

Dear Member,

I am reliably informed by Mrs. C. Barrett, our Membership Secretary, that our Society now boasts 351 members - an all time record! Without further ado I will lose no time in keeping this vast number in touch:-

THE PROGRAMME. All lectures at the Red Cross Hall, Oaks Close, near Leatherhead Station unless otherwise indicated. Time of meetings 8 p.m.

December 8th 1978. The Leatherhead Historical Miscellany (and mince pies & coffee).

1979

- January 19th - An illustrated lecture by Mr.R.J.WEBBER of the Brewers Society on the history of beer and brewing.
- February 23rd - An illustrated talk by Mr.K.W.E.GRAVETT entitled "Smaller Stuart and Georgian Houses."
- March 16th - Annual General Meeting - thanks to Mole Valley District Council Will be held again in the Council Chamber, Bull Hill, Leatherhead
- April 20th - Lecture by Mr.T.R.MOORE on "New Methods of Scientific Dating of Ancient Historic Events and Periods." Mr. Moore is Headmaster of Fetcham Middle School and an authority on this fascinating subject.
- October 10th - Dallaway Lecture. We are pleased to have been able to secure Mr. PETER MARSDEN, F.S.A., who will speak with authority on "Historic Treasure Wrecks." The meeting place we hope will be the City of London Freemen's School Hall at Ashtead Park - to be confirmed in the next Newsletter.

Preparatory work is still proceeding in connection with the Spring and Summer outdoor programme but we have the following in mind:-

- May 19th - Whole day visit to Kenilworth and Warwick castles under the guidance of Derek Renn, F.S.A.
- June 16th - Whole day outing to Peterborough Cathedral, Fotheringhay (where Mary Queen of Scots was executed) and Stamford, leader MORRIS SNELLGROVE.
- July 21st - Afternoon visit to the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton, Sussex.
- August ? - Saturday afternoon walk round one of our villages - possibly Bookham or Ashtead. We are open to your suggestions.

Confirming details of these outdoor events will appear in the February Newsletter but there is still time for your suggestions and criticisms which please send to Programme Secretary, Mr.E.S.Barnwell, 16 Eastwick Park Avenue, Great Bookham.

Additional Events

Coffee Mornings in aid of Museum Restoration. These will include an Exhibition, sale of publications and talks.

February 24th 1979 at the Village Hall, Fetcham, at 10.00 a.m.

March 3rd 1979 at the Baptist Hall, Great Bookham, at 10.00 a.m.

ROYSTON PIKE LECTURES

14th December 1978 The last of this series is on "Brooklands Motor Course" by ANDREW CHILD and DUDLEY GAHAGAN of the Brooklands Society. The lecture is in the King George's Hall, Esher, 8 p.m. Admission free.

MOLE VALLEY EVENING INSTITUTE

In our last Newsletter we promised further details of the lectures deferred until the winter term. Unfortunately, at the September enrolment, only two persons registered and the Committee have decided that the course would not be allowed to proceed unless at least twelve persons had made a firm enrolment. We will consider this subject again for 1979/1980.

Two courses, each lasting ten weeks, beginning February/March 1979 could be of great interest to our members.

Course PA 982 "DOING HISTORY", Fee £8. Highly practical, showing how to go about historical writing and research. This is for home study and there are three radio and three television programmes associated with this course. There is a project in which students are encouraged to make an historical study of some aspect of their own locality.

Course PA 984 "INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY", Fee £8. An introduction to the field of Industrial Archaeology again for home study in conjunction with three television Programmes. Each of the above courses include three computer-marked assignments and the successful completion of two leads to the award of a Letter of Course Completion (Short Course). The application period ends on 15th December 1978 and the address to apply to is: The Associate Student Central Office, The Open University, P.O. Box 76, Milton Keynes MK7 6AN

DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRACTICE Details of this diploma, consisting of seven separate certificates, can be obtained if desired through the Council for British Archaeology. The first examinations take place in the Summer of 1979 - courses are available. The registration fee is £15. and the cost of examination in each certificate is £15. (except Excavation Techniques £25.).

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

PEOPLE AND PLACES - GREAT & LITTLE BOOKHAM - Our Chairman, Mr.S.E.D.FORTESCUE, has again produced a book which we commend to you. See enclosed leaflet.

SURREY HISTORY - see the enclosed leaflet. We feel that every member should have this annual journal if only because it can add so much interest to visits by members to places of interest in Surrey. The latest issue is an attractive small book of 52 pages with many pictures. Please send your order with cheque for 50p payable to Phillimore & Co. Ltd. If you do not live in the Leatherhead History Society area please include stamps to the value of 15p for postage.

ASHTEAD - A VILLAGE TRANSFORMED - This book is still available to members at £2.50 if no postage is involved. Enquiries to Secretary.

THE DAME, THE PRISON AND THE PEWTERER - the Manor of Little Ashtead. Some copies still available to members at 50p each, if collected.

LEATHERHEAD TOWN TRAIL LEAFLET - available at our meetings at 6p - otherwise send a 6p stamp plus a foolscap envelope stamped 7p.

THE PROCEEDINGS - BACK NUMBERS - if ordered in quantity, minimum three, favourable prices can be quoted. Members should note that we anticipate that our older stocks, already small, will quickly disappear when the sales counter opens, in 1979, at the Museum.

CENSUS RETURNS FOR RUGBY, 1851, 1861 and 1871 - One of our members, Mr.L.P.JARMAN, 27 Oakfield Road, Rugby, Warwicks, has Xerox copies of the above and if any member wishes a search made by Mr. Jarman would be pleased to do so if a stamped reply envelope is enclosed. Rugby may seem a long way from Leatherhead but Mr. Jarman has extracted for our records a list of 23 persons who were born in Surrey.

