

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Dear Members,

### SPECIAL & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting will be held at 8pm on Friday, 16 April 1982 in the Council Chamber of the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead. Its purpose is to alter Rule 3 of the Society's Rules to allow the introduction of a third class of member - Junior Members under 18 years of age. It is also intended that any new member joining after 30 September is not expected to pay a further subscription until 1 January after the following 1 January.

The Special General Meeting will be followed immediately by the 35th Annual General Meeting .

A set of papers for both meetings is enclosed with this Newsletter.

Coffee will be available between 7.30pm and 8pm on the evening of the meetings.

Committee members and officers retire at the AGM and all are willing to stand for re-election. Nominations for the Committee should reach the Secretary not later than 9 April 1982, stating the name of the nominee, the names of the proposer and seconder, the office for which he/she is nominated, and that the nominee has expressed his or her willingness to serve if elected.

### MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members:

#### Ashtead

Mr W J S Batho  
Mrs K M Davies

#### Leatherhead

Mrs W V Seear  
Mrs B A Baker

#### Fetcham

Miss E M Young

#### Epsom

Mr G B Shearer

#### South Croydon

Dr P W Sowen, BSc

May we remind members that subscriptions of £3 were due on 1 January 1982.

A remittance form is attached to help you to send them to us.

### LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

Stewards - Stewards are reminded that the Museum will re-open as from the beginning of April - on Fridays 10am-1pm, and Saturdays 10am-4pm. The rotas are as before except that Friday has been substituted for Thursday. (Since the Leatherhead Library closes on Thursday, visitors to the Museum dropped to practically nil on that day.) Stewards who have any doubts or problems regarding their turn should contact Ralph Hume (Leatherhead 374520) re Saturdays, and Joe Parry (Leatherhead 375359) re Fridays. More Stewards are still needed, so if you know anyone who can help, please get in touch with either Mr Hume or Mr Parry.

Exhibitions - The first major exhibition will deal with the Natural History of Ashtead and will be staged by Audrey Elmer and John Coombes. A smaller exhibition will be put on by Clive Wicks who describes himself as "a bottle maniac" and will consist of specimens of bottles, jars and other material relevant to this area.

Hampton Cottage Garden - The above-mentioned Mr Wicks, a landscape gardener of Great Bookham, has offered to lay out the rear garden of Hampton Cottage, charging the Society only for materials - sand, cement, ballast and bricks - which could cost about £100. He will use the York stone already in the garden, but unfortunately there is only sufficient to pave about three quarters of the garden. We would like to hear from anyone who has any York stone in their gardens surplus to requirements. Every bit would help.

Heating of Museum - The recent very severe weather has tended to indicate that the single night storage heater in the Museum is not quite sufficient to keep damp at bay, and that a second one should be installed - there is already a second point wired in. We should be very pleased to learn of anyone who has a fairly modern specimen which they would be prepared to let the Museum have on favourable terms (to the Museum, of course!)

Offers of York stone or heaters to Ralph Hume - Leatherhead 374520 - please.

THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

The following publications in the Society's Library are available for sale to members:

Blunt, R	The Lure of Old Chelsea
Blunt, R	The Wonderful Village
Johnson, B H	Berkeley Square to Bond Street
Middleton, C S	The Broadland Photographers
Mongait, A L	Archaeology in the USSR
National Trust	A Record of 50 Years of Achievement
Stuart, G B	The Story of Chelsea

Application should be made to the Librarian, Mr J R Gilbert, 34 Greenacres, Great Bookham, telephone Bookham 54956.

LEATHERHEAD HISTORY - A message from Geoffrey Hayward

The small group carrying out the research for the 20th century chapter of this future publication, has suffered from accident and illness. In order to speed up the searching of the local newspapers (which can be carried out in Leatherhead Library) a much larger team of readers is needed. This is ideal for retired persons! Please do not assume that we shall be inundated with offers, and make contact urgently with Geoff Hayward on Leatherhead 372674.

SALES

May we say again that copies of Proceedings back to the year 1947 are still available at only 50p each. Please contact Geoff Hayward on Leatherhead 372674 if you would like any of them.

