High Point
The Mount
Fetcham, Surrey

February 1981

Dear Member.

The restoration of Hampton Cottage, as I am sure you know, is now virtually complete due to the hard work of the team now led by Laurie Smith. The main outstanding works are the restoration of the lavatory and the setting out of the garden, which the volunteer force will undertake.

No contribution has been made from any public funds to the cost of the restoration works. However, to clear two outstanding interest-free short-term loans and the cost of the remainder of the works, the Society will need £1,900.

I am retiring as Chairman of the Society after seven years, and I am most anxious that the new Chairman of the Society can look forward to the future without any financial worries. Members of the Society have given me splendid support in the restoration of Hampton Cottage and I am now asking for one final effort. The Society has over 350 members, and if each made a small contribution the problem would be solved.

If you feel you can assist, perhaps you will add your contribution when you pay your subscription; or send it direct to Mr John Bull, 98 Woodfield Lane, Ashtead.

S E D Fortescue

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58 The Mount
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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 34th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 8 pm on Friday, 13 March 1981 in the Council Chamber of the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead. Coffee will be available between 7.30 and 8 pm.

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting (copy enclosed)
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Report (copy enclosed)
- 5. Presentation of accounts to 31 December 1980 (copy enclosed)
- 6. Election of officers and committee for 1981
- 7. Proposed increase of subscription for 1982
- 8. Any other business

All officers and committee members retire at the Annual General Meeting. All are willing to stand for re-election with the exception of:

Mr S E D Fortescue - Chairman Mrs M Fuller - Sales Secretary

Nominations for the committee should be sent to the Secretary not later than 10 March 1981, stating:

- the name of the naminee
- the names of the proposer and seconder
- the office for which nomination has been made
- that the nominee has expressed his/her willingness to serve if elected.

MEMBERSHIP

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mrs I V Butler - Leatherhead Mr & Mrs B Devitt - Leatherhead Mr P A Clarke - Leatherhead Miss P Heskins - Fetcham Mrs M Clifton - Great Bookham Mr R Rawson - Leatherhead Mr R Roberton - Great Bookham Mr H J Davies - Ashtead

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We look forward to receiving any subscriptions for 1981 still outstanding. A remittance slip is on the back page of the Newsletter to help you in sending them to us.

We are particularly grateful to those members who have added a donation when they have paid their subscriptions.

HAMPTON COTTAGE

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a letter from the Chairman, which needs no explanation. This is the last time Mr Fortescue will make such an appeal as our Chairman, and we hope the response will be overwhelming.

OUR PROGRAMME NOTES FOR SPRING & SUMMER 1981

Mr Barnwell, our Programme Secretary, has completed the arrangements for our spring and summer programme, and has written these notes for us.

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH

An illustrated lecture on the RIVER MOLE by L W D Lloyd of Esher. 8 pm at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead.

FRIDAY, 24 APRIL

An illustrated lecture on the former world famous Motor Racing Circuit BROOKLANDS to be given by Mr D H Gahagan of the Brooklands Society. 8 pm; Red Cross Hall. Leatherhead.

SATURDAY, 30 MAY

An all day outing to FARNHAM followed by a trip down the Basingstoke Canal. Details below.

SATURDAY, 20 JUNE

A tour of the National Trust Gardens at Claremont, Esher, under the guidance of Mr G Robertson, National Trust Land Agent. Meet in Gardens Car Park 2.30 pm.

SATURDAY, 4 JULY

Visit to Selborne under the guidance of Geoff Hayward. Details below.

SATURDAY, 18 JULY

Walk round Effingham organised by Mary Rice Oxley, who has several fresh places in mind to take in during our tour. Meet outside the Church at 2.30 pm.

SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER

All day visit by coach to Colchester (where the Romans first settled in Britain) and Hedingham Castle, under the guidance of Derek Renn. Details below.

FARNHAM VISIT

We shall leave Leatherhead at 9 am and first visit Farnham Castle for a specially guided tour of the Great Hall, the Bishop's and Norman Chapels and the Norman Kitchen etc. This part of the Castle is in use by the Centre for International Briefing and is not normally open to the general public on Saturdays. There will be a charge of 25p per person here. The Ruins of the Keep, now in the hands of the DoE, can also be visited.

