

# Leatherhead and District Local History Society

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March 1974

Dear Member,

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 29th March 1974, at the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, by courtesy of the Leatherhead Urban District Council. Coffee and biscuits will be served to members from 7.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Twenty-seventh Annual 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, 29th March 1974, with the following Agenda:-

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
2. Matters arising therefrom
3. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Report (copy enclosed)
4. Presentation of the Accounts to 31st December 1973 (copy enclosed)
5. Election of Officers and Committee for 1974
6. Any other business

The A.G.M. of this Society is never a dull affair, and the large number of members attending on past occasions have always taken the opportunity to discuss matters of importance to the Society. This interchange of views is of great value to the Executive Committee in appreciating the wishes of members. As an additional incentive this year, this will be one of the very last meetings held in the Council Chamber under the auspices of the soon-to-disappear Leatherhead Urban District Council, and may be the last chance for members to see the Council Chamber.

## "SURREY HISTORY"

This is the new annual magazine of the Surrey Local History Council to which your Society is affiliated. The first issue contains articles on such diverse subjects as the documents in the County Record Office, Hedgerow Dating, Firemarks in Surrey and the old houses of Shere, among others.

Copies are available for 40p from the publishers (Phillimore, Shepwyke Hall, Chichester, Sussex) but if 10 members of the Society each send 30p to Mr. A.J. Gillies, Sunnymead, Epsom Road, Ashted, we can make up a bulk order.

## The Society's Library

Over the years the Society has accumulated a large number of books, magazines and journals, either by gift or purchase, and until recently these were lodged in the main Leatherhead Library. Many of the books were of little interest from the Society's point of view, and these have been disposed of. The remainder are in the care of our Honorary Librarian (Mr. Gilbert, 34 Greenacres, Gt. Bookham, Tel. 54956) and a list of the books, which may be borrowed by members, is attached.

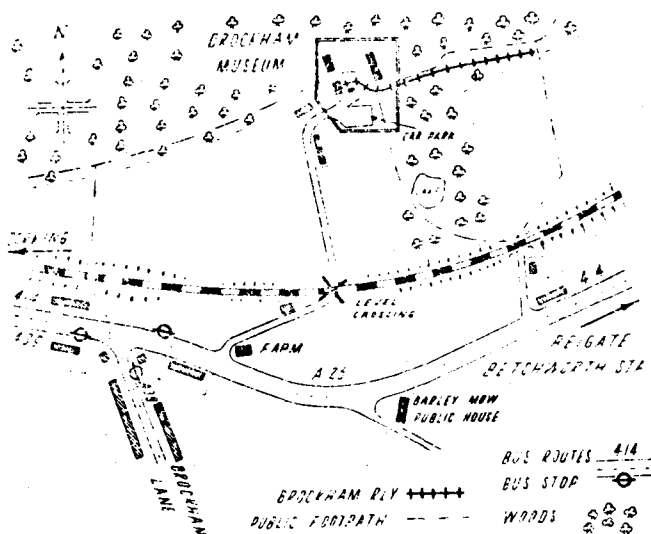
## Archaeology

Work is continuing at The Old Quarry, The Warren, Ashted, although somewhat hampered by the involvement of some of the leaders in the General Election. How long the excavations will continue is not certain, and members interested in taking part, and gaining experience in readiness for the work we hope we shall be doing in connection with the M.25, should contact Mr. S.R.C. Poulter (14 Yarm Court Road, Leatherhead, Tel. 74773) who will be able to give them up-to-date information. Hedgerow dating and documentary research linked with the M.25 is also being carried out by small groups who need additional members; if you would like to join them please phone Mr. Poulter.

1974 Programme

The Honorary Programme Secretary, G. Hayward, and his assistant, E. Barnwell, have put the finishing touches to the outings, and a booking form for the coach outings is attached.

Sunday, 17th March, Brockham Railway. Meet at 2.30 p.m. in the car park of the Brockham Museum - see diagram for exact location. The Brockham Museum Association



ask us to take great care when approaching the site because firstly, the lane approach is a farm track and the surface is poor although quite passible. Secondly, there is a level crossing over the Reigate-Dorking railway - do NOT open the gates yourselves. If the gates are closed, sound your horn (or if on foot cough loudly!) and wait for the gates to be opened for you.

The Museum is in a chalk quarry and some of the kilns are still there. The Pilgrims' Way footpath passes through the museum site.