PROGRAMME NOTES FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

SATURDAY, 27 MARCH

The list for the visit to Bridgefoot Farm is full, and the successful applicants have been advised.

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL

The Annual General Meeting - details elsewhere

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL

An illustrated Lecture by Mr J Sykes, about EASTER ISLAND. Mr Sykes is a much-travelled gentleman with a keen interest in History and Geography. Although not exactly local history, this promises to be a most interesting and informative lecture. At the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead, at 8pm.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 8 MAY

Visit to Fetcham Park House (formerly Badingham College), Lower Road, Fetcham, by kind permission of the owners, Murray Clayton Limited. The pattern is similar to visits to other former mansions in that only TWENTY members can be shown around. Therefore the party will be restricted to the first 20 members to book by telephone, to the Programme Secretary: Mr E S Barnwell, Bookham 54947. Details will then be given.

SATURDAY, 22 MAY

All day visit to PORTSMOUTH organised by Alan Gillies. Leaving Leatherhead at 8.15am for PORTSDOWN HILL, where we shall be met by an official guide for an introductory talk. We shall then visit SOUTHSEA CASTLE, including the MARY ROSE EXHIBITION. After lunch there will be a guided tour of old PORTSMOUTH. Then we shall proceed to FORT WIDNEY, one of a series of Artillery Forts built in the middle of the last century as a defence against fear of action by Napoleon III "to avenge defeat at Waterloo". We leave Fort Widney for home at about 6pm.

Coach fare £4-90 per person including driver's gratuity and official guides, but not admission charges to Museum. Booking form attached.

SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

A walk round DORKING under the guidance of the Dorking and Leith Hill Preservation Society. Most of us know Dorking, probably as a shopping centre, and here is a chance to become acquainted with its Historical features including the Museum and Caves. Meet outside Dorking Halls at 2.30pm. Car parking nearby.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 7 JULY

A visit to ROWHURST Cottage and Forge, Oxshott Road, Leatherhead, by kind permission of Mrs V Quinnell, and R J Quinnell Limited. This is a medieval farmhouse very well preserved with many unusual features, and the midweek date has been chosen to enable members to see the Forge in operation. Once again, however, the party must be restricted to 30 members. Book by telephone to Bookham 54947, when details of time etc, will be given.

SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

All day visit to EWELME and WALLINGFORD, leaving Leatherhead at 8.30am. At Ewelme there is a beautiful group of 15th century Church, Almshouses and School, built by the Chaucer family. Jerome K Jerome is buried there. We shall return to Wallingford for lunch and, weather permitting, there are plenty of spots for picnicking - the prospect of a pleasant spell by the River. After lunch the Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society will be leading us on a conducted tour of this ancient town of Saxon origin, coupled with a visit to their Museum.

Coach fare £4-60 per person, including Driver's gratuity. Booking form attached.

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER

The Annual DALLAWAY LECTURE at 8pm at the City of London Freeman's School, Ashted Park by kind permission of the Headmaster. The speaker will be Miss Joan Harding, FSA, Chairman of the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey) and her subject, illustrated with slides, "The Restless House - A Study of Farmhouses and Cottages in Surrey and their development".

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BECKFORD FAMILY TOMB - From Mr R A Lever

The table tomb of the Beckford family in St Giles' Churchyard, Ashted, was badly damaged some years ago and now has shrubs and nettles growing from various cracks. There are no church funds available for restoring such memorials, as routine maintenance of the churchyard accounts for all the money at the church's disposal. In view of the historic importance of the tomb (see our Society's Proceedings 3 (6): 174, 1972, and the Ashted Parish History, Page 218) it is felt that some action by the Society is called for and a fund has therefore been opened for this purpose. Cheques should be made out to the Treasurer, Leatherhead & District Local History Society, and marked 'Beckford Tomb Fund'.

THE FRIENDS OF PAINS HILL

Mr David Taylor, the Secretary of the Friends of Pains Hill, has asked us to publicise two of their coming events:

Saturday, 6 March - An Exhibition about Pains Hill Park, Cobham, to be held in Cobham Village Hall between 10am and 4pm. It is organised by the Friends of Pains Hill and will give an idea of what the £1 million project is all about.