Thereafter we shall proceed to the Malting Car Park for coffee etc., and from there Mr E Godsil, aided by his helpers, will conduct us on a tour of Farnham Town including the Museum. After lunch we shall proceed to Colt Hill Bridge, near Odiham, for a trip down the Basingstoke Canal aboard the Canal Narrow Boat 'John Pinkerton'. This trip will take approximately $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours, after which we can return to Farnham preparatory to starting out again for home.

IMPORTANT. The whole outing covering coach fare and boat fare will cost £5 per person. It must be stressed, however, that the Canal trip will only be possible if we can guarantee at least 40 members and above all is subject to the Boat being available on the day of our outing. This means that in order to avoid disappointment we must book the boat at the very earliest moment. On the page back is a booking slip which should be returned to the Programme Secretary by 28 March LATEST. After that date subject to availability. A great deal of work has been put into the organisation of this event, notably by the people of Farnham, so that I do hope we shall receive sufficient support to make the event practicable. There will in addition be a fee of 25p per person due to the Farnham Visitors Council which will be collected on the coach together with the Castle fee.

Don't delay - do it now.

SELBORNE VISIT

It has been 10 years since we last visited Selborne, home of the Naturalist The Church is well worth a visit and also the Gilbert White and Oates Museum. However, as on the last occasion, Geoff Hayward will be Meet outside the Churchyard at 2.30 pm. There is a very good Hostelry nearby for refreshment should you arrive early. Selborne is easy to find. Proceed via Guildford, Hogs Back, Farnham (Bypass) and thence to the Alton Bypass for a left turn where Selborne is but a short distance along the A3006. It would be useful to know how many people will be making the trip and also the availability, if any, of spare seats, so the return of the attached slip would be appreciated.

COLCHESTER VISIT

We shall leave Leatherhead at 7.45 am and proceed straight to Colchester where there are many historic points to visit under the advice of Derek Renn. lunch we shall go on to Castle Hedingham, said to have been one of the strongest castles in England. The Church here is well worth a visit. We shall start again for home at about 5.30 pm. The Coach fare will be £4.75 per person & will include entrance fee to the

Castle. Booking slip

AND A FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The following items have been borrowed. Would members please be kind enough to return them to me at High Point, The Mount, Fetcham, telephone Leatherhead 72847:

- A complete set of the Proceedings
- A small barrel with the initials EB stamped on one end
- A precis of the Deed of Trust entered into by Dr. Shortridge effecting the intention of Mr Shiers

Joyce Fuller February 1981

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY HELD ON 14 MARCH 1980. AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BULL HILL, LEATHERHEAD

Mr J G W Lewarne, President, took the Chair and the meeting began at 8 pm. After a brief explanation by Mr Fortescue of the purpose of the meeting, it was proposed by Mr John Bull and seconded by Mr Power that Rule 12 be amended by the addition of the following words:

"No amendment shall be made to the Rules which will cause the Society to cease to be a charity at Law."

This proposal was passed unanimously.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Special Meeting closed.

MINUTES OF THE 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY HELD ON 14 MARCH 1980, AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BULL HILL, LEATHERHEAD Mr J G W Lewarne remained in the Chair, and the meeting commenced immediately after the Special General Meeting. Thirty seven members attended, and apologies for absence had been received from Sir Ronald Wates, Messrs Benger, Beddoe, Dalton, How and Read, I & Mrs Mountain, Mesdames Lamottee, Millar and Vardey.

- 1. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were taken as aread, and, after amendment, were proposed by Alderman Farmer, seconded by Miss Burrough, unanimously passed as correct, and signed by Mr Lewarne.
- 2. There were no matters arising.
- 3. <u>Presentation of Executive Committee's Report</u>
 The Report had been circulated, and Mr S E D Fortescue, Chairman of the Executive Committee, further commented regarding:

Publications

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"History of Leatherhead" was progressing under the guidance of the Editor, Mrs Vardey and volunteers.

"Discovering Early Leatherhead" had been completely rewritten by Mr John Blair, and was with the Hon Editor (Mr Benger) for publication.

"Ashtead Potters" was in draft for possible publication as an Occasional Paper.

1979 Proceedings were with the printers and early distribution was anticipated.

Hampton Cottage

A third appeal had recently been made, realising £850 to date. A further £3,500 was required.

Programme

Future events would again be organised by Mr E S Barnwell, to whom the Society was very grateful.

Committee

It was with much regret that the Committee were losing Mrs Rice-Oxley who felt that, whilst she was working on the "History of Leatherhead" she could not continue on the Committee.

Acceptance of the Annual Report was proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Bull, and agreed.