Like many societies composed of enthusiasts there is a shortage of finance and the district is in danger of losing this museum dedicated to narrow gauge railways. Admission is by temporary membership lasting two months (10p. for adults, 15p for family).

If all goes well we should be able to ride on the demonstration track. Open days are on the third Sunday of each month during the fair weather seasons - the 17th March we learn is not an official Open Day but has been laid on specially for us.

Friday 22nd March. Preparatory talks, film and slides about the outside events for 1974.

Friday 29th March. A.G.M. at the Council Chamber, 7.45 for 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday 9th April. Talk by Mr. W.H.E. Rivett, F.G.S., P.A.I.W.E., President of the Dorking District Naturalists' Society, on "The Weald and the Reptiles of 120 million years ago and present day studies." (Read the book called "The Weald")

Saturday 18th May. Visit by coach to Dulwich Village arranged by Mr. M. Snellgrove.

Saturday 1st June (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) Visit by coach to Walpole House, Strawberry Hill, built 1747. Sir Horace Walpole lived there.

These two trips are both afternoon excursions and due to circumstances outside our control the size of each party has to be limited to 29 persons. Ideally, therefore, enthusiasts should send in the booking forms by return of post or as quickly as possible. Cost as on booking form, no admission charge.

Sunday 16th June. Coach trip to Stonehenge, Old Sarum and Salisbury.

REMINDER 1st to 7th July Nature Trail week at Nower Wood, Headley.

Saturday 13th July. Coach trip to Ely calling at (if time permits) the village of Stretham (preaching cross circa 1400, 19th c. tower windmill, engine house containing beam engine 1830) and Soham (rare weighing machine 1740, Downfield tower windmill (rebuilt 1890) and church dating back to Norman times.

Sunday 22nd September. Ironbridge, Coalbrookdale and Buildwas Abbey

See booking forms for cost of these full day trips and don't forget the meeting of the 22nd March for details. Bring substantial packed lunches for these day excursions. The times of departure from the various parishes will be shown on the tickets.

It should be understood that the cost of each outing must be paid not less than one month before the date of the event and that no refund can be made unless the person concerned can sell the ticket or the ticket can be used for someone on a reserve list. Members are also asked to make a diary note of the event and also the last date for payment as, regretfully, we will have to delete names of unpaid applicants one month before the event so that the size of the coach may be booked accurately.

Saturday afternoon 5th October. Walk in Leith Hill area, leader Mr. G. Clifton, Vice-President of the Dorking District Naturalists Society. Meet at 2.30 p.m. at Moss's wood car park which is just beyond Coldharbour village on the right (approaching from Dorking). We will endeavour to have someone familiar outside the village and near the rendezvous to point the way to the car park. If there is a possibility of tea after the walk we will have details in the next Newsletter.

Friday 18th October. "The Seashore", a Natural History talk with slides by Mrs. Joyce Pope, senior lecturer at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington. Mrs. Pope is writing a book about the seashore and suggests that members may like to bring along any objects they have found relating to the natural history of the seaside for identification.

Friday 15th November. The Dallaway lecture - open to the public. Mr. C. Blair on "European Armour" at St. John's School Hall, Leatherhead, by kind permission of the Headmaster.

Friday 6th December. The Leatherhead Miscellany. Short talks by members on Leatherhead district history - volunteers please contact Programme Secretary. Bring along anything of antiquity, whether identified or not, found in your home or garden in the district.

All lectures begin at 8 p.m. and are in the Red Cross Hall near Leatherhead railway station, unless otherwise shown.

Members may be interested in the Surrey Archaeological Society's Symposium and Exhibition on the subject of "Iron", to be held at Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon, on Saturday 6th April from 10 a.m. Admission by ticket 50p, students 40p, obtainable from Mrs. Thornhill, 31 Devonshire Way, Shirley, Croydon, CR0 8BU. Stamped addressed envelope please.

#### Annual Subscription 1974

A final reminder that your 1974 subscription of £1.25 became due on January 1st and should be sent to the Acting Honorary Treasurer, Mr. John Bull, 98 Woodfield Lane, Ashted, Tel. 72800.

# Leatherhead and District Local History Society

Vice-President -- Mr. J. G. W. Lewarne

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the Year ending 31st December 1973

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting its twenty-seventh Report.

