

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER 1/83

FEBRUARY 1983

Dear Member,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the AGM will be held at 8pm on Friday, 15 April 1983, in the Council Chamber of the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead. A set of papers for the meeting is enclosed.

Coffee will be available between 7.30pm and 8pm.

The Executive Committee members retire at the AGM. All are willing to stand for re-election except the present Membership Secretary, Mrs C Barrett.

Nominations for the Committee should reach the Secretary not later than 7 April, stating:

1. The name of the nominee
2. The names of the proposer and seconder
3. The office for which he/she is nominated
4. The nominee's expression of willingness to serve if elected

Please note the date in your diaries. We should like as many members as possible to come to the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members:

Ashtead

Mr & Mrs C I Jones

Bookham

Miss J Madgwick
Mrs E Hogger

Fetcham

Mr & Mrs H J Bannister

Tadworth

Miss L C Bannister

SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we remind members that subscriptions at the new rate of £4 were due on 1 January. A remittance form is enclosed to help you send them to us.

An Appeal from the Membership Secretary & Treasurer

As will be seen from the membership details on the 1982 Statement of Accounts, there are still eleven people who have not adjusted their Banker's Standing Orders from the 1975 subscription rate of £1-25, despite reminders. The Committee have therefore reluctantly agreed that from 1983 onwards, they will no longer be classed as members and the payments will be treated as donations. May we also make a last appeal to those eighteen who paid only £2 (the rate from 1976-1980) as they will have to be treated in the same way eventually.

Finally, for those who forgot that the subscription increased again this year, will you PLEASE notify your Bank for next year and forward the £1 owing at your early convenience - or pay one of us at one of our meetings.

The Membership Secretary is Mrs C Barrett, and her address is The Glen, Guildford Road, Great Bookham.

Many thanks!

NOTES ON THE PROGRAMME FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

Mr Barnwell has organised an interesting programme for the summer and details are given below - BUT - would you please note particularly the meeting to be held on 11 March, when Dr G Moss will give a lecture. The details of this meeting were unfortunately omitted from the last Newsletter, due to the Secretary's having made a mistake. Her apologies to Dr Moss.

FRIDAY, 11 MARCH

An illustrated lecture by Dr G Moss on the subject of Gunpowder manufacture and Gunpowder Mills in Surrey. Dr Moss is a scientist and an authority on the history of gunpowder manufacture in the south. At the Redcross Hall, Leatherhead, at 8pm.

TUESDAY, 19 APRIL - 8pm, Old Barn Hall, Church Road, Bookham.

"Bygone Bookham". A nostalgic excursion through Bygone Bookham, guided by Stephen Fortescue and including slides of old Bookham, many of which have not been seen by the public before. Admission by ticket only: £1, including coffee. Tickets are obtainable from Bob Thomas, 4 Solecote, Church Road, Great Bookham, telephone Bookham 54607. A stamped addressed envelope is needed for a reply.

This event has been organised by The Friends of Leatherhead Museum, and all profits will go to improving the facilities at Hampton Cottage. Gifts of prizes for a raffle to be held during the evening would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Harry Mears, 43 The Glade, F e t c h a m, telephone Bookham 53071 -if you can contribute something.

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL

A lecture by Mr Nigel Coates entitled "Godalming - A Town in Trust", illustrated on film. Mr Coates is Secretary of the Godalming Trust. At the Redcross Hall, Leatherhead, at 8pm.

SATURDAY, 21 MAY

All-day visit to Southampton, leaving Leatherhead at 8.30am for Eling, Totton, to see the unique Tide Mill at a time when milling is in progress.

Afterwards, under the guidance of the Southampton University Industrial Archaeological Group, we hope to visit a Tram restoration project, and the Destroyer "H M S CAVALIER" (now owned by the H M S Cavalier Trust) in Ocean Dock, Southampton, with time to see some of the activity of the Dockyard.

We shall then go to Twyford Water Pumping Station, just south of Winchester. This is an example of a typical country works built at the turn of the century.

Coach fare £5 including gratuities. There will be a charge of 60p (O A P 40p) at the Mill, and £1 (O A P 60p) at HMS Cavalier. It may be advisable to bring a packed lunch.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 25 MAY

A Town Trail of REIGATE under the guidance of the Holmesdale Natural History Club. This is a follow-up of the talk given by Mrs V G Steward in February. Meet at the Old Town Hall, Reigate, at 7.30pm. There are spaces for parking in London Road, which is a left turn at the first set of traffic lights.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 JUNE

A walk round RIPLEY with members of the Send and Ripley History Society. Meet at the Green, Ripley at 7.15pm. Car Parking and Toilets clearly marked on left hand side of High Street (coming from Leatherhead direction) opposite W B Green - Outfitters.

