

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER 2/80

June 1980

Dear Member,

Following the Special General Meeting on 14th March 1980, a slight amendment to our Rules has been made. This is to comply with a request from the Inland Revenue Authorities in order that the Society may claim certain exemption from tax, and to Rule 12 these words should be added: "No amendment shall be made to the Rules which will cause the Society to cease to be a charity at law."

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting was held on the same date, resulting in a few changes to the Executive Committee, details of which, for 1980-81 and for easy reference, are attached to this Newsletter. The only name omitted from the current list of officers from last year's is that of Mrs Rice-Oxley, who happily has by no means left the Society. For the present she feels unable to fulfil a position on the Executive Committee, being busy on research and writing for the history of Leatherhead. That is not all: I recently found her acting as a steward at Hampton Cottage, and I know she still gives talks and helps David Bruce with Exhibitions. So I shall not just thank Mary for what she has already contributed, but for all that she continues to do, until the time comes when she feels able, once again, to stand for election to the Executive Committee.

Mr L. A. Smith was elected Vice-Chairman, a new appointment, but one which is very necessary to ease the responsibilities and share the duties, which have become increasingly onerous, of Stephen Fortescue, our Chairman. Laurie has been particularly active in the affairs of Hampton Cottage - see further on in this Newsletter for details of a Buffet Supper in aid of the Museum.

We also welcome as new members to the Executive Committee Mr H K Alderton, who has taken on the responsibility of Hon. Publicity Secretary; Miss J Fuller, Assistant Hon. Secretary and Mr N H West.

I was asked at the A.G.M. to be sure to include in the Newsletter the name and address of the Membership Secretary, to whom all subscriptions should be sent. This is Mrs C Barrett, of The Glen, Guildford Road, Great Bookham, Tel: Bookham 52937. Her name is, of course, on the attached list, and members might find it helpful to keep this list handy until next year, or a change of Committee.

Another important matter at the A.G.M. concerned subscriptions. These are to be raised to £3 per member as from 1st January 1981. Will members please arrange to amend their Bankers Orders or Direct Debits accordingly. It took a very long time for all these to be updated after the previous subscriptions increase, and it would really be appreciated and save a lot of time and trouble if members could ensure that from 1st January next the correct subscriptions were paid. As for 1980, if there are any subscriptions still outstanding, please forward £2 to Mrs Barrett at the earliest opportunity.

For the future, Mr E S Barnwell, the Programme Secretary, has once again arranged a full programme to the end of the year, as follows:

SATURDAY, 12th JULY A day in the West Country. There are still a few places available for this event, when we shall visit Dorchester, Maiden Castle, Tolpuddle and Moreton. Please telephone to Mr Barnwell, Bookham 54947, if you would like to come - cost £4.50.

SATURDAY, 26th JULY Walk round Little Bookham under the guidance of Stephen Fortescue, visiting the Manor House, Rectory, Church, Tithe Barn, Dawes Cottage and also the Grange Training Centre, where we have been kindly invited to take a cup of tea. Meet at 2.30 p.m. outside Little Bookham Church.

SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST The list for the visit to Crossways Farm is now full and the successful applicants have been advised.

MONDAY, 25th AUGUST This is the date of the Mole Valley Show in the grounds of Leatherhead Leisure Centre. The Society will mount an Exhibition and there should be much of interest to all.

SUNDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER Tour of the bridges of Leatherhead, under the guidance of Derek Renn. Meet outside Leatherhead Station (up side) at 2.30 p.m. Expected to take about 1½ hours and involve approximately two gentle miles.

SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER 1980 Local History Symposium at Dorking Halls. The subject this year is to be SPORTS IN SURREY, and once again this Society will participate.

FRIDAY, 10th OCTOBER THE ANNUAL DALLAWAY LECTURE at 8 p.m. at the City of London Freeman's School, Ashtead Park, by kind permission of the Headmaster. The speaker will be ROBIN McDOWALL, C.B.E., M.A., F.S.A., President of the Surrey Archaeological Society and his subject, illustrated with slides, "OUR CHURCHES, 150 YEARS AGO, AS SEEN BY THE HASSELLS".

THURSDAY, 30th OCTOBER The Friends of the Leatherhead Museum in Ashtead are organising a buffet supper, with wine, to raise money for the Museum. Supper will be followed by an illustrated talk by Mrs Joy Hallam on the Ashtead Potters, with samples of their work on display, and it is hoped that some of the potters will be present as guests.

