

# LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

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March 1970

Dear Member,

The following meetings and visits have been arranged -

**FRIDAY MARCH 20th.** Twenty-Third Annual General Meeting at the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, by courtesy of the Leatherhead Urban District Council. This meeting will be preceded by a Special General Meeting.

Coffee and biscuits will be served to members at 8 p.m. in the Council Member's Room.

The Annual General Meeting provides an opportunity to meet fellow members over a cup of coffee and to discuss the affairs of the Society. It is hoped members will make every effort to attend. It is most important that as many members as possible attend the Special and Annual General Meetings as a number of decisions have to be taken which will vitally affect the future progress of the Society. Please make every effort to attend.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Society will take place in the Council Chamber of the Leatherhead Urban District Council at 8.30 p.m. on Friday March 20th 1970 for the purpose of considering alterations to the Rules of the Society. A copy of the proposed rules is enclosed herewith.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Twenty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place in the Council Chamber of the Leatherhead Urban District Council on Friday March 20th, 1970 immediately following the Special General Meeting noticed above. The Agenda is:

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. Matters arising therefrom
3. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Twenty-Third Report (copy enclosed)
4. Presentation of the Accounts to 31st December 1969
5. Election of Officers and Committee for 1970
6. Other business.

**TUESDAY APRIL 21st** at the Leatherhead Institute 8.0 for 8.15 p.m.  
Lecture B.Neyland, Esq., on 'City Churches'.

Illustrated with slides

**SATURDAY MAY 23rd.** Depending upon demand, a coach trip (or trips) will be organised for Saturday 23rd May 1970. The cost will be about £1 a head. Meals are not included so a picnic lunch should be brought. Gratuities to drivers are included in the cost. Please send the enclosed slip or hand it at the next meeting to the Hon. Programme Secretary, G.Hayward, indicating your preference and whether you would be prepared to go on the alternative trip if there is not sufficient room or demand for your first choice. Deposits (10/- a head) will be refunded if the coach has to be cancelled. Bookings will be accepted in the order of receipt of deposits. The deadline date for the balance of the fare is 18th April - please make a note in your diary.

## BRIEF DETAILS

### 1. EAST SUSSEX

After coffee at East Grinstead, pause on Holtye Common to see the exposed surface of a Roman road. Sandwich lunch at Bodiam, a perfect castle built in 1387 and surrounded by a lake. Visit Battle Abbey on the site of the 1066 battlefield and nearby Bateman's, a Tudor ironmaster's home later occupied by Rudyard Kipling. Tea at Tunbridge Wells.

## 2. WINCHESTER

Pass Jane Austen's house at Chawton after coffee at Alton, Picnic lunch at Winchester. Besides the present cathedral the sites of two earlier cathedrals will be visited; also the excavated mediaeval street and the two castles (the Great Hall contains King Arthur's Round Table). The bishops' palaces of Wolvesey and Waltham will be seen. Tea at Wickham ("the most perfect village in Hampshire") and home via the Meon Valley.

SATURDAY JUNE 13th. Natural History Ramble under the leadership of G.A. Clifton, Esq., of the Dorking Natural History Society. Starting at 3 p.m. from the car park behind the Wotton Hatch Hotel on the Dorking-Guildford road. Tea available at Grimm's Kitchen, Abinger Hammer. There is a bus service back to the car park if required.

Wotton Hatch may be reached by bus service 425 from Dorking North Station.

- Names to Programme Secretary by Saturday 30th May stating:  
1) if willing to offer lifts to starting point.  
2) if a lift is required (fee of 2/6 to be donated to the funds of the Society)  
3) if tea is required.

SATURDAY JULY 25th. Afternoon Car Ramble visiting places of interest in Surrey. Start 2 p.m. from grass verge near the top of Young Street, Fetcham. Bring tea. Finish about 6 p.m. Instructions will be given on the day regarding route to follow - a map of Surrey will be useful but not essential. Total distance about 75 miles.

Names to Programme Secretary by Saturday 11th July stating:  
1) if willing to offer lifts  
2) if a lift required (fee of 2/6 to be donated to the funds of the Society).

Please note the above dates in your diary

A Womens Institute Countryside Fair will be held on Saturday May 30th at 2.30 p.m. at the King George the Fifth Hall, Effingham. There will be some Historical Exhibits and the National Trust have agreed to co-operate. Members of the Society are invited to attend.