Tuesday, 30 March - A film about Gerald Winstanley, a 17th century radical who claimed to have some inspiration from God. He was an advocate of early Communism. Speaker is Dr Christopher Hill, former Master of Balliol College and a leading authority on the English Revolution. To be held at Cobham Day Centre at 7.30pm Admission £1. Tickets available from Richard Anstis - Cobham 2598.

(Mr David Taylor's telephone number is Cobham 3128)

Joyce Fuller  
Secretary

BOOKING FORMS

Please return to E S Barnwell, 16 Eastwick Park Avenue,  
Great Bookham, Surrey KT23 3ND. Telephone Bookham 54947

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SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER Whole day visit to Ewelme & Wallingford

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seats at £4-60 per person.

I enclose cheque value \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to L D L H S), together  
with a stamped addressed envelope (Preferably Foolscap)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBSCRIPTION REMITTANCE FORM : LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

To: Mrs C Barrett  
The Glen  
Guildford Road  
Great Bookham. Bookham 52937

Enclosed is my subscription of £3-00 for the year 1982.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Council Chamber of the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, on Friday, 16 April 1982 at 7.30pm for 8pm to amend Rule 3 of the Society's rules as follows:

- (a) There shall be three classes of members, viz. Honorary Members, Ordinary Members and Junior Members.  
(Clauses (b), (c) and (d) remain as at present)
- (e) Junior Members shall be persons under the age of 18 who wish to support and participate in the work of the Society and who apply and are accepted for membership.
- (f) The subscription of Junior Members shall be such sum as the Executive Committee shall decide, not exceeding one half of the subscription payable by Ordinary Members.
- (g) Junior Members shall enjoy all the rights and benefits of membership other than the free issue of the annual Proceedings of the Society.
- (h) All subscriptions shall become payable on the first day of January in each year or within one month from the date on which a member is accepted by the Executive Committee, except that those Members joining the Society for the first time after 30 September in any year shall not be expected to pay a further subscription until the January following the next January. Any member who shall fail to pay .... etc... etc (as at present)
- (i) The Executive Committee shall ... etc. etc. (as at present)

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting will be followed immediately by the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Society, with the following Agenda:

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting (Copy attached)
3. Matters arising from the Annual General Meeting Minutes
4. Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 13 November 1982 (Copy attached)
5. Matters arising from the Special General Meeting Minutes
6. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Report (Copy attached)
7. Presentation of accounts for the year ended 31 December 1981 (Copy attached)
8. Review of subscription for 1983
9. Election of officers and committee for 1982
10. Any other business

MINUTES OF THE 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, BULL HILL, LEATHERHEAD, AT 8PM ON FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 1981

PRESENT: Mr J G W Lewarne - President  
67 Members of the Society

Before the meeting began, Mr Fortescue apologised for the fact that members had received the papers for the meeting very late, although, of course, notice of the meeting had been given several months previously. He also asked that the sheet of accounts marked Page 2 should be deleted.

Mr Lewarne then opened the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Received from:

Mr F B Bengier	Mrs C E Neeser
Mr & Mrs A A Christian	Mr S R C Poulter
Mrs A E Elmer	Major & Mrs M H Power
Miss V B Emerton	Mr & Mrs J Read
Mr P How	Mrs R Vracas

Mr Bengier, in his letter of apology for absence, expressed his disappointment at being unable to be present.

2. MINUTES OF 33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

These had been circulated and were taken as read. An amendment was needed on Page 3, altering "Mr" Burrough to "Miss" Burrough. With this amendment, the adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Dr D Renn, seconded by Mr N H West, and carried.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Discovering Early Leatherhead

Mr Wallace asked what stage this had reached. Mr Fortescue replied that the copy is at the printers now, and the publication should be finished within the next three months.

The author of the paper is Mr John Blair and it was noted with much pleasure that he had been appointed a Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford.

4. PRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The report had been circulated to members. Mr Lewarne asked Mr Fortescue to report on it.

Secretaryship - Mrs Vracas had had to resign during the year, as she had joined her husband in Nigeria, where he was working.