4. Presentation of Accounts to 31 December 1980
The Accounts had been circulated. Mr H J Mears (Hon Treasurer) explained that the Bank Deposit Account contained two loans, each of £1,000, and that the Current Account balance reflected an inflated position, due to the fact that a cheque for £1,332 issued

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prior to 31 December 1979, had not been cleared by that date.

Dr Renn enquired whether the new projector purchased by the Society during the year, was insured. He was assured that it was.

Mr Smith congratulated the Hon. Treasurer on the clear presentation of the Accounts. The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Mr Poulter, seconded by Mr Gillies, and agreed.

5. Election of Officers and Committee for 1980

Mr Lewarne, on behalf of the Society, expressed his regret at Mrs Rice-Oxley's retirement. He thanked her for all the valuable work she had done (now and in the past) and hoped that at some time she would feel able to stand for re-election.

Mr Lewarne thanked the Executive Committee as a whole for their work during the past year. He also asked members to volunteer if they felt they could help in any wav with any of the Society's many activities.

The Executive Committee for 1980 was nominated as follows:

Chairman S E D Fortescue Mr Bull Alderman Farmer Vice-Chairman L A Smith Mrs Fuller Mr Barnwell (new appointment) Secretary Mrs R M Vracas Mrs Bull Mr Hayward Treasurer H J Mears Mr Poulter Mr Hayward Asst. Treasurer John Bull Mrs Vracas Mr Walker Asst. Secretary Miss J Fuller Mr Bruce Mr Bull (who volunteered from the floor of the meeting) Programme Secretary Mrs C Barnwell Mr Gillies Mr Hayward Membership Secretary Mrs C Barrett Mr Barnwell Mr Bruce Sales Secretary Mrs M Fuller Mr Poulter Mrs Vracas Fditor F S Benger Mr Hayward Mrs Vracas Records Secretary D Bruce Mr Gillies Mr Smith Librarian J Gilbert Mr Mears Mr Bull Public Relations H K Alderton Mr Fortescue Mrs Barrett Committe Members R A Lever)			Proposed	<u>Seconded</u>
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The Executive Committee was elected unanimously.

Mr Fortescue added that there remained two vacancies for co-opted members, and that the Committee would co-opt Mr N H West at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Election of Hon. Auditor

Mr A H Kirkby was again willing to stand. He was thus proposed by Mr Bull, seconded by Mrs Barrett, and all agreed to his appointment. Mr Lewarne said the Society was most grateful to Mr Kirkby and requested that the Treasurer write a letter to the Hon Auditor expressing these feelings.

6. Raising the subscription rate

Mr G Hayward felt that the Society should be congratulated on maintaining the subscription at £2 for five years and hoped that the proposed new subscription of £3 would also be held for a considerable time.

Mr Gillies was amazed that the subscription could be kept so low, and he too considered that the Society should be grateful to the Committee in this respect. He did, however, wonder whether £3 was going to be sufficient in view of rising costs. Mr Fortescue replied that the point had been taken, but that it would not pay to frighten off new members by too high a subscription, and that proportionately, the greater the membership, the cheaper the Proceedings, which were a costly item for the Society.

In Fortescue remarked that the Society had over 80 volunteers giving their services on various projects, many of whom did not even claim expenses. Mr Bull reminded the meeting that donations were received from many members, while Mr Smith calculated that, although £3 was low, it was still a 50 percent increase over the old subscription, and suggested that a further increase could always be considered as and when necessary. The Secretary was instructed that it should henceforth be left for the Committee to make their recommendations. Mr Barnwell thanked members who enclosed S A E's for replies, while Mr Mears was anxious that those who paid by Banker's Order should alter instructions to their Banks. Only 200 cut of 363 subscriptions had been received this year to date, about 100 of which were paid by Banker's Order. Mr Gollin requested the address of the Hon. Membership Secretary, and Mr Lewarne that of the Hon Treasurer. These were given and would also be circulated in the next Newsletter.

Mr Gillies did not wish to add any further remark, and the proposal to raise the annual subscription to £3 was proposed by Mr Mears, seconded by Mr Bull and agreed by all.

7. Any Other Business

Museum - With regard to the Museum, Mr Smith said that as work was taking longer than expected and that as there was a commitment to complete by 31 May 1981, more volunteers were needed, who should contact either him or Mr Eruce. Mr Smith also appealed for a mirror to show off a scarf joint in the first floor middle room.