### Notes and Queries

- 2/70/1. It is hoped to publish the finds from Bell Lane, Fetcham (see Proceedings Vol.1 Part 6) in the near future.  
a. Will anyone who took part in the excavations, or has any record of them, please write to the undersigned.  
b. Anyone who would like to assist in the study of the finds (12th to 20th Century) would be welcomed. No experience is necessary as advice and training will be given.
- 2/70/2. The member who enquired of Mr. P.Grevatt (the speaker on Surbiton at the November meeting) as to the technique of making slides is asked to get in touch with Mr.R. Lockyer of 10a Berrylands Road, Surbiton. Tel.01.399.4835 for details.
- 2/70/3. Excavations are being continued in the centre of Ewell. Helpers would be warmly welcomed by the director, Mr. Martin Morris of 28 Seymour Avenue, Ewell.
- 2/70/4. Plans are being made for the survey of two farmhouse sites. One is at Oxshott (apply to Mr. R.Webber, 8 Kelvin Grove, Hook. Tel.398.4885) and another at Headley (apply to Mr. D.F. Renn, 7 Burrows Close, Bookham. Tel. Bookham 4880).
- 2/70/5. Does anyone know of the whereabouts of any aerial photographs of the district, other than the official R.A.F. cover?

# LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the Year Ending 31.12.69.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting its Twenty-Third Report.

### 1. Membership.

As at 31st December 1969 the membership of the Society was 259. This figure shews a net increase for 1969 of 13.

It is with regret that the deaths are recorded of W.G. Clarke, Mrs. D. Easton and H.V.H. Everard.

As foreshadowed in the previous report the Committee has given consideration to proposals to improve the working of the Society. Firstly, owing to the larger attendances at indoor meetings, the venue has been changed from the Reeve Room at the Parish Hall to the Leatherhead Institute. Secondly, the Rules of the Society have been reviewed and new Rules have been prepared for the consideration of Members. The objects of the changes are a desire to include a wider representation of members in the running of the Society, and a constitution of a wider scope than the previous rather rigid one.

### 2. Lectures and Visits.

The following were arranged -

January 31st Lectures - 1. Leatherhead Notes by J.G.W. Lewarne.  
2. Castles of South-east England by  
by D.F. Renn.

February 26th Lecture - Windmills by W. Millar.

March 28th Annual General Meeting and Discussion.

April 24th Lecture - Bookham Common by Dr. S.C. Sowerbutts.

May 22nd Lecture - Your County Newspaper by G.C. Titmus.

June 28th Visit to Little Bookham and Effingham Churches.

Leaders - D.F. Renn and Miss M. O'Connor.

July 19th Car Ramble in Buckinghamshire. Leader - G. Hayward.

August 16th Leatherhead Walk. Leaders - D. Bruce, D.F. Renn  
and J.G.W. Lewarne.

September 20th Visit to Porchester Castle and Fishbourne  
Roman Palace. Leader - D.F. Renn.

October 9th Lecture - Trees, Hedges and History by Dr. R. Richens.

November 7th Lecture - Surbiton by P.H. Grevatt.

December 5th Leatherhead Historical Miscellany.

J. Parry, Mrs. M. Fuller and D. Bruce.

The meetings were well attended with an average attendance of 55. Sixty-six members attended the visit to Porchester Castle and the Roman Palace at Fishbourne.

The Committee thanks the Lecturers and Visits Leaders for their services.

The Honorary Visits Secretary will be pleased to receive suggestions for lectures and visits.

### 3. Proceedings.

Volume 3 Number 2 was issued in 1969, and was well received.

Volume 3 Number 3 is in course of distribution to members who have paid their subscriptions for 1970.

The Index for Volume 2 is nearing completion. The collection of the sub-indices of each part is now achieved. Anyone who is prepared to help with the typing of the material in preparation for the printers is asked to get in touch with the undersigned.

**3. Proceedings - cont'd.**

The Honorary Editor will be pleased to consider contributions for inclusion in the Proceedings and he will also welcome any comments members may wish to make.

Several parts of the Proceedings are out of print; these are Volume 1 Numbers 1,2,3,6 and 10; Volume 2 Numbers 2 and 8. The Committee would welcome any offers (whether as gifts or sale) of these parts. The price of back issues will be increased to -

Volume 1 parts	5/- each
2	10/- each
3	10/- each

as from April 1970.