Subscriptions - These would be discussed later in the meeting

Proceedings - Volume 4, Number 4 had now been distributed

Leatherhead History - This was progressing satisfactorily

Museum - Mr D Bruce would give a report later in the meeting

Donation letters - Mr Fortescue said that his letters asking for donations towards the cost of the Museum had produced good results, but he was hoping that more would come in to enable all debts to be paid off.

Exhibitions - Mr Bruce was planning exhibitions to be mounted in Hampton Cottage

Library - It was hoped to move into Hampton Cottage all but a few very valuable books. Members would then have access to them by arrangement with the Librarian.

Programme - A very good programme had been arranged in the past year, and thanks were due to Mr E S Barnwell for all his efforts.

Mr Lewarne said that had just received news that the Cottage Hospital Minute Books from 1898 had been found, and could be made available to the Society's researchers.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Morgan-Owen and carried.

5. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mr Lewarne asked the Treasurer to present the accounts. Mr Mears said that he had tried to make them as self-explanatory as possible, but they were complicated by the fact that a cheque for £1,300 for printing, although made out in 1979, had not been cleared until the year under review.

Items of particular interest were:

The receipt during the year of two grants - one of £50 from Surrey County Council, and one of £25 from Mole Valley District Council.

Donations, totalling £176, included £100 from Lord Barnby. He had given the Society £50 for many years, but had now increased his donation to £100, for which the Society was very grateful.

The greatest call on the Society's finances was the Proceedings, the printing cost of which was rising rapidly. The latest publication had cost very nearly £1,000.

The Society had a loan of £1,000 to repay, which had been made specifically to pay for the production of the second impression of the Ashtead History. £350 had been repaid, and a further repayment would be made shortly. A "permanent" loan, also of £1,000, had been made to finance the publication of literature other than the Proceedings. No call had been made on this fund so far and it was accumulating interest.

Mr Gollin asked how many copies of the Proceedings were printed. The answer was 450, which amounted to a cost of £2-20 per copy for the last issue. Mr Winslade suggested that litho printing should be used instead of letter press. It was agreed that the Executive Committee should consider this in consultation with the Editor. Mr Winslade would obtain information for the Committee on comparative costs.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr F Rice-Oxley, seconded by Mr L A Smith, and carried.

#### 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr Lewarne said that Mr Fortescue was unfortunately resigning as Chairman after several years, and he would like to recall the Society's many achievements under Mr Fortescue's Chairmanship.

Publications - The four Town Trail leaflets had been produced.

Ashtead History - This had proved a very successful gamble

Occasional Papers - Had begun with John Blair's "Origins of Leatherhead" and Mr Gollins' paper "The Dame, The Prisoner and the Pewterer".

Membership - The membership had increased and is now steady at about 350.

Museum - Mr Fortescue had organised the appeals for money for the museum and had raised large sums as a result.

Lectures - During his years as Chairman, Mr Fortescue had given an average of 12 lectures a year

But perhaps his most valuable quality was his ability to lead a large team of people with very differing personalities - there are about 80 people engaged in one way or another on the Society's affairs.

Mr Snellgrove reminded the meeting that, as well as the official Society publications Mr Fortescue had also produced two books of his own.

Mr Bruce said he felt that Mr Fortescue's great attribute for success was his complete unflappability. Whatever went wrong, he smoothed things down and started the team off again.

#### Election of Chairman

A nomination of Mr L A Smith as Chairman had been received. Mr Fortescue said that, apart from any other activity he had undertaken, Mr Smith had acted as Clerk of Works for Hampton Cottage.

His election was proposed by Mr Fortescue, seconded by Mrs Fuller, and carried.

Mr Smith thanked the meeting for the confidence they had shown in electing him and said that the first act of the new Committee would be to appoint Mr Fortescue a Vice President.

