

Letter 4/67

October 1967.

Dear Member,

The following meetings have been arranged -

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH 1967 - 8.0 p.m. for 8.15 p.m.
Speaker - J.E. Walker, Esq.
Subject - 'Dorking History and Recent Discoveries'

TUESDAY NOVEMBER ^{21st} ~~20th~~ 1967 - 8.0 p.m. for 8.15 p.m.
Speaker - C.W. Phillips, Esq., O.B.E.
Subject - 'Air Photography and Archaeology'

The above will take place in the Reeves Room, Leatherhead Parish Church Hall (opposite the North Door of Leatherhead Parish Church.)

There will not be a meeting in December this year but one will be held in January instead. It is hoped this will be more convenient to members. Notification of this and other meetings will be sent in due course.

EXCAVATION. Woodlands Park Roman Site. N.G.R. T.Q.151587.

Excavation on this site will commence immediately after the harvest, probably in early October, and will take place at weekends only. Volunteers should contact the Director and they will be notified of the starting date.

Access to the site is by Oaklawn Road which connects the A.244 to the A.245, Oaklawn Road being midway between Oxshott and Leatherhead on A.244 and between Stoke d'Abernon and Leatherhead on the A.245. The site is in the field opposite Dorincourt.

Enquiries to - Mr. F.A. Hastings, 47 Kingsmead Avenue,
Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.

Please mention membership of the Leatherhead Local History Society.

Notices have been received of the following W.E.A. Classes -

- a. At the County Junior School, Bell Lane, Fetcham. 8.0 p.m. on Thursdays from September 28th. "Digging into the Past"
Tutor - Mr. B.Blake, Curator of Weybridge Museum. Enquiries to Mrs. K. Stronell, 72 Cobham Road, Fetcham. Lea: 3754.
- b. At The Mansion, Church Street, Leatherhead. 8.0 p.m. on Fridays from September 29th. "Archaeology - the Anglo-Saxons"
Tutor - Mrs. P. Hutchinson, Ph.D. Enquiries to W.S. Ekins, Esq. Hedgerows, Hilltop Close, Windmill Drive, Leatherhead 2957.

The following limerick composed by the late Rev.G.H.B.Coleridge, Vicar of Leatherhead, is reproduced by permission of his son, A.H.B.Coleridge, who is a member of the Society. In this age of space exploration it savours of Wellsian Prophecy. The Vicar was walking with his children over the Downs in April 1927 when, inspired by Bocket's Farm, he uttered the lines

"There was a young man called Bocket
Who went to the moon in a rocket
They said 'Wont you fall?'
He replied 'Not at all
For I have a large parachute in my pocket'."

Extract from the Leatherhead & Dorking Advertiser 29th July, 1922.
"During renovations at the Swan Inn, Leatherhead, an interesting early business card was found. 'John Jones begs leave to return his sincere and grateful thanks to the nobility, gentry and public in general for their distinguished support and encouragement since he commenced business for himself and further to acquaint them with considerable satisfaction that the present reduction in the price of corn enables him to run good and able horses (with neat post-chaises) at 15 pence per mile. In returning thanks for favours kindly conferred John Jones begs to observe that it will ever be his constant aim to merit a continuance of the same. Dated January 9th 1815".