PHOTOCOPYING - There is now a coin-operated machine at the Leatherhead Library, Cost per copy 5 pence.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

We regret to have received a letter of resignation from Mr. William MILLAR who has served us with distinction, but feels that retirement is now called for. We well understand his point of view and are deeply grateful to him for his long service.

Your Secretary has also indicated to the Committee that at the A.G.M. 1979 he will have served five years and would welcome a replacement. It has been a very interesting and satisfying task but with two children still at home and a regular 1½ hour working day he finds it increasingly difficult to meet deadlines, and is afraid that this may lead to inefficiency and a poor image for the Society. The amount of time needed to keep abreast of affairs can be as little as two hours

a week. The ideal secretary, man or woman, would be living and working locally, or an active retired person. Any volunteer can be assured of a teach-in period of a year with full support from the present Secretary and the Committee. There is a wonderful team spirit in the Committee and the Society has reached an exciting point in its history which should prove very stimulating for a future Secretary. Interested persons please communicate with Mr.S.E.D.FORTESCUE, Tel. Leatherhead 72847

COMMITTEE FOR THE HISTORY OF LEATHERHEAD

Further volunteers are required to make up a team to compile this future book. Researchers, writers and administrative helpers please communicate with Mr.S.E.D.Fortescue as above.

ASHTEAD - A VILLAGE TRANSFORMED

The later print of this book was not a second edition but it contained some corrections to the first print. Corrections to the first print were listed in our June 1978 Newsletter, and the following list contains further corrections applicable to prints. List is at the end of the Newsletter.

RICHARD HAYNES

We were saddened to hear of the death of the Secretary of our neighbour the Esher District Local History Society. He was on the threshold of retirement at 65 and was a tower of strength to our friends. One of his last tasks was the arranging of the visit by his society to Leatherhead in October. Our deep sympathy goes to his family and friends.

HAMPTON COTTAGE

One of the rewarding features of the work going on at the cottage has been the development of a team spirit of such excellence that this group has almost become an exclusive club. It has become the envy of those of us who are still in harness at work and volunteers are steadily becoming aware of this. No membership fee is payable to join this group, the only condition is that of being able to do simple manual tasks within or around the building. Those interested please contact Mr.P.G.HOW, Leatherhead 74941 or Mr.K.BEDDOE, Leatherhead 73668.

We are most grateful to these workers and also for the donations of money and articles from our members and the public. The walk in July produced £550 for the museum fund and we record here our thanks, especially to the supporters, and particularly to Mrs. Heather Rogers who carried out most efficiently her work as temporary Walk Treasurer.

It is hoped that before very long we can open the lower front room to the public and in this connection a rota of stewards who will also act as sales staff will be required. Volunteers will be fully briefed. Names please to Mr.D.BRUCE Telephone Bookham 58722.

Donations of cash and kind are still required, and to help stimulate interest we have mentioned at the end of our programme the coffee mornings and exhibitions to take place in the New Year at Fetcham and Bookham. Please give these functions the maximum of publicity in your area.

The work of restoring the cottage progresses. The roof is almost completed, the walls are being plastered and electrical wiring has been installed. The next major task is the laying of the surface of the ground floor.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Your Secretary is conscious of the fact that other Societies' Newsletters contain interesting historical notes and articles, although in many cases there is no supplementing annual publication such as our "Proceedings." It seems that this gap might be filled if members would perhaps raise an occasional query which could be shown in the Newsletter together with a suitable reply if the query could be solved immediately. If the answer was not forthcoming the query could be thrown over to members for their thoughts.

Other members might like to offer a short historical note. In this way we could develop a Notes and Queries Section more suitable for a flow of Newsletters than an annual publication. In addition, remember to report any unusual occurrences in our district such as the appearance of equipment for the purpose of demolishing

some familiar landmark of antiquity, even if it is only a garden wall.

1979 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION Again held at £2. per member. Please use the attached slip when sending your subscription which is due on 1st January.

The Christmas season rapidly approaches and I believe I have given you enough to think about and to do!

Thank you all for your past support; do come to the Miscellany on the 8th December, make the most of Eric Barnwell's programme for 1979, put your names down for the jobs to be filled as above and then you can put your feet up and really enjoy the Christmas break

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Hon. Secretary

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ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS TO ASHTEAD HISTORY

Page 16, last line. Insert '1933' after Willatts.

Page 17, line 7. Alter '250 feet' to '225 feet'.

Page 74, third paragraph of text, line 2, Insert '50' instead of '47'

Page 83, second complete paragraph, line 4. Instead of 'Sir Richard' insert
'Sir Robert'.

Page 84, Figure 10, last word of caption, insert 'K' in Kirkcudbrightshire.

Page 94, line 9. Delete '(later General)'.

Page 97, second complete para. line 2, insert '104 acres' instead of '194 acres'.

Page 97, last line but one. 'Rosary' should be 'Rosery'.

Page 113, fourth paragraph line 1. 'Oakwood Road' should be 'Oakhill Road'.

Page 121, last line of inset. Insert 'trunk' in place of 'strunk'.

Page 125, line 6. For 'who died in 1889' insert 'until 1889'.

Page 149, Figs. 22 & 23. Dates should be respectively 'c 1930' and 'c. 1935'.

Page 152, under occupier, George King...Field Allotment (316) A, insert
'(275)A11 1 32'

Page 221, Harding, Miss J.M., insert the year 1974.

Page 222, Paget. Delete the first Ashtead.