Mr Bruce reinforced Mr Smith's appeal for decorators and proposed a special vote of anks to the people who had worked so hard under the leadership of Peter How and Ken beddoe and saved the Society a lot of money. Mr Bruce also thanked Mr Fortescue for organising the appeal, Mr Bull for help with the printing and all those who had distributed letters. It was hoped to extend the Museum opening hours to Tuesdays. Mr Parry was organising a rota.

Mr Bruce expected the official opening of the Museum towards the end of September and reckoned that annual expenses would be between £200 and £300. He suggested the formation of a group to be known as the "Friends of Leatherhead Museum", with an annual subscription of, say, £1, to help meet the cost of running the Museum. Those interested could contact him on Bookham 58722.

Hampton Cottage Accounts - Mr Bull said the Accounts would be printed and distributed with the next Newsletter. Income was less than the previous year, but as there had been no labour costs, the net result would probably be better, though money was still needed.

Mr Burrough insisted that the Society must advertise. This was the duty of the Public Relations Secretary and Mr Bruce.

The Chairman then invited comments from members on any questions relating to the Society.

Mr Gillies requested that the Minutes of the ACM should in future be distributed at an earlier date. In reply, the Chairman asked if Mr Gillies would be satisfied if this question were referred to the Committee. Mr Gillies agreed.

Mrs Spencer asked for information regarding the building next to Hampton Cottage. Mr Fortescue replied that it was being expertly restored, and then gave a short dissertation on the various cross-wing buildings in Leatherhead.

Mr Walker asked why the Press was not present. He was informed that they had been invited.

Mr Gollin asked whether any fire prevention precautions were being taken at Hampton Cottage, because personal property on loan to the Society ought to be safeguarded. Mr Bruce agreed that valuables should not be left in the Museum when the building was unoccupied, and remarked that fire insurance presently cost the Society about £1 per week, and was increasing. Mr Gollin did not propose the installation of a burglar alarm, as these were losing their effectiveness due to the police being troubled with a number of false alarms. The Chairman suggested that Mr Bruce and the Committee should remain aware of the problem.

Mrs Mackenzie asked about the tile mouldings on demolished Leatherhead buildings. She was informed that these were being preserved.

Mr Snellgrove regretted the absence of Mr Benger. The Chairman replied that he was in good health, though extremely hard of hearing, and had apologised for not being at the meeting.

Mr Bruce informed the meeting that the Brighter Leatherhead Society had planted a small garden in front of Hampton Cottage. A well in the back garden would soon have to be cleared, and following a request for volunteers for this work, Mr Walker suggested that the Aldershot Sub-Aqua Club might be consulted.

Mr Fortescue then thanked the President for taking the Chair, and for all the work he had done for the Society.

The President finally thanked all members present for their attendance and for their good humour.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

President: J G W Lewarne Vice-Presidents: F B Benger, FSA D F Renn, FSA

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1980

The Executive Committee for 1980 was:

Chairman S E D Fortescue
Vice Chairman L A Smith, MBE
Treasurer H J Mears
Assistant Treasurer J R Bull

Secretary Mrs R Vracas - Resigned September 1980

Miss J Fuller - Elected September 1980

Programme Secretary E S Barnwell
Membership Secretary Mrs C Barrett
Sales Secretary Mrs M Fuller
Editor F B Benger
Records Secretary D Bruce
Librarian J R Gilbert

Librarian J R Gilbert Public Relations Secretary H K Alderton

Committee members R A Lever S R C Poulter

M A Snellgrove

Co-opted N H West
Hon. Auditor A H Kirkby

SECRETARYSHIP

In September 1980, Mrs Vracas resigned as Secretary as she joined her husband who is working in Nigeria. We thank her for all her work for the Society.

Miss Joyce Fuller, who had been acting as Assistant Secretary, agreed to take over the Secretaryship.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Society fluctuates a great deal, but as at the end of 1980, it was 364, including 12 Honorary Members — one more than at the same time in 1979.

An increased subscription of £3 was agreed last year with effect from 1 January 1981. We should be very glad to receive your subscriptions as soon as possible.

PUBLICATIONS

Throughout the year there has been a steady sale of the Society's own publications - "Ashtead - A Village Transformed", and the Town Trail leaflets.

Proceedings - Vol. 4, No. 3 was distributed during the year. No.4 is at the printers and should be distributed in the first quarter of 1981.

Leatherhead History - Mrs Edwina Vardey and her team have continued their research into the history of Leatherhead, and the pattern of the intended book is beginning to emerge. The team have set themselves the task of producing the first draft by October 1981.

LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

Four years of planning, fund raising and hard work by many enthusiastic volunteers, came to fruition on 4 October 1980 when the fully-restored Hampton Cottage was officially opened, before a capacity crowd, by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, assisted by Mr Ben Tatham, Chairman of the Mole Valley District Council.

The garden still awaits its final layout and the well is being repaired (and who knows what treasures that holds).

Whilst most of the major capital items have now been acquired (but not all paid for), running costs of the fully-operational building will tend to increase, and appeals, in one form or another, will need to continue. The "Friends of the Leatherhead Museum" had, by the end of 1980, reached a member-ship of over 80, and their annual subscriptions will be a vital financial propagore members will, however, be required if future costs are to be met.

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Exhibitions dealing with specific local history subjects are being planned for 1981, and the use of the building for a few days is being offered to kindred local organisations for their own displays.

The Society thanks the stewards for their help during 1980 and appeals for further volunteers for 1981.

FRIENDS OF THE LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

The Friends of the Museum in Ashtead organised a supper party on 30 October 1980, plus a talk on the Ashtead Potters, which raised £360 for the Museum. A donation of this size was much appreciated and the hope was expressed that Friends in other parts of the district might think it worthwhile trying to emulate Ashtead by organising fund-raising events in their own areas.

LIBRARY

The Librarian is producing a list of the books that are now in the Society's Library. This list will be circulated in the Newsletter, together with a note of the procedure to be followed when members require books on loan.

PROGRAMME

A full programme of lectures and visits was arranged during the year, and were all very well supported. To mention only three - the visit to Little Bookham in July, which included a stupendous tea; the Dallaway lecture in October which was attended by between 250 and 300 people; and the Christmas Miscellany which was attended by 80 people.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Society mounted several exhibitions during the year. Particularly successful was the one at the Surrey Local History Symposium on "Sport in Surrey" in September. The exhibit was attractive and informative, and aroused considerable interest.

During the year, many lectures were given by the officers of the Society to various local organisations.

GRANTS

We were pleased to receive from Mole Valley District Council a grant of £50 for 1980; and from Surrey County Council, a grant of £25.

Finally, the Executive Committee would like to thank all members for their continued help, support and enthusiasm.

SUBSCRIPTION REMITTANCE SLIP

TO: Mrs C Barrett

	Membership Secretary
	Leatherhead & District Local History Society
	The Glen
	Guildford Road, Great Bookham
	Enclosed is my subscription for the year 1981
	NAME:
	ADDRESS:
	BOOKING SLIPS Please return to E S Barnwell, 16 Eastwick Park Avenue, Great Bookham, Surrey KT23 3ND. Telephone: Bookham 54947
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	SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER. Whole day visit to Colchester and Castle Hedingham
	Please book Seats at £4.75 per person.
	I enclose cheque value £ (payable to L D L H S) and stamped addressed (preferably foolscap) envelope
	NAME Telephone:
	ADDRESS
	SATURDAY, 4 JULY. Afternoon visit to SELBORNE
	I/We intend to join this excursion. Can give lifts/Require transport
	NAME Telephone:
	ADDRESS
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	SATURDAY, 30 MARCH. All day visit to FARNHAM & BASINGSTOKE CANAL TRIP
	Please book Seats at £5 per person
	I enclose cheque value £ (payable to L D L H S) and stamped addressed (preferably foolscap) envelope
	NAME Telephone:

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Grant from Mole Valley District Council	50.00	56.06	
Grant from Surrey County Council	•	25.CC	
Collection for Society at Dalloway Lecture	25.26	23.23	
Profit on defrechments	3.58	12.18	
Conations etc. received for museum	256.02	38.00	
Sales of Ashtesu History Book	612.53	389.35	
Sales of other Literature Profit from Visits	180.09	145.99	
	47.40	22.10	
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Transferred to Museum Fund	250 . 00	22.50	
Hire of Hall for Lectures	10.50	19.00	
Part repayment of Loan for Ashtead History		350.00	
Subscriptions: - Surrey Record Society	5.00	5.00	
Surrey Archeological Society	7.50	7.50	
Surrey Local History Council	2:00	3.00	
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Excess of Income over Expenditure	£2,403.00	065 77	PTO
Excess of Expenditure over Income		865,33	FIO
Bank balance B/F at beginning of year	£1,350.93	£3,753.93	
Income & Receipts for year	4,121.08	1,967,19	
	£5.472.01	£5,721,12	
Sxpenditure for year	£1,718.08	€2,832,52	
Balance at Bank at end of year C/F:-	22, 120.00	w_, -, -, -	
Lloyds Bank Current a/c	1,536.20	714.24	
Lloyds Bank Deposit a/c		2.174.36	
	2,217,73 £5,472,01	£5,721,12	
	- F		
The £714.24 C/f in Current a/c comprises:-		34.93	
Money held on behalf of Museum		679.31.	
Society funds		013.7-	
The £2,174.36 C/f in Deposit a/c comprises:-	ing Interest)	1,240.08	
Sheila Hind Publications Fund (Include Balance of Loan owing on Ashtead History	ory Reprint	650.00	
Society funds		284.28.	
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75	232 Jan	uary 1981	
Lie	20000		