Nominations as follows had been received, and were adopted:

Treasurer	Mr H J Mears	Records Secretary	Mr D Bruce
Assistant Treasurer	Mr J R Bull	Librarian	Mr J R Gilbert
(responsible for Museum accounts)		Public Relations Secretary	Mr R Winslade
Secretary	Miss J Fuller	Archaeological Secretary	Mr E A Crossland
Programme Secretary	Mr E S Barnwell	Committee Members	Mr R A Lever
Membership Secretary	Mrs C Barrett		Mr S R C Poulter
Sales Secretary	Mr G Hayward		Mr N H West, MBE
Editor	Mr F B Bengier		

There were two vacancies on the Committee for co-opted members. It was intended to co-opt Mr Snellgrove at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Mrs Fuller had filled the office of Sales Secretary for several years. She was now resigning and Mr Lewarne, on behalf of the Society, thanked her for all her work.

Hon. Auditor - A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr A H Kirkby for his help to the Society in the past. He was willing to continue and his election was proposed by Mr Mears, seconded by Mr J R Bull, and carried.

#### 7. SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1982

Mr Mears reminded the meeting that the Executive Committee were instructed at the previous year's Annual General Meeting to make their recommendations annually for the level of the next year's subscription. This they were now doing, and after much consideration of coming expenditure, felt that the subscription could be held at £3 for at least another year. The meeting agreed that it should remain at £3 for 1982, but that the Executive Committee should consider ways of cutting costs, particularly of printing, and of raising a little extra money at meetings and visits.

Mr Lewarne felt that the cost of publishing the Leatherhead History should not come out of subscriptions but that a loan of £4,000 should be raised to cover this.

After discussion, the meeting asked the Executive Committee to consider:

- Raising a loan for the production of the Leatherhead History
- The possibility of investment income other than from a Bank Deposit Account
- A saving on the publication of the Proceedings, from which most of the financial problems arose. Suggestions from the meeting included having a basic subscription and charging for the Proceedings separately; having a family subscription which would include one set only of all papers; and using offset litho printing instead of letter press for the actual production of the Proceedings.

Mr Hayward said that as only a proportion of the Society's membership could attend the meeting, it was important that an explanation of the Society's financial affairs was included in the Newsletter. Mr Rice-Oxley asked that it should include a break-down of subscriptions, showing exactly how they are used.

#### 8. MUSEUM

As Chairman of the Museum Committee, Mr Bruce said that Hampton Cottage was nearly complete. Three exhibitions are being planned on Ashtead - the Ashtead Potters (by Mrs Elmer), Ashtead Roman Villa (Dr Renn) and Ashtead Woods (Mr Lever).

The rubble was being cleared away from the garden of the cottage the following week, and the well is being dug out by Mr Wall, who had so far excavated about 10 feet.

Extra Stewards for the Museum are needed. Mr Parry is organising a Thursday rota, and extra Stewards are needed for Saturdays.

The sale of literature at the Museum has been good and has made a profit.

The Friends of the Museum now total 100, thus bringing in an annual income of £100. More are, of course, needed.

Mr Bruce ended by thanking all the Museum helpers.

#### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

##### (a) Index to Proceedings

Mrs Fuller said that there were still stocks available of the Indexes to Volumes 1 and 2 of the Proceedings, which had been given free to every member. The Volume 3 index was being prepared now, and printing costs were increasing rapidly. Mrs Fuller asked whether it would be better for the Index to be sold to members who applied for it, rather than distribute it to everyone at great expense. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration, so that adequate finance could be arranged to pay for it. Miss Burrough, who is preparing the Volume 3 index in conjunction with Mr John Blair, said that the index would be very large - one letter, for instance, had 500 entries.

##### (b) Friends of Leatherhead Parish Church

Miss Sheila Hind used to represent the Society on this Committee of Friends. Following her resignation, the Committee had asked for a replacement, and Mr Lewarne asked the meeting if anyone would be prepared to attend the 3 or 4 meetings a year which would be involved. As no-one volunteered, the matter was referred back to the Executive Committee.



(c) Old Building

It was reported that a 400-year-old cottage in Woodfield was due for demolition. Mr Smith would investigate in case photographs should be taken before its destruction.

(d) Summer Programme

Mr Barnwell asked members to send in their booking slips early for the various visits arranged.

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There being no further business, Mr Lewarne thanked everyone for coming, and closed the meeting.

