

# Leatherhead and District Local History Society

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Dear Member,

We are drawing near to the festive season - a time when we try to unwind and perhaps call a temporary halt to plans and projects in favour of a period of gaiety, rest and reflection. A great deal of reflection has been going on in the Society and we hope that 1975 will prove an exceptionally interesting year for our members. One of our thoughts has been directed towards bringing up to date our records of membership, and enclosed with this letter you will find a short membership form. We should be pleased if you would co-operate by completing for the year 1975 this form and return it or hand it to Mrs. M.Fuller at 4 Alexander Godley Close, Ashtead.

## Subscription 1975

You are reminded that the subscription of £1.25p falls due on the 1st January and should be paid in cash or by cheque (payable to Leatherhead & District Local History Society) at Lloyds Bank Ltd., North Street, Leatherhead. Your full name and address should be clearly shown on a slip or letter at the time of payment. For the convenience of those desiring to pay by Bankers Order, a form is attached which should be completed and handed to your Bank after separation from the membership form.

## "Surrey History"

This illustrated book compiled by the Surrey Local History Council has been well received and No.2 of Volume 1 is available. We recommend this to members at the privilege price of 25p + 5p postage (price outside the Society is 40p). The first book is still available at the same price. Orders please with remittance to T.E.C.Walker, Esq., F.S.A., Spring Grove, Water Lane, Cobham, Surrey. Material is being assembled for future issues and if any members can offer a contribution, please would they write direct to K.Gravett, Esq., F.S.A., 85 Seaforth Avenue, New Malden, Surrey.

## Programme for 1975

We believe you will agree that this programme is likely to be the best ever for the Society, and this is the result of discussions within the programme sub-committee. The chief architect who makes the programme work is your Programme Secretary, Eric S. Barnwell, and very few people will know how much effort and time he has put into this task, which nevertheless he has found very enjoyable. In commending Eric we must not forget to express our thanks to another member, Morris A. Snellgrove, who has been a tower of strength and help in organising and running two of the trips this year, and who is even now preparing a tour for next year around "Dallaway" country.

Whilst we shall always try to keep the accent on local history, we must venture forth into other territory whenever we wish to see good examples of all aspects of history. Hence our visit to Ironbridge this year, Bodiam Castle a few years ago, the Canal Museum at Stoke Bruerne, the tramway museum at Crich and so on. Some examples we have just to leave to individual effort - it would take more than a day trip to visit a Cornish tin mine!

Note - wherever the intricate details of a lecture or visit are not shown we shall expand more in the February Newsletter.

### Friday 17th January

Film Evening - an opportunity to see films which were produced during war time in Leatherhead.

### Friday 21st February

Talk on the Iron Age Hill Forts of Anstiebury and Holmbury Excavations 1972-4 with slides. We are fortunate in having this talk given by Mr.F.H.Thompson, F.S.A., who is Assistant Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries of London and a notable authority in this field.

Saturday afternoon  
8th March.

Visit to historic Greenwich by coach leaving Leatherhead 13.00 hours. A chance to visit the Cutty Sark/Gipsy Moth and the National Maritime Museum. Arriving home about 18.30 hrs. Coach fare 90p, no admission charge to museum, 20p at Cutty Sark. Tea and snacks available on the pier. Names to Programme Secretary or his agents not later than 8th February.

An evening in late  
March

Annual General Meeting. Date and venue to be announced in next Newsletter.

Saturday afternoon  
19th April

Walk round Ockham. The Ockham Local History Society have kindly promised to introduce us to their district. Time and rendezvous to be given in the next Newsletter. Anyone requiring a lift can be accommodated as usual.

Saturday 17th May

All day coach trip to Dover Castle and district led by D.F.Renn, F.S.A. Details and booking form next Newsletter.

Sunday 15th June

A Dallaway Pilgrimage, a full day's visit by coach led by Morris A. Snellgrove around the Arun valley where James Dallaway, a former Vicar of Leatherhead, spent part of his life. We shall finish at Arundel for tea.

July & September

Arrangements incomplete - details in next Newsletter.

October

Our Dallaway lecture next year will be given by our previous Chairman, Mr.D.F.Renn, F.S.A., subject and venue to be announced.