The date is 30th October 1980, the time 8.00 p.m., and the place the Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane, Ashtead. Naturally, this event is not restricted to Ashtead members - all members and their guests will be welcome. Tickets, price £2.50 each, may be obtained by using the tear-off slip at the bottom of this page. Please make cheques payable to Leatherhead Museum Fund (to which all profit will go), and if you would like to help, please contact Mrs A. Elmer, 28 Glebe Road, Ashtead, Tel: Ashtead 75322.

FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER A talk about "Some aspects of Family History", presented jointly by John Clark and Geoff Hayward, both of whom are keen enthusiasts in tracing ancestors. At the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead at 8.00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER The Leatherhead Miscellany at the Red Cross Hall at 8.00 p.m. We should like to hear later on from members who could give short talks etc., on anything connected with Local History.

Finally, from Mr Barnwell, a brief word about our short local afternoon visits. The arrangement and presentation of these events involves the efforts of various members, and apart from those occasions when it was necessary to observe a limit, the response over the past year or so has sometimes been disappointing. Clashing with other local events, fetes, carnivals and the like is inevitable during the summer months, but please make a note of our Society's events and do make an effort to attend.

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WINE AND SUPPER PARTY - 30th OCTOBER 1980

To Mr L A Smith, Hazeldene, Glebe Road, Ashtead:

Please send tickets at £2.50 each, for which I enclose cheque (made payable to Leatherhead Museum Fund) for £ , together with a stamped, addressed envelope.

Name

N. B.

Address

If you are detaching this slip before 26th July, please make a note of the dates printed on the obverse side.

Mr Bruce, Chairman of the Museum Committee, has also kindly furnished me with his report on the Museum:

"The restoration of Hampton Cottage is now almost complete, only a few details remaining to be dealt with. The whole of the ground floor has been covered with hard-wearing carpet tiles, and it is planned to treat the middle upstairs room in the same way. The Study/Library in the top front room has one Indian carpet and rug, and is fully furnished with desk, chairs, bookcases and a filing cabinet, all donated by members and local firms. Even the top back room, to be used as an exhibition workroom and store, has a carpet and has also been equipped with a wash hand basin and an electric water heater. Display cabinets for the exhibition areas have come from various sources, and nearly every week some article of local interest is being handed in by visitors. Curtains will be fitted to the upstairs windows, primarily to help reduce the rather expensive heating bills during the winter.

"Several tasks remain to be done outside the building concerning gates, walls and fences, but the major job still outstanding is the paving of part of the rear garden. To do this several inches of soil will need to be removed and the York stone, already purchased, laid. The well in the garden will also need a few courses of bricks laid up to and above ground level to make it safe. All this has to be completed before the 'Official Opening' planned for early October, and anyone who would like to volunteer to help in this final effort should phone Bookham 58722, or call in to Hampton Cottage and discuss the matter with Laurie Smith or Alan Christian. Others may like to help in the planning and staging of the various exhibitions, and they should also phone the same number. Why not look in and see the progress that has been made? Hampton Cottage is open every Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., and most Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. - if we had more volunteers as stewards, it could be open every Tuesday. If you are available, please phone Joe Parry, Leatherhead 75359."

Incidentally, the pleasant little garden in front of Hampton Cottage has been planted by the kindness of the Brighter Leatherhead Society. One last word on the Museum - please give all the support you can to the Buffet Supper on 30th October and come and have an enjoyable evening.

We have quite a long list of new members whom we would like to welcome. We do hope they will enjoy belonging to the Society and partaking in the many activities on offer.

Leatherhead

Mrs M Newall
Dr J. Larkin
Miss E L Schrader
Mr F Kirby
Mrs J Quinnell
Mr N Chapman

Mrs M. H. Lewis
Mrs M Morgan Owen
Mr F W Lawrence
Mrs D Crane
Mr and Mrs G Freeman
Mr J W Middlemas
Mr and Mrs H Wollaston
Mr G Bixley
Mr R P Johnson
Mr A J Reynolds
Mr A J Lobb

Ashtead

Mrs I K Robinson
Mr and Mrs G Chater

Bookham

Mr M G Dennington
Mr H K Anderton
Mr Paul Alexander
Miss Cheston

Fetcham

Mr R Winslade
Mrs K M Gollin

Miss M R Dowdall
Mr and Mrs P Young

also, Mr D Charlwood, Sherington, Worcs.