### 1. Membership.

At 31st December 1973, the membership of the Society was 273, made up of 11 Honorary members, 2 Life members and 260 Ordinary members. The decrease in the overall number from over 300 last year must be attributed largely to the raising of the subscription from 75p to £1.25p. The Executive Committee elected Mesdames Lewarne and Ruby, and Messrs. Benger, Fortescue, Snellgrove, Walker and Alderman Farmer Honorary Members of the Society in recognition of their continuous membership since they were elected at the first Executive Committee meeting on 3rd December 1946. Two others with a similar membership record, Messrs. Dalton and Lewarne, were already Honorary Members.

### 2. Lectures and Visits.

The following were arranged:-

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| 12th January   | Lecture - "Bridges of Surrey" by D.F. Renn.   |
| 25th January   | Visit - Muniment Rooms, Guildford,<br>Guide - The Archivist, Miss G.M.A. Becke.   |
| 6th February   | Lecture - "Conservation" by N. Nail, Nonsuch Antiquarian Society.   |
| 17th February  | Visit - Westminster Abbey", Leader - E.S.Barnwell.  |
| 9th March      | Lecture - "A simple History of Leatherhead" by D.F.Renn.  |
| 20th March     | Visit - Young & Co's Brewery, Wandsworth,<br>Leader - E.S.Barnwell.   |
| 23rd March     | 26th Annual General Meeting.  |
| 13th April     | Lecture - "Renovation of the White House, Effingham,"<br>by D.C.Gifford.  |
| 28th April     | Visit - West Horsley Church, Hatchlands, and<br>East Clandon Church, Leader - E.S.Barnwell.   |
| 12th May       | Leatherhead Walk. (Leaders - various members of the<br>Society) followed by an exhibition of photographs<br>collected by the late K. Dean, on view at the<br>Leatherhead School of Music. |
| 19th May       | Visit - Canterbury, Leader - G. Hayward.  |
| 17th June      | Visit - The Wey and Arun Canal and Arundel.<br>Leader - M. Snellgrove.  |
| 23rd June      | walk - Broadmoor, Friday Street and Abinger Common.<br>Leader - W.H.E. Rivett.  |
| 15th July      | Visit - Godalming, Leader - E.S.Barnwell.   |
| 18th August    | Visit - Crich Tramway Museum and Cromford, Derbyshire.<br>Leader - E.S.Barnwell.  |
| 15th September | Visit - Bath, Leader - E.S.Barnwell.  |
| 29th September | Walk around Mickleham, Leader - Miss E.F.M.Strudwick.   |
| 13th October   | Walk around Ashted, Leader - G. Hayward.  |
| 19th October   | Dallaway Lecture - "Canals, Midlands & Northern England,"<br>by L.A. Edwards.   |
| 9th November   | Lecture - "Bees and Beekeeping" by Mrs. Furness   |
| 7th December   | Leatherhead Miscellany - contributions by members.  |

All lectures and visits were well supported and the Committee wishes to thank the Lecturers and Leaders who gave the Society such an interesting programme. The Honorary Programme Secretary would welcome suggestions for the 1975 programme.

### 3. Proceedings

Volume 3 No. 6 (1972) was issued to members and subscribers in the Spring. Material for the 1973 edition was sent to the printers in the Autumn, and should

be available in the Spring of 1974, although there may be delays due to the current economic difficulties. Items of research dealing with local matters suitable for publication should be submitted to the Hon. Editor.

4. The Committee for 1973 was:-

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| Chairman                  | D.F. Renn, F.S.A.  |
| Hon. Secretary            | D. Bruce   |
| Hon. Treasurer            | F.A. Stokes (c/o Lloyds Bank, North Street,  |
| Hon. Editor               | F.B. Benger (Leatherhead)  |
| Hon. Programme Secretary  | G. Hayward (assisted by E. Barnwell)   |
| Hon. Records Secretary    | D. Bruce   |
| Hon. Membership Secretary | Mrs. M. Fuller   |
| Hon. Publicity Secretary  | Miss S. Hind   |
| Hon. Librarian            | J.R. Gilbert   |
| Committee Members         | J.R. Bull, S.E.D. Fortescue, W. Millar.<br>(co-opted) S.R.C.Poulter, M. Snellgrove |
| Hon. Auditor              | A.H.Kirkby   |