**4. Committee**

As a result of the removal from the district of Mr. W.F. Thuell the Committee appointed Mr. F.A. Stokes, Manager of Lloyds Bank Ltd., Leatherhead to the office of Honorary Treasurer. The other Officers and Committee Members are -

Chairman	Capt. A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A.
Hon. Editor	F.B. Benger
Hon. Programme Secretary	G. Hayward
Hon. Records Secretary	D. Bruce
Hon. Secretary	J.G.W. Lewarne
Committee Members	W. Millar, J. Parry.

The Officers and Members of the Committee retire at the Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election. Nominations are invited and should reach the Honorary Secretary 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.

The Honorary Secretary has completed ten years in this office and he feels he should now pass on his work to another. It is hoped that a member or members will come forward to take over this interesting task. Every assistance will be afforded by the outgoing Secretary and the Committee.

**5. Accounts**

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for 1969 is enclosed. The Committee gratefully acknowledge the financial support given to its work by the Surrey County Council and the Leatherhead Urban District Council.

**6. Subscriptions (10/- per calender year)**

These fell due on January 1st and early payment to the Honorary Treasurer, F.A. Stokes (Lloyds Bank, Leatherhead) will be appreciated.

7. Talks have been provided to local organizations by various members of the Committee during the period under review and the Honorary Records Secretary has constructed collapsible display panels which have been used to advertise the work of the Society.
8. Considerable use has been made of the Records of local history held by the Society. It should be emphasized that the Hon. Records Secretary, D. Bruce (Bookham 5722), will be pleased to afford members access to these records. We are greatly indebted to our member A.J.C. Read for the acquisition of a large body of auctioneers material relating to the five parishes dating back to the early years of the nineteenth century.

9. Liaison has been maintained with the Emergency Excavation Scheme organized for mutual co-operation in Surrey, and publicity is given to all forms of local research in the Newsletter, particularly through the innovation of a 'Notes and Queries' section.
10. The Hon. Records Secretary would be grateful for items of local historical interest from any source (news cuttings should be marked with the paper's name and date: book references should give title, author, publisher and place and date of publication: objects should be accompanied by a label giving details of the source and name and address of the donor.) He also would like to be informed of the whereabouts (owner's name and address) of items of local interest.

69 Cobham Road,  
Fetcham,  
Leatherhead,  
Surrey.

J.G.W. Lewarne,  
Hon. Secretary.  
March 1st 1970.

## LEATHERHEAD &amp; DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1969

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
	Bank balances as at 31.12.1968		206 10 0	Printing of Proceedings
193 3 11	Midland Bank Ltd.	159 15 2	15 11 9	General Printing
97 2 1	Surrey Trustee Sav. Bank	<u>100 10 7</u>	260 5 9	
124 0 0	Subscriptions		125 7 6	Postages, Stationery & Sundry Disbursements
	Grants:-			
25 0 0	Surrey County Council	25 0 0		Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees:-
15 0 0	Leatherhead U.D.C.	<u>15 0 0</u>	40 0 0	Surrey Record Society (sub'n not yet paid)
	Donations:-			Council for British Archaeology 1 10 0
17 5 3	General	35 10 6	1 0 0	Field Studies Council 1 0 0
	Lecture Fees	<u>3 12 0</u>	39 2 6	Leatherhead & District Countryside Protec- tion Society 10 0
40 15 9	Sale of Proceedings, etc. (+ Profit on visit)	27 11 6 <u>7 8 11</u>	35 0 5	Visits & Meetings
3 8 6	Bank Interest		3 11 6	Bank Balances as at 31.12.69.
				Midland Bank Ltd. 172 0 8
				Surrey Trustee Savings Bank 104 2 1
<u>£515 15 6</u>		<u>£503 7 8</u>	<u>£515 15 6</u>	<u>£503 7 8</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.