Mr Fortescue thanked Mr Lewarne for taking the meeting and for all his work for the Society in past years.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE RED CROSS HALL,  
LEATHERHEAD, ON FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1981

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PRESENT: Dr D F Renn, FSA (Vice-President)  
Mr L A Smith, MBE (Chairman)  
52 members of the Society

Dr Renn chaired the Meeting, which had before it a Motion to amend Rule 5 of the Society's Rules:

From: "The appointment of a President (and not more than two Vice-Presidents) shall rest with the Executive Committee."

To: "The appointment of a President and Vice-Presidents shall rest with the Executive Committee."

Mr L A Smith explained that the Society already had two Vice-Presidents, and the immediate need for the alteration in Rule 5 was that the Executive Committee wished to appoint the Society's Past Chairman, Mr Stephen Fortescue, as a Vice-President.

The Motion was carried unanimously.

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1981

The Executive Committee for 1981 was:

Chairman	L A Smith, MBE
Treasurer	H J Mears
Museum Treasurer	J R Bull
Secretary	Miss J Fuller
Archaeological Secretary	E A Crossland
Editor	F B Bengier
Lecture Secretary	N H West, MBE
Librarian	J R Gilbert
Membership Secretary	Mrs C Barrett
Programme Secretary	E S Barnwell
Public Relations Secretary	R Winslade (Resigned November 1981)
Records Secretary & Museum Curator	D Bruce
Sales Secretary	G Hayward
Committee Members	R A Lever, S R C Poulter, M A Snellgrove
Hon. Auditor	A H Kirkby

### NEW VICE PRESIDENT

The Executive Committee were delighted to appoint Mr S E D Fortescue a Vice President of the Society.

### MEMBERSHIP

As usual in this Society, the membership number varied considerably over the year but as at the end of 1981 it was 341, including 13 Honorary Members.

### PUBLICATIONS

The Society's own publications continued to have a steady sale throughout the year. Sales of other publications had also been good.

Proceedings - Volume 4 No. 4 was distributed during the year. Number 5 has now been received from the printers and will be distributed shortly.

Leatherhead History - The team of researchers have continued their work but have unfortunately been unable to meet their target of producing a first draft by October 1981. The likely date is now towards the end of 1982.

### LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

The Museum Sub-Committee met only four times during 1981, now that the restoration work is virtually completed, only the garden and toilet being outstanding.

The first full year of operation of the Museum has been quite successful, and much useful experience has been obtained. Specific exhibitions concerning Ashted Pottery, Ashted Roman Villa, Ashted Woods, Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre, St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham, and the early history of Leatherhead were staged, as well as displays of school work by Middle School, Great Bookham and model cars by Tony Payne of Ashted. The old petrol pump from Bridge Street, Leatherhead has been installed in the garden and is being restored by Col. Hicks. As a result of interest generated many visitors have returned with gifts of photographs, books and artifacts. About 20 members of the Holmesdale Society visited the museum.

Ralph Hume has undertaken the job of arranging the Saturday Stewards' rota and at the same time overseeing the general security and management of Hampton Cottage, assisted by Joe Parry (midweek Stewards' rota) and Laurie Smith (maintenance of the fabric).

The 'Friends of Leatherhead Museum' now number 121, and, apart from the profits of the Ashted Supper, have provided funds of about £300 to the Museum, the continuance of which will be essential to the financial wellbeing of the museum. Thanks are also due to the Stewards who have attended in all weathers, and who have, incidentally, sold a considerable quantity of the Society's publications to visitors, and persuaded some of them to become members of the Society.

The Museum joined the Area Museum Service for South East England, and representatives have attended meetings of Surrey Museum curators to discuss matters of common interest.

Accounts for the financial year ending 30 September 1981 are attached.

### THE SOCIETY'S RECORDS

These continue to grow, the museum stimulating many visitors to give interesting and useful items to the Society. One important acquisition was a collection of documents and photographs concerning the engineering firm of Venthams of Bridge Street, Leatherhead, dealing with their early coach and motor car building activities.

The Society has purchased many pieces of Ashtead Pottery and several specimens have also been given.