November

We hope for this month to have a talk by Miss Joan Harding, F.S.A., who is an authority on buildings.

December

The Leatherhead Miscellany as usual.

Meeting place for lectures

All lectures begin at 8.00 p.m. in the Red Cross Hall, Oaks Close, near Leatherhead Station unless shown otherwise. There is plenty of parking space in the car park in Randalls Road at this time of evening.

Coach trips

For the all day trips we recommend taking a packed lunch as we cannot always guarantee food and drink at mid-day. Booking forms will be included in the next Newsletter except for the Greenwich trip which should be booked by the 8th February 1975 either direct to E.S.Barnwell, 16 Eastwick Park Avenue, Great Bookham or in the other districts to Mrs. G. Parry, 58 Kingscroft Road, Leatherhead; Mrs. M. Fuller, 4 Alexander Godley Close, Ashted, or Mr. G. Hayward, Ypriana, Cobham Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead.

Programme Secretary

Eric barnwell has informed the Committee that he does not wish to be nominated for this position at the Annual General Meeting in March next year and has been helpful in giving us this advance notice. He is not leaving the district, and we are glad to say will still be very much with us inasmuch as he has offered to continue to assist anyone, man or woman, who feels they would like to take over this satisfying post. The Committee, of course, would also be at hand to advise and assist. Could anyone wish for a better start in a deeper involvement in our activities? Details can be obtained from E.S.Barnwell or the Secretary.

1974 Miscellany - December 6th at Red Cross Hall

We have a programme for the evening but do not forget to bring along any object or document of antiquity found in or around your home in this district. If you have an interesting slide or two, perhaps taken on one of our trips, we can show them.

### Keeping in Touch

Some of the items discussed in Committee since the last Newsletter were: European Architectural Heritage Year 1975, with reference to Leatherhead. The need for a museum in Leatherhead. Formation of an advisory Council to guide the activities of the Society. Preparation of short, popular histories of each parish.

### Carnegie United Kingdom Trust

This is administered by The Historical Association and we are asked to mention that grants can be awarded to approved organisations or groups on recommendations submitted by The Historical Association. These are intended to cover expenditure incurred in carrying out original work in local history and the terms have been widened recently to include the cost of work done on documents as a preliminary to outdoor work.

Details are too lengthy to include in full in this letter but can be obtained from your Secretary.

### The Proceedings, Vol.3 No.8

This number, now in the printer's hands, will contain considerably more pages than recent issues have done. This is due in large measure to a continuation of the process of printing with translation the early manorial records of Leatherhead which was begun in Vol.2 No.6 (1962), when the earliest known Court Roll (dated 1319) was edited by Mr. John Harvey, F.S.A. Mr.W.J. Blair has now undertaken the task of continuing the series, and the forthcoming issue of the Proceedings will contain three 14th century Rental Rolls of the manor of Pachenesham Parva translated and edited by him. It is hoped to continue this series as a regular feature and so provide the materials for a study of mediaeval Leatherhead. There will be much else of interest in the forthcoming issue, and though it will undoubtedly strain the financial resources of the Society, it will be carrying out the prime purpose for which it exists.

### Back numbers of The Proceedings

These can be obtained from Miss S.Hind, 33 Church Road, Leatherhead, Tel: Lea.72645, at a cost of £1.00 including postage in the U.K. The complete list of our remaining supply is as follows:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vol.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Quantity in stock</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Vol.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>quantity in stock</u>
1951	1	5	8	1967	3	1	25
1953	1	7	9	1968	3	2	28
1954	1	8	27	1969	3	3	20
1955	1	9	21	1970	3	4	6
1959	2	3	19	1971	3	5	70
1961	2	5	2	1972	3	6	74
1963	2	7	8	1973	3	7	173
1966	2	10	2				

### Leatherhead & District Countryside Protection Society

More recent members of the Local History Society may not be aware that it owes its origin to the Countryside Protection Society. At the present time Mr.S.E.D.Fortescue is Chairman of both societies, which though separate entities, have much in common. For instance the Countryside Protection Society has always concerned itself with the preservation of historic buildings (it owns two excellent examples in Leatherhead - Sweech House, Gravel Hill, and The Cottage, Bull Hill) and the Conservation Areas of this district follow suggestions originally made by that Society. The Countryside Protection Society is within measurable distance of its fiftieth year of existence and wishes to have 1,000 members to celebrate that anniversary. The Honorary Secretary is Mr. F.B.Benger (our Honorary Editor) and the minimum annual subscription is 20p. Address: Duntisbourne, Reigate Road, Leatherhead. Tel.72711.