F. A. STOKES  
Hon. Treasurer

A. H. KIRKBY  
Hon. Auditor

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## R U L E S

- NAME 1. The name of the Society (hereinafter referred to as ('the Society') is the Leatherhead & District Local History Society.
2. Its objects are
- (a) to institute, promote and encourage the study of local history, topography, architecture, archaeology, natural history, dialect, manners and customs, folklore and other similar subjects and
  - (b) to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, antiquities and records of the Urban District of Leatherhead and surrounding districts.
- To this end
- (1) to arrange lectures, demonstrations, discussions and debates, exhibitions, visits & tours and similar events
  - (2) to issue to members and to publish generally such material as may be deemed desirable or expedient.
- MEMBERS 3. (a) There shall be two classes of members, viz: Honorary Members and Ordinary Members.
- (b) Honorary members shall be such persons personally distinguished in such subjects as appertain to the Society's objects as may accept an invitation by the Executive Committee to become Honorary members of the Society.
- (c) Ordinary members shall be persons or bodies who are desirous of supporting and participating in the work of the Society, who apply and are accepted for membership.
- (d) The subscription for Ordinary members shall be ten shillings per calendar year or such sum as shall be determined at a General Meeting upon notice of the intention to vary the subscription.
- (e) All subscriptions shall become payable on the first day of January in each year or within one month from that date on which a Member is accepted by the Executive Committee. Any members who shall fail to pay his due subscription within two months of a request by the Honorary Treasurer so to do shall cease to be a member of the Society.
- (f) The Executive Committee shall have complete discretion in considering any application for or removal from membership and shall not be required to furnish reasons to the Society or to an applicant or member for the refusal of any application for or removal from membership.
- GENERAL MEETINGS 4. (a) There shall be a general meeting in every year to receive the Accounts & the Report of the Executive Committee and to elect the Officers and the members of the Executive Committee. Such meeting shall be called the Annual Meeting. Special general meetings shall also be convened whenever directed by the Executive Committee or at the request of at least ten members of the Society.
- (b) The President (if any) of the Society shall preside at all General Meetings. In his absence the Chairman of the Society shall preside. If neither the President nor the Chairman be present or either or both be unwilling to act the meeting shall elect some other member of the Society to act as chairman for that meeting. At all General Meetings the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.
- (c) The quorum necessary for any general meeting shall be ten members (excluding Officers of the Society) personally present. If at any meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour after the appointed time the meeting if convened at the request of members shall be dissolved, but in any other case

it shall stand adjourned to the same day and time in the week following and, if practicable, at the same place. If at such adjourned meeting no quorum is present within half an hour from the appointed time the members present shall form a quorum and may transact the business of the meeting.

- (d) The chairman of the meeting may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Members shall not be entitled to any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- (e) A member shall have one vote whether on a show of hands or on a poll. A poll may be demanded by the chairman of the meeting or by any three members personally present. Proxies shall not be allowed.
- (f) Every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except as provided in Rule 14.

**PRESIDENT** 5. The appointment of a President shall rest with the Executive Committee.

**OFFICERS** 6. The Society shall have the following Officers viz: a Chairman, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Records Secretary, Honorary Programme Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor and Honorary Auditor. The Executive Committee may also appoint each other Officers as they deem necessary. The Officers named above shall hold office until the close of the next following Annual Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** The Executive Committee shall consist of:-

7. (a) The President, the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretaries and Honorary Auditor.
- (b) Three members of the Society to be elected or re-elected at each Annual Meeting
- (c) Not more than two persons who may be co-opted by the Executive Committee.
- The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee. If he be absent or unwilling to act the Committee shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman for that meeting.
8. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy in its numbers from among the membership of the Society. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the close of the Annual Meeting next following but shall be eligible for re-election.
9. An Officer or other member of the Executive Committee may be removed from his office at any time by a Resolution of the members at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose.

**POWERS & PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** 10. The business of the Society shall be managed by the Executive Committee who, subject to these Rules, shall exercise all the powers of the Society and do on its behalf all such acts and things as may be done by the Society in order to carry out and further its objects.

**MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS** 11. Proper minutes shall be kept of all general meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall cause proper books of account to be kept recording all receipts and payments. Accounts shall be prepared, audited by the Honorary Auditor and laid before each Annual Meeting.

**NOTICES** 12. Subject to Rule 14 at least seven days notice shall be given to all members of each Annual and Special General Meeting. Notices of lectures, discussion meeting and similar activities shall be given with such time and in such manner as the Executive Committee shall determine.

**DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY** 13. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Society there remains any property of any description in the beneficial ownership of the Society the same shall not be distributed among members of the Society but shall be given

- (1) in the case of archives, books and miscellanea to the Surrey Archaeological Society
- (2) in the case of photographs and other records of buildings to the National Monuments Record and
- (3) in the case of surplus funds to the Surrey Archaeological Society or to such other charitable object as the members may determine at or before the time of dissolution.

**ALTERATION OF RULES** 14. These Rules shall be alterable only by a majority of at least two to one of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting of which at least fifteen days notice, specifying the amendments proposed, has been given.  
15. Every member shall receive a copy of these Rules and of all amendments thereto, upon acceptance of membership.

March 1970.