I Certify that the above statement is in accordance with the Bocks and Records produced to me and is, in my opinion, correct.

SUZSUMIFTIONS

Total received in the year comprised:-

BECK	والعال	ent	Lor	· prev	/ici	us years	£ 6.5c
						£1.25	26.25
1980	317	e.t	full			£2.00	634.00
1981	2	at	ola	*7	74	£2.00	4.00
1951	33	٤t	new	77	16	£3.00	99.00
							£769.75

The actual membership being:-

14 fully paid in 1979 in advance

317 " " " 1980

21 still having paid only 21.25

12 Honorary Memoers

LOANS

The two special loans of £1,000 each (both interest free) were for specific purposes. The first is to be known as the "Sheila Hind Publications Fund" and is set aside for the sole purpose of producing future publications such as occasional Papers etc. other that the Proceedings and Index. A separate account within the books of the Society to be maintained. Nothing his been drawn from the Fund so far and the accumulated interest is shown overleaf.

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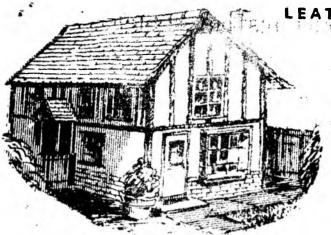
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Hon. Treasurer





AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST
Reg. Charity No. 273978.

HAMPTON COTTAGE, 64CHURCH STREET, LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

Please reply to :-

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1980

	*					
Income			1979	¥ 9	1980	
	Donations and money-raising events		1,170.97		1,252.61	
	Interest from Investments to meet loan	repayment	132.69		298.57	(a)
•	Interest from Bank Deposit Account Friends of Museum - Ashtead Supper Pro		126.68		191.65	
	Gross Receipts to date:-			371	281.00	
			1,430.34		2,023.83	
Expenditure		age to		4		
	Administration - Publicity Expenses		46.20	*	34.83	
4,2,4	Investments	*	178.58		700.00	(b)
	Repayment of Loans		500.00		500.00	
	Renovation of Hampton Cottage:-				637.52	
	Labour and Materials		1,118.64	131.4	031.72	
			1,843.42		1,872.35	
	Bank balance at beginning of year	***	1,573.57		1,160.49	
Ç	Excess of Income over Expenditure		NIL		151.48	
	Excess of Expenditure over Income		413.08	-	MIL	
			1,160.49		1,311.97	
	Donations held by History Society not transferr		63.27		29.93	
ant a	Net Surplus Fun	ıds	1,223.76	ad the "	1,341.90	

Auditors Report

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

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Accountant & Auditor Great Bookham, Surrey. I declare that the foregoing Statement of Accounts is correct.

J.R. Bull Treasurer of the Trust

Date: 3rd November 1980

From the Hon. Treasurer:

H. J. MEARS
"BEVERLEY"
43 THE GLADE, FETCHAS
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	E 59	59
	Plus further constions received to the end of 1978	72	25
		131	84/
111	Less Insurance Premium paid October to cover risk during construction of roof £15 Also Fire Insurance premium paid Nev. £25.50	<u>- 40</u>	50
			34 /
	Receipts for 1979 to 30th September 1979 (Making total for financial year £328.27)	256	02 /
		347	36
May "	To S.E. Electricity Board in Feb. £8.34 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.	B 66	34	09 /
		313	27 -
	Less Transferred to Museum Deposit A/C 5th May 1979 200.00 18th Sept 1979 50.00		_00 ′
	Balance in Hand held for the Museum Trust &	63	27 /

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Hon Treasurer

NOTES

(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.