You may recall that in the February Newsletter Mr C Haskins raised a question about Bus Outstations. Mr Alan Gillies kindly sent me a copy of his reply, and I feel sure that members would appreciate sharing this:

"I am fascinated by your query in the recent Local History Society Newsletter. It would seem that the chief outstation was at the "Swan Inn", which I believe occupied the present site of Taylors' shop just by the traffic lights. This had a capacity of six vehicles and was

occupied from 16 November 1921 until 31 December 1924. Although Leatherhead Bus Garage was opened in 1925, additional parking was used from 1923 onwards at the "Bull" in Station Road, and at the Mid-Surrey Motor Works, near the new garage site. This information is taken from pages 57 and 122 of "East Surrey" by Bell Street, published in 1974 by H J Publications, St Albans. This book is a real treasure house of information, and I will mention some other sources which you may care to investigate: There are chapters dealing with country bus services in the two volumes "A History of London Transport", by T C Barker and Michael Robbins, published by George Allen & Unwin. As with "The London & South Western Railway" by Williams, however, I have almost given up hoping that the third and final volume will ever appear! London Country Bus Services Ltd published a useful little pamphlet, "1911-1971, 60 years of service to the travelling public of East Surrey". There was also a fascinating little pamphlet on Dorking, issued by the L G O C in c.1926. This described places which could be reached by bus from Dorking. There were some excellent old photographs included therein. "The London Country Bus" by J S Wagstaff, Locomotion Papers Number 42, Oakwood Press, 1968, contains but a short chapter on the East Surrey. You may like to look at my chapter on "Roads and Road Services" in "Ashted - a village transformed", published by LDLHS. I think that all services through Ashted must also have served Leatherhead. I do not know how far back in time your researches go, but there are some interesting snippets on coach services to London, which must have passed through (even if they did not serve) Leatherhead and Ashted, in "Memories of Old Dorking", edited by Margaret K Kohler, published by Kohler and Coombes in 1977. These relate to horse-drawn services. There are references and timings of coach services between London and the South Coast, for instance, in "Epsom - its history and surroundings", by Gordon Home, 1901, reprinted by S R Publishers in 1971. A source for local bus photographs is Mr George Robbins, 178 Stoneleigh Avenue, Worcester Park. He supplied me with a print of the 418, alleged to have been taken on the first day of service, possibly at the Bookham terminus. Mr C F Wells, 76 Sandilands Road, Walton-on-the-Hill, has a mass of information on individual bus routes. Following the opening of the railway through Guildford, Dorking and Redhill in 1849, coaches were run from Leatherhead to link with some London services at the original Boxhill Station (now Deepdene). Similar coach services linked Leatherhead with trains at Epsom. The railway did not reach Leatherhead (Kingston Road) until 1859; "Bus services and local history" by A G Newman. "Local Historian" Vol 13, No 5, February 1979 pp 280-286 refers. You probably know that about 1900 there were suggestions for bringing trams to Leatherhead. I am pretty sure that it would have been an extension of the system from Kingston by way of Hook and Chessington. I am not sure, however, how firm a proposal was made; I have not yet checked whether it was included in any Bill or Act."

What a wealth of information! Queries, and responses to same, do stimulate interest and are always welcome. So if you have any, on any subject of local history, please do not hesitate to let us know.

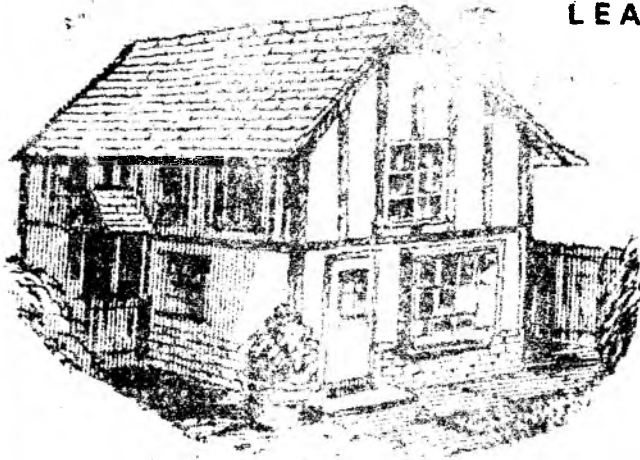
The 1979 Proceedings, Vol 4, No 3, have recently been distributed. Thanks are once again due to our Editor, Mr Benger, and I feel sure members will be pleased to know that Mr John Blair has completely re-written his survey on early Leatherhead, which will shortly be issued as an Occasional Paper.