The Officers and Committee Members retire at the Annual General Meeting, and are eligible for re-election. Nominations for the Committee should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than 27th March 1974, and should state:- (a) the name of the Nominee; (b) the Names of the Proposer and Seconder, and (c) that the Nominee has expressed his or her willingness to serve if elected. Mr. D.F.Renn (Chairman for the last five years) will not be standing for re-election, since he feels it is time for a change. Special thought will be necessary when considering the selection of a suitable candidate for this important post. The Hon. Treasurer resigned as from 31st Dec. 1973, and the Committee appointed Mr. Bull Acting Treasurer until the A.G.M. The services of Mr. Renn and Mr. Stokes will be greatly missed

5. Accounts.

A Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1973 is attached. The continued financial support of the Surrey C.C. and the Leatherhead U.D.C. is gratefully acknowledged by the Executive Committee. Donations were received from a number of members.

6. Subscriptions.

The increased subscription of £1.25 for 1973 was necessary to meet increased costs. This amount is again due as from 1st January 1974, and early payment to the Hon. Treasurer would be appreciated.

7. Other Activities.

Apart from the very full programme of lectures and visits, other activities have taken place. Lectures on the history of the various parishes in our area have been given by two or three members to local organisations and have been greatly appreciated. In anticipation of considerable archaeological developments following the announcement of the route of the M.25 motorway, close contact has been maintained with a special Motorway Coordinating Committee held under the auspices of the Surrey Archaeological Society. With a view to publishing in due course a History of Ashted, a group of members and others are actively processing a large amount of material assembled by our late President, Captain A.W.G. Lowther.

8. Local Records.

The Society continues to acquire documents and photographs pertaining to our area, and the Committee wishes to thank all those who kindly gave this material to augment our records. With the advent of the M.25 and redevelopment of the centre of Leatherhead, much that is now familiar will shortly disappear, and photographs and slides of Leatherhead as it is today are urgently required if it is not to go unrecorded. The Hon. Records Secretary will gladly accept any suitable material and will be pleased to show members the Society's collection of photographs, maps, etc., by arrangement (Telephone Bookham 58722).

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A list of the books which may be borrowed on application to the Society's Honorary Librarian, Mr. Gilbert, 34 Greenacres, Great Bookham; Tel. 54956.

- Amateur Historian, Vols. 1 & 2  
Ashted Parish Magazine 1887- 1910  
(Atkinson, R.J.C.) Field Archaeology  
(Bond, Francis) Screens and Galleries in English Churches  
Bookham Bulletin, 1951-1956  
(Bourne, George) Memoirs of a Surrey labourer  
(British Museum) Flint Implements  
Church guides to St. Mary & St. Nicholas with All Saints, Leatherhead  
St. Mary, Stoke d'Abernon  
(Clinch & Kershaw) Bygone Surrey  
Council for British Archaeology Research Reports:  
5. Romano-British pottery kilns  
6. Romano-British coarse pottery  
(Dallas, J.E.S.) Anglo-Saxon work in our churches  
Notes on the Woodlark  
Plant Life in the Alps  
(Gardner, Eric) Bronze Age urns of Surrey  
(Green, W.C.) Old Cottages and Farmhouses of Surrey  
Guildford Museum, a short guide  
(Hart Smith-Pearse, Rev. T.H.) A Flora of Epsom and its neighbourhood  
(Historical Association) Local History Handlist  
(H.M.S.O.) Guide to the Public Records, Introduction  
(Humphreys, D.W.) Local history in School  
(Jane, L.C.) The Chronicle of Jocelin of Brakelond  
(Jennings, L.J.) Fieldpaths and green lanes in Surrey and Sussex  
(Kenyon, K.M.) Excavation at the Jewry Wall site, Leicester  
(Kiralfy, A.K.R.) A source-book of English Law  
(Leatherhead Chamber of Commerce) Pictorial Guide to Leatherhead  
1936 Shopping Week Guide

Leatherhead & District Local History Society.

Individual parts of the Proceedings may be borrowed upon written request to Mr. Gilbert. The Society's collections of maps, photographs, documents (including other books) may be seen on application to the Hon. Records Secretary (Mr. Bruce, 7 Fox Lane, Little Bookham, Tel. 58722).

(Leatherhead Commercial Association) Lovely Leatherhead

Leatherhead Parish Magazine 1945-1956

Leatherhead Residents' Association Magazine 1955-1966

(Leatherhead Urban District Council) Holidays at home programme, 1944.  
The Leatherhead district.

