G.W. Lewarne.

Hon. Secretary

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Fetcham, Leatherhead,
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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1964

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting its Eighteenth Report.

1. Membership:

The number of paid-up members for the year 1964 was 172 including 3 Honorary members. This constituted a net increase of 8 members for the year.

It is with deep regret that the deaths are reported of Mrs. Ekins and Messrs. A.L. Boxall, L.E. Buckell, K.T. James, M.B.E., and F. Mayell, C.B.E.

2. Lectures and Visits:

The following were arranged:

February	26th	Lecture - 'Recent excavations in Ewell by the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society' by N.H. Nail.
March	20th	Annual General Meeting followed by 'Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral'.
April	22nd	Lecture - 'Bygone Bookham' by S.E.D. Fortescue
June	4th	Lecture - 'In search of a Grandfather in Finland' by Mrs. E. Taylor. Preceded by Special General Meeting.
July	11th	Visit to Ashted Church. Described by the President.
August	8th	Visit to Museum of Rural Bygones, Wonersh.
August	22nd	Visit to Hatchlands.
October	3rd	Visit to Sutton Place, Guildford.
October	30th	Lecture - 'Recent discovery of Roman Ship at Blackfriars' by P. Marsden.
November	18th	Lecture - 'Wind and Watermills' by A. Stowers.
December	5th	Lecture - 'Edmund Tilney - a contribution to the Shakespeare quatercentenary' by F.B. Bengier.

These lectures and visits were on the whole well supported but your Committee would welcome increased attendances.
Suggestions for future lectures and visits would be helpful.

3. Proceedings:

Number 7 of Volume 2 was distributed in 1964 and your Committee is confident that the high standard set by previous issues was maintained and that it deserved and gained the approval of members. The Hon. Editor is always happy to receive contributions for consideration. Back numbers of most parts are available for purchase and enquiries should be made to the Hon. Secretary as to prices.

4. Committee:

A.T. Ruby, M.B.E.	Chairman
Mrs. B. Haynes	Committee Member & Visits Organiser
F. B. Bengier	Committee Member & Hon. Editor
W.T. Bristow	Hon. Treasurer
S.E.D. Fortescue	Committee Member
J.G.W. Lewarne	Hon. Secretary

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 24th 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 1964 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 Ltd., Leatherhead, will be pleased to receive amounts at the Annual General Meeting, or sent direct to him.

7. Research:

Your Committee is conscious of the large volume of research still to be done on the history of the Leatherhead Area and would welcome any volunteers for such rewarding and fascinating work. Guidance will be readily given both in regard to direction and method. It is the result of the painstaking work of the few that the publication of the Proceedings is made possible, and a live and publishing society must have a proportion of members undertaking some form of research. So do get in touch with the Hon. Secretary today!

8. Museum:

Negotiations are at present in hand with the Leatherhead Urban District Council with the object of setting up a small local museum in the Leatherhead area. This is a matter which requires serious consideration and should not be lightly undertaken. It will nevertheless be pursued with vigour.

9. Your Committee thanks the Hon. Auditor and Guides for their services and is grateful for the support of the members of the Society in furthering the objects for which it was formed in 1947.

J. G. W. LEWARNE.

Hon. Secretary.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1964.

<u>1963</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>1963</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>
	<u>Bank Balances as at 31.12.1963.</u>		162.10. 0.		Printing of Proceedings 98. 12. 0.
	Midland Bank Ltd.	86. 0.11.			
130. 3.6.	Surrey Trustee Savings Bank	<u>50.14. 7.</u>	136. 15. 6.		General Printing 5. 11. 8.
	<u>Subscriptions</u>				Library - - -
	Annual	80. 7. 6.			Postages, Stationery & Sundry Disbursements 10. 7. 0.
76. 5.6.	Life Members	<u>35. 0. 0.</u>	115. 7. 6.		
	<u>Grants</u>				<u>Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees</u>
	Surrey County Council	25. 0. 0.			Surrey Record Society 1. 0. 0.
40. 0.0.	Leatherhead U.D.C.	<u>15. 0. 0.</u>	40. 0. 0.		Council for British Archaeology 1. 0. 0.
	<u>Donations</u>				Field Studies Council 1. 1. 0.
	General	26.16. 6.			South Eastern Union of Scientific Societies (1961-4) <u>2.10. 0.</u>
5.14.6.	Lecture Fees	<u>16. 0.</u>	27. 12. 6.		<u>Visits & Meetings</u>
					Expenses 4. 6. 6.
50. 0.0.	S.G.Blaxland Stubbs Bequest	- - -	- - -		Receipts <u>2.15. 6.</u>
					<u>Bank Balances as at 31.12.64.</u>
30.18.4.	Sale of Proceedings & Binding Cases	21. 10. 2.			Midland Bank Ltd. 133.18. 5.
					Surrey Trustee Savings Bank <u>87.12. 1.</u>
1. 0.0.	Visits & Meetings	- - -	86. 0.11.		
			50.14. 7.		
2. 2.7.	Bank Interest	1. 17. 6.			
<u>336. 4.5.</u>		<u>£343. 3. 2.</u>	<u>336. 4. 5.</u>		<u>£343. 3. 2.</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.

Honorary Auditor.

Honorary Treasurer.