### LIBRARY

Most of the books in the Society's possession were moved into Hampton Cottage during the year, leaving only the most valuable books to be kept personally by the Librarian. The books are available for use by members by arrangements with the Librarian.

### PROGRAMME

Throughout the year a very full programme of lectures and visits was arranged, catering for a wide span of interests. Particularly attractive and interesting was a day spent at Farnham and on the Basingstoke Canal, which is being slowly reclaimed by a group of enthusiasts. The Dallaway Lecture given by Lady Hanworth was well attended, and as always, the Christmas Miscellany claimed a full house.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Society participated in the 1981 Surrey Symposium at Dorking Halls, using the Ashtead Potter exhibition as its contribution. It also took part in the Bookham Village Day exhibition, showing its material concerning the Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre.

A Lecture Secretary has been appointed to create a panel of speakers willing to give talks to local organisations, and to gather together a bank of slides for the use of such speakers. Mr West has been engaged on this task.

### ARCHAEOLOGY

Another new appointment on the Committee during the year was that of Archaeological Secretary - Mr E A Crossland. He has spent much time excavating the garden and well of Hampton Cottage. Two trenches were dug in the garden in the summer of 1981 to examine the soil and the outside of the well. The information gained was small and will be given in a final report when the contents of the well have been examined. This will not be possible until the garden has been laid out and a windlass erected.

Mr Crossland has also been engaged on activities further afield. A small excavation in a garden at Givons Grove appears to indicate that there was an Iron Age settlement on the western boundary of the Cherkley Court Estate. Further work will be done in the New Year.

### GRANTS

Unfortunately, due to the present economic climate, neither Mole Valley District Council nor Surrey County Council were in a position to give the Society a grant for 1981.

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

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1981

	<u>Previous Year</u> 1980	<u>Year under</u> Report 1981	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Subscriptions	£769-75	£948-25	PTO
Donations to Society	176-96	227-44	
Grant from Mole Valley District Council	50-00	-	
Grant from Surrey County Council	25-00	-	
Collection for Society at Dalloway Lecture	23-23	49-19	
Profit on Refreshments	12-18	12-25	
Donations etc received for Museum	38-00	75-00	
Sales of Ashtead History Book	389-35	297-08	
Sales of other Literature	145-99	153-59	
Profits from Visits	22-10	130-25	
Lecture Fees donated by Members	8-00	10-00	
Interest on Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	306-63	101-33	
	<u>£1,967-19</u>	<u>£2,004-38</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Printing	2,171-35	1,427-25	
Expenses of Administration	107-84	144-18	
Insurance Premium for Museum	6-66	-	
General Disbursements	139-67	155-36	
Transferred to Museum Fund	22-50	109-93	
Hire of Hall for Lectures	19-00	22-50	
Part repayment Loan for Ashtead History Reprint	350-00	350-00	
Subscriptions: Surrey Record Society	5-00	5-00	
Surrey Archaeological Society	7-50	7-50	
Surrey Local History Council	3-00	5-00	
	<u>£2,832-52</u>	<u>£2,226-72</u>	
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>£865-33</u>	<u>£222-34</u>	
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Bank Balance B/F at beginning of year	£3,753-93	£2,888-60	
Income & Receipts for year	1,967-19	2,004-38	
	<u>£5,721-12</u>	<u>£4,892-98</u>	
Expenditure for year	£2,832-52	£2,226-72	
Balance at Banks at end of year C/F:			
Lloyds Bank Current Account	714-24	466-26	
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	2,174-36	-	
National Savings Bank (Not including interest)	-	2,200-00	
	<u>£5,721-12</u>	<u>£4,892-98</u>	

Note: The £2,200 C/F in the National Savings Bank comprises:

Sheila Hind Publications Fund including part Interest but deleting £440 drawn for printing Occasional Paper No.3	£855-38
Balance of Loan owing on Ashtead History reprint	300-00
Society Funds (This figure includes the Interest from Lloyds Deposit a/c but omits that earned on the new a/c since early June with the National Savings	1,044-62

Dated... *29<sup>th</sup> January* ..... 1982

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

Honorary Auditor..... *BA Kirkby* .....