### Formation of Junior History Society

This was briefly mentioned in our last Newsletter and we are pleased to say that this Society is now in existence at St. Andrew's R.C. Comprehensive School, Grange Road, Leatherhead. We received a programme which began in September and this covers a wide range of subjects. A welcome has been extended to any of our members who are available at the times shown on the /School. programme given below. Meeting place is the Sixth Form Common Room, St. Andrew's Thursday 16th January, 4.00 p.m., Mr.D.G.Bird, County Archaeological Officer on "Archaeology in Surrey".

Thursday 29th February, 4.00 p.m. Dr. Adelman on "Liberalism in the 20th Century"

Thursday 29th March 7.00 p.m. Dr.I.H.Nish, Dept. of History, International Affairs, London School of Economics on "The Japanese Occupation of Singapore".

Thursday 15th May, 4.00 p.m. Dr.A.de Reuck, Dept. of Linguistics & Regional Studies, Univ. of Surrey "How Diplomats Negotiate"

### Workers' Educational Association - Leatherhead & District Branch

We have received several copies of the autumn and winter programme which, although already in progress, may interest members. The subjects are (1) Railways Past, Present & Future. (2) English Country Houses. (3) Recent Discoveries in British Archaeology. Details from your Secretary.

### University of Surrey

Details are with your Secretary of a course on Mediaeval Archaeology which began in October. The lectures are on Thursday evenings at 7.30 in Lecture Theatre "E", University of Surrey, Guildford; the last one is the 12th December. We apologise for the fact that due to the lack of a Newsletter at the right time many of these courses have already begun, but this stems from our lack of an official called a Newsletter Editor - a volunteer would receive a warm welcome!

### Recent additions to the Society's Records

The most noteworthy addition came about as a result of the generous gift by member John Clark of xerox copies of the 1871 census of Great and Little Bookham (56 pages, 1335 names). This prompted the Executive Committee to purchase those for Leatherhead and Ashted. The Leatherhead census contains 102 pages of 2,455 names whilst Ashted has 38 pages of 906 names. Mr.J.G.W.Lewarne is obtaining Fetcham's returns for his own use but with access by the Society. There is enough material (names, ages, occupation and birth place) for half a dozen projects. It has been suggested that simple indexes consisting of just surnames and page numbers would be of great assistance to future researchers. Any volunteers? Mr. Clark also gave the Society copies of the relevant pages of various Directories dated 1798, 1826, 1832, 1839, 1851, 1862 and 1870 and copies of twelve pages and a map from "Magna Britannia" of 1730. In addition he gave copies of pages from newspapers dealing with a highway robbery at Gibbons (sic) Grove in 1827 and a murder on Leatherhead Common in 1834.

Young Mr. Blair has augmented the Records in several ways with a copy of the will of Robert Russell, vicar of Leatherhead in 1557; five wig curlers dug up in the garden of Wakefields; a Fulham-ware potsherd c.1720 with part of the Royal Arms, possibly made for the King's Arms Inn, (now Porter & Smart) Gt. Bookham, and sketches and plans and elevations of the demolished buildings 25/27 Bridge Street, Leatherhead.

Mrs. Broid of Gt. Bookham gave the Society a small Goss-type vase bearing the "unofficial" Leatherhead coat of arms in the arms of Merton College, Oxford.

Mr. Wear, also of Bookham, handed in a pair of pince-nez glasses in a case marked "T. Beech, Ophthalmic Optician, 9 High Street, Leatherhead."

Bookham Village Day in June 1974 included an exhibition on the local history of Bookham, and the Society assisted with the loan of photographs, maps and information. In return we were given a considerable number of original and copy photographs.

