

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

Letter 4/65.

October, 1965.

Dear Member,

The following events have been arranged:-

THURSDAY, 25th November 1965, at 8 p.m. Lecture: A.T.Clark Esq. on "The Newest Methods used in Archaeology" in the Reeve Room, Leatherhead Parish Hall (opposite the North door of Leatherhead Parish Church).

THURSDAY, 16th December 1965, at 8 p.m. Lecture: K. Morford Esq., C.B.E., on "Local Flora - with particular reference to rare species". This talk, by a member of the Surrey Naturalists Trust and this Society, will be well illustrated with slides. It will take place in the Leatherhead Methodist Church Hall (1st floor) in Church Road, Leatherhead.

It is the practice of the Society not to hold a meeting in January and accordingly the next news-letter due for issue in January will detail arrangements for February and succeeding months.

Volume 1 Numbers 1 and 10 of the Proceedings are now out of print, and the undersigned will be glad to hear of any member who has a spare copy of either of these issues, as the Society will gladly purchase such copy.

The Secretary is circulated with notices of lectures and courses relative to our interests and any member interested is asked to get in touch with him.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

Leatherhead Parish Magazine, August 1885.

"Fete at Vale Lodge. On Tuesday and Wednesday, a Fete was held in the grounds of Vale Lodge by the kind invitation of Edward Budd Esq., in aid of the fund for the enlargement of the Organ. The instrument is already a fine one, and when the work now in hand is completed, will be one of the finest in the County". Details are then given of the work and the account proceeds "It is hoped all the work will be completed by October. Mr. Hoyte, Organist of All Saints, Margaret Street, has promised to open the Organ with a Recital in the Afternoon, and to preside at it at the Evening Service on the same day.

The Fete was a great success, about £125 being cleared after paying all expenses. Stalls were held by Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Utterton and Miss Budd for the sale of useful and fancy work etc. and by Miss Ella Budd for the sale of fruit and flowers. Miss Mabel Budd, assisted by Mrs. Lionel Rickards and the Misses Griffith, had a remarkably pretty array of objects of art, many of them painted by herself and friends. A feature of great attraction was the Japanese Tent, in which Mrs. Robinson and Miss A. Rickards were "At home" and provided cups of Japanese Tea and various dainties in vogue in their native land. Miss Moore presided at the Refreshment Tent, while the Cocoa Nuts were in charge of Messrs. Snow and Heaver, the Rifle Gallery of Mr. Graham Wood, the Lucky Tubs of Miss Bloom Woolf and the Misses Utterton. The Theatricals held in a large marquee were largely patronised and warmly applauded and were performed by Mr. and Mrs. Monier Williams, the Misses Gordon Clark, Mr. Williams and Mr. Rawson. A Punch and Judy claimed the attention of the young people and a Prussian Band played a good selection of music each day."

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

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WINDMILLS AND WATERMILLS

The objects of the Wind and Watermill Section of the S.P.A.B. are:

1. To stimulate the interest of the public in the preservation of wind and water mills as features of the countryside and natural history.
2. To provide technical advice on questions relating to the repair of wind and water mills.
3. To make a detailed survey of wind and water mills as a permanent record of all mills in this country.
4. To encourage the craft of country milling.
5. To give financial help wherever possible.

There are many instances to show that these activities are not in vain and that individuals and official bodies have been encouraged by the Windmill Section to take a pride and interest in their Mills.

From 1929 up to the present time many hundreds of cases have been handled by the Windmill Section, and many mills have been repaired as landmarks.

A considerable part of a survey of windmills has been completed and published by the Section and this work is still proceeding.

To encourage the Millers, certificates have been awarded by the Section to those who have shown zeal in the maintenance of their windmills, and the late Mr. John Russell of Cranbrook Mill, Kent, received the first of the presentations made.

While windmills have received primary attention owing to their rapid decrease in number, it is realised that the same fate is overtaking the water mills, of which no complete record exists, and it is for this reason the Section has decided to undertake their recording and preservation wherever possible before it is too late.

The Section has been seriously hampered by lack of funds in the past, and with urgent work waiting to be done, it is more than ever necessary to appeal to all members of the public to join the Wind and Watermill Section.

The minimum subscription is 21/- a year, but donations are warmly welcomed and should be sent to:-

THE WIND AND WATERMILL SECTION
The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings,
55 Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

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