Finally, my thanks to all those concerned with contributing to the production and distribution of Newsletters. I am very grateful for all your help.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Vracas
Hon. Secretary

As mentioned at the last A. G. M., we are now enclosing a copy of the Certified Accounts of the Museum :-



LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

Reg. Charity No. 273978.

HAMPTON COTTAGE,
63, CHURCH STREET,
LEATHERHEAD,
SURREY.

Please reply to :-

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1979

<u>Income</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Donations and money-raising events	2,203.16	1,170.97
Loans *(Repayable 1998)	* 2,000.00	NIL
Interest from Investments	113.07	132.69 (a)
Interest from Bank Deposit Account	51.68	126.68
	<u>4,367.91</u>	<u>1,430.34</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Administration - Publicity Expenses	80.00	46.20
Investments	200.00	178.58 (b)
Repayment of Loans	NIL	500.00
Renovation of Hampton Cottage:-		
Material Costs	1,078.85	1,118.64
Labour Costs	2,400.00	NIL
	<u>3,758.85</u>	<u>1,843.42</u>
Bank balance at beginning of year	964.51	1,573.57
Excess of Income over Expenditure	609.06	NIL
Excess of Expenditure over Income	NIL	413.08 -
	<u>1,573.57</u>	<u>1,160.49</u>
Donations held by History Society not yet transferred	180.25	63.27
	<u>1,753.82</u>	<u>1,223.76</u>

Auditors Report

I certify that I have made an examination of the books and records of the Trust and that the foregoing Statement is in accordance therewith and in my opinion is correct.

A. M. Mansley

Accountant & Auditor
Great Bookham, Surrey.

I declare that the foregoing Statement of Accounts is correct.

J. R. Bull

J.R. Bull
Treasurer of the Trust.

Date: 23rd November 1979

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

H. J. MEARS
"BEVERLEY"
43 THE GLADE, FETCHAM
LEATHERHEAD, SURREY
BOOKHAM 53071

31st October, 1979

MUSEUM FUNDS

Summary of the Museum Funds which have been incorporated in the general funds of the above Society during the period 1.10.78 to 30.9.79:-

	Brought Forward from previous Statement as at 30.9.78	£ 59 59
	Plus further donations received to the end of 1978	<u>72 25</u>
		131 84 ✓
	Less Insurance Premium paid October to cover risk during construction of roof £15 ✓	
	Also Fire Insurance premium paid Nov. £25.50 - 40 50 ✓	<u>91 34</u> ✓
	Receipts for 1979 to 30th September 1979 (Making total for financial year £328.27)	<u>256 02</u> ✓
		347 36
	Less	
	To S.E. Electricity Board in Feb. £8.34	
May	Further Insurance Premium for Fire Risk based on increased rateable value, 9.95	
"	Tip to Caretaker Fetcham Village Hall 1.00	
"	Cost of Posters etc. for Exhibition 7.80	
Sept.	Purchase of Mug and Medal for Museum <u>7.00</u>	<u>34 09</u> ✓
		313 27 ✓
	Less Transferred to Museum Deposit A/C	
	5th May 1979 200.00	
	18th Sept 1979 <u>50.00</u>	<u>250 00</u> ✓
	Balance in Hand held for the Museum Trust	£ <u>63 27</u> ✓

Certified Correct


Hon. Treasurer

N O T E S

- (a) £1,000 (nominal) 15½% Treasury Stock 1998
£200 10½% Exchequer Stock 1998
- (b) £200 (nominal) 10½% Exchequer Stock 1998

N.B.

The above-mentioned Stock, totalling £1,400 nominal value has been acquired as part of a planned investment program to ensure the eventual repayment of our principal debt of £7,500.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



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1. President	J.G.W. Lewarne, 69 Cobham Road, FETCHAM.	L'HEAD 73736
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