Honorary Treasurer..... *H J Mears* .....

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Total received in the year 1981 comprised:

Back payments for previous years		£8-00
1981	13 at very old rate of £1-25	16-25
1981	26 at old rate of £2-00	52-00
1981	254 at current rate of £3-00	762-00
1982	1 at old rate of £2-00	2-00
1982	36 at current rate of £3-00	108-00
		<u>£948-25</u>

The actual membership being:

2	paid £2-00 in 1980 in advance
33	paid £3-00 in 1980 in advance
13	paid £1-25 in 1981
27	paid £2-00 in 1981
253	paid £3-00 in 1981
<u>13</u>	Honorary Members
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LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

Reg. Charity No. 273978.

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

Please reply to :-

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS  
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1981

Income

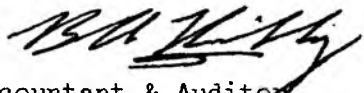
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
Donations and certain money-raising projects	1,252.61	453.88 (a)
Interest from Investments to meet Loan Repayment	298.57	350.19 (b)
Interest from Bank Deposit Account	191.65	195.39
Friends of the Museum - Membership Fees, Donations & Ashtead Supper.      Gross Receipts .....	281.00	628.93
	<u>2,023.83</u>	<u>1,628.39</u>

Expenditure


Administration - Publicity Expenses etc	34.83	42.00
Services Expenses - Lighting, Heating, Insurance		200.72 (c)
Investments	700.00	500.00 (d)
Repayment of Short-Term Loans	500.00	1,000.00 (e)
Renovation and Maintenance of Hampton Cottage		
Labour and materials .....	637.52	361.87
Costs incurred with Ashtead Supper Project	NIL	250.00
	<u>1,872.35</u>	<u>2,354.59</u>
Bank Balance at beginning of year	1,160.49	1,311.97
Excess of Income over Expenditure	151.48	NIL
Excess of Expenditure over Income	NIL	- 726.20
Bank Balance at end of year	1,311.97	585.77
Donations held by the History Society but not yet transferred .....	29.93	NIL
Net Surplus Funds	<u>1,341.90</u>	<u>585.77</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 is, in my opinion, correct.

  
Accountant & Auditor  
Great Bookham, Surrey

I declare that the foregoing Statement of Accounts is correct.

  
J.R. Bull  
Treasurer of the Trust

Date: 14th November 1981

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

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

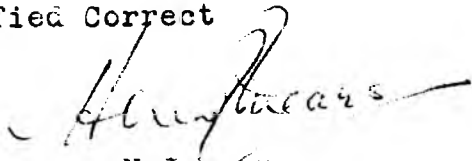
23rd October, 1981

## MUSEUM FUNDS

Summary of the Museum Funds which have been incorporated in the general funds of the above Society during the period 1.10.80 to 30.9.81:-

Brought Forward from previous Summary		
as at 30.9.80	-	£29 93
Donations for Museum received with Subscriptions to the Society	-	£80 00
Total	-	£109 93
Transferred to the Museum Fund 13.9.81	-	£109 93
Balance in Hand 30.9.81	-	N I L

Certified Correct

  
H. J. Mears  
Hon. Treasurer

## NOTES

- (a) This does not include the Ashted Supper Project which was kept as a separate item to determine its financial viability for future occasions: in fact the Event raised a net sum of £354.93 and thanks have already been expressed on behalf of the Trustees to all those who made this success possible.
- (b) This sum includes Tax refunds from the previous years dividends which are being invested to settle eventually our principal debt of £7,500.
- (c) Now that the Museum is open to the Public, the need to provide light and some heating as well as an internal water supply, has involved the Trust with an anticipated sharp increase in Administrative expenses.
- (d) We have purchased some more 15½% Treasury Stock, 1996, - £498 N.V.
- (e) All the short-term loans have now been repaid and the Trustees wish to express their gratitude to those generous persons who have eased the burden of our financial situation

FINALLY, THE TRUSTEES WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE MEMBERS AND OTHERS WHO ARE CONTINUING THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE MUSEUM IN ORDER TO HELP IT SERVE THE COMMUNITY.