(Lees-Milne, J.) National Trust guide: Buildings  
The National Trust

(London Naturalists' Society) Surveys of Bookham Common, 1945-1947

(Lowther, A.W.G.) Excavations at Caesar's Camp, Wimbledon

Iron Age pottery from Wisley

Patterns on Roman flue tiles and their distribution

Excavation of a Roman site at Farnham

Roman villa at Sandilands Road, Walton-on-the-Hill

Romano-British site on the downs at Ashted

Tree-rings and Archaeology

(Mawer, Gover and Stenton) The Place-names of Surrey

(Moll, Herman) A new description of England and Wales (1724)

(Morris, C.) The journeys of Celia Fiennes

(National Council of Social Services) A plan for the study of local history.

The compilation of county bibliographies.

A directory of authorities & Organizations.

Notes on the recording of local history <sup>them</sup>

Local history exhibitions and how to present /

A selection of books on English local history.

How to write a parish guide.

Discovering the past.

A handbook of mediaeval ecclesiastical terms.

(National Trust) Guide to Hatchlands

Wonsuch Antiquarian Society, Bulletins (1964 - )

(Oakley, K.P.) Man the tool-maker

(Parker, E.) The County Books - Surrey

(Powell, T.G.E.) The Celts

(Pyddoke, E.) Stratification for the archaeologist

- (Rees, A.) A Cyclopaedia or Universal Dictionary of arts, science and Literature (1819) Not to be borrowed
- (Rowe, J.) A handbook of Dorking
- (Ruby, A.T.) The Manor of Patchesham, Leatherhead
- SAGA - St. Andrews School magazine 1948-1951
- (Steer, F.W.) Memoires, letters and a postscript of James Dallaway (1763-1834)
- Surrey Archaeological Society: Bulletins (1965 - )  
 Collections vols. 37 - (1926 - ) with indexes  
 Reigate: its story through the ages  
 ancient stained and painted glass in the churches  
 of Surrey  
 Mesolithic survey of the West Surrey greensand  
 Mesolithic site at Abinger Common  
 The Mesolithic of southern England
- Surrey County Council: Leatherhead District Youth Handbook  
 Order Book and Sessions Rolls 1659-1661
- Surrey County Journal - Vols. 1 - 3
- Surrey Magazine Vols. I - II
- Surrey Record Society Chertsey Abbey cartulary and court rolls  
 Kingston-on-Thames bridgewardens' accounts 1526-67  
 Surrey archdeaconry call book 1581-2  
 Guildford borough records 1514-46  
 Wimbledon vestry minutes 1736-48  
 Lambeth churchwardens' accounts and vestry book 1504-1645  
 Mitcham Settlement Examinations 1784-1814
- (Tate, W.E.) The Parish Chest
- Teach Yourself Archaeology
- (Thomson, G.S.) Life in a noble household, 1641-1700
- (Timbs, J.) Picturesque promenade round Dorking
- (Wake, J.) How to compile a history and present-day record of village life
- (Ward, Rev. A.) The Scene of Wesley's last sermon
- (Watson, Rev. J.) Memoires of the ancient Earls of Warren and Surrey (1782)
- (White, K.) History of England (Surrey extract)
- (Willis, C.S.) A short history of Ewell and Nonsuch
- (Winbolt, S.E.) Britain B.C.
- (Woolley, L.) Digging up the past

COACH OUTINGS

Please return these tear-off slips to:-

E.S. BARNWELL, 16 Eastwick Park Avenue, Great Bookham. Tel. 54947  
or any of the following Local Booking Agents:-

Ashted: Mrs. Fuller, 4 Alexander Godley Close.

Leatherhead: Mrs. J. Parry, 58 Kingscroft Road.

Fetcham: Mr. G. Hayward, "Ypriana", Cobham Road.

(almost opposite Shamrock Stores)

Bookham: Mr. M.A. Snellgrove, 8 Oakdene Close, Great Bookham.

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IRONBRIDGE, 22nd September 1974

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Please book .....Seats at £1.65 per person

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ELY, Saturday 13th July 1974

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STONEHENGE, OLD SARUM, SALISBURY, Sunday 16th June 1974

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WALPOLE HOUSE, STRAWBERRY HILL, SATURDAY 1st June 1974

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DULWICH VILLAGE, Saturday 18th May 1974

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