The above are some of the articles we have received this year and future Newsletters will continue to give details. Have you anything of interest to give the Society? If so Mr. David Bruce would be happy to receive them on behalf of the Society. The records can be seen by telephone arrangement on second Mondays in the month at Mr. Bruce's home, 7 Fox Lane, Little Bookham, Tel. No Bookham 58700.

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Fetcham, Leatherhead,  
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G. Hayward,  
Hon. Secretary

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

List of books for borrowing

- Amateur Historian, Vols. 1 & 2.  
Antiquaries Journal April 1942  
Ashtead Parish Magazine 1887 - 1910  
Ashtead Residents Association, The Ashtead Resident 1948 - 1972  
Atkinson, R.J.C., Field Archaeology  
Bond, Francis, Screens & Galleries in English Churches  
Bookham Bulletin, 1935, 1951-1958, 1966-1970, 1971-1974  
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  
Cornwall, I.W., Bones for the Archaeologist  
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  
Esher District Local History Society: Local History News April 1970 - July 1973  
Fetcham Parish Church Magazine, 1972, 1973, 1974.  
Gardner, Eric, Bronze Age Urns of Surrey  
Green, W.C., Old Cottages & Farmhouses of Surrey  
Guildford Museum, A short guide  
Hart-Smith-Pearse, The Rev. T.H., A Flora of Epsom and its neighbourhood  
Historical Association, Local History Handlist  
Humphreys, D.#., Local History in School  
Jane, L.C., The Chronicle of Jocelin of Brakelond  
Jennings, L.J. Fieldpaths and green lanes in Surrey & Sussex  
Kenyon, K.M. Excavations at the Jewry Wall site, Leicester  
Kiralffy, 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, 1972-1974  
Leatherhead Residents' Association Magazine 1955, 1969  
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  
Excavations of a Roman site at Farnham  
Roman villa at Sandilands Road, Walton-on-the-Hill  
Romano-British site on the downs at Ashtead.  
Tree rings and Archaeology  
Mawer, Gover and Stenton. The Place-names of Surrey  
Moll, Herman. A new description of England & Wales (1724)  
Morris, C. The journeys of Celia Fiennes  
The 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  
Local history exhibitions and how to present them  
A selection of books on English local history  
How to write a parish guide  
A handbook of mediaeval ecclesiastical terms

National Trust. Guide to Hatchlands  
 Nonsuch Antiquarian Society, Bulletins (1964-1973)  
 Oakley, K.P. Man the tool-maker  
 Parker, E. The County Books - Surrey  
 Phillips, W.E. Material from Beddlestead Green, Chelsham.  
 Powell, I.G.E. The Celts  
 Pre-Historic Society Proceedings for 1935 and 1936  
 Pyddoke, E. Stratification for the archaeologist  
 Rees, A. A Cyclopaedia or Universal Dictionary of arts, science and  
 Literature (1819) NOT TO BE BORROWED  
 Riewe, J. A handbook of Dorking  
 Ruby, A.T. The Manor of Padesham, Leatherhead  
 SAGA St. Andrews School magazine, 1948-1957  
 Saint Nicholas News. April 1957, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973.  
 The South-Eusten Naturalist and Antiquary Vols 16-17, 55, 60, 61, 64, 68, 70.  
 Steer, F.W. Memoires, letters and postscript of James Dallaway (1763-1834)  
 Surrey Archaeological Society Bulletins 1965-1968  
 1959 Annual Report  
 Collections, vols. 37 - (1926 -) with indexes  
 Surrey Archaeological Society Reigate, its story through the ages  
 Ancient stained & 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 1 - 11  
 Surrey Record Society. Chertsey Abbey cartulary & 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 & 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  
 Totham Leatherhead Group Magazine December 1930  
 Triangle 1968-1971  
 Ward, Rev. A. The Scene of Wesley's last sermon  
 Watson, Rev. J. Memoires of the ancient Earls of Warren & Surrey (1782)  
 White, K. History of England (Surrey extract)  
 Willis, C.S. A short history of Ewell & Nonsuch  
 Winbolt, S.E. Britain B.C.  
 Woolley, L. Digging up the past