SATURDAY, 9 JULY

All day visit to KEW and CHISWICK, leaving Leatherhead at 8.30am.

The day will include a visit to Kew Church, a walk round Strand-on-the-Green (17th and 18th century houses) followed by a guided tour of the Kew Bridge Museum of Steam and Water Supply.

After lunch (advisable to bring a packed one) we shall visit Hogarth's House (guided) and then on to Chiswick House and Chiswick Church. Given suitable weather, this should prove a very pleasant day by the river.

Coach fare £3-90 inclusive of gratuities. Admission to Kew Bridge Museum £1-08 a head, O A P 63p (party rate), Chiswick House approximately 30p, O A P 15p.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 17 SEPTEMBER

Stephen Fortescue is hopeful of arranging a visit to some historic houses in the North Bookham area. Full details in our next News Letter.

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER

The Dallaway Lecture will be presented by Mr Paul W Sowan and entitled "A History of Underground Surrey". It will cover Medieval or earlier subterranean stone quarries, mines, tunnels and even World War 2 air raid shelters. The venue, hopefully the City of London Freemen's School, Ashted, will be confirmed.

MUSEUM NEWS

Enclosed with this News Letter is an appeal from the Chairman, Mr L A Smith, for £2,000 to improve the facilities at Hampton Cottage. Please send us a donation - or help to organise a fund-raising event - so that this much-needed work can be undertaken as quickly as possible. "The Friends of Leatherhead Museum" have made a good start with "Bygone Bookham" on 19 April.

The date for the re-opening of the Museum is 8 April, from 10am until 1pm. Two exhibitions are being prepared for the opening. One is on "The Mounts" archaeological excavations undertaken by the Society in 1947-1949 in conjunction with the Surrey Archaeological Society. The site was identified as that of the thirteenth century manor house of Pachesham Magna. Recently Dr Renn has reviewed the evidence in the light of up-to-date knowledge and his findings will be published shortly by the S A S. The other and smaller exhibition will be of Victorian kitchen equipment.

May we make another plea for volunteers to act as Stewards of the Museum for three hours once a month. If you can spare that amount of time, please telephone Joe Parry on Leatherhead 375359 regarding Friday mornings; or Ralph Hume on Leatherhead 374520 for Saturdays, morning or afternoon.

ASHTEAD NEWS LETTER DELIVERY

Miss J Holman looks after the overall delivery of News Letters in the Ashted area. She urgently needs a helper to look after Links Road and roads north of Ashted station. Can we have a volunteer, please. The News Letters are the only way the Society has of keeping members informed of its activities and it is essential that they are delivered as quickly as possible.

Miss Holman's address is 20 Forest Way, Ashted, telephone Ashted 74593.

TRANSPORT TO MEETINGS

The suggestion has been made that, owing to the difficulties of travelling by public transport at night, the Society should maintain

a list of members who have spare seats in their cars and are willing to give lifts to those without transport. This would be particularly appreciated by the ladies, who do not feel happy about being out alone at night. Would anyone who is willing to give assistance in this way please give their names to the Secretary. She can then answer any queries for transport that she receives.

One lady who has already made a plea for help is Miss R F Gover, 16 Aperedele Road, Leatherhead, telephone Leatherhead 72927.

Joyce Fuller
Secretary

A final reminder -

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting on
Friday, 15 April.

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

SATURDAY, 9 JULY Whole Day Visit to KEW & CHISWICK

Please book _____ seats at £3-90 per person.

I enclose cheque value £_____ payable to Leatherhead & District
Local History Society

with a stamped addressed envelope

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

SATURDAY, 21 MAY. Whole Day Visit to SOUTHAMPTON

Please book _____ seats at £5 per person.

I enclose cheque value £_____ payable to Leatherhead & District
Local History Society

with a stamped addressed envelope

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

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 £4 for the year 1983.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Council Chamber of the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, at 8pm on Friday, 15 April 1983

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting
(Copy attached)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
4. Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 16 April 1982
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the Special General Meeting
6. Presentation of the Executive Committee Report
(Copy attached)
7. Presentation of the Society's accounts for the year ended 31 December 1982 (Copy attached)
8. Presentation of the Museum accounts for the year ended 30 September 1982 (Copy attached)
9. Review of subscription for 1984
10. Election of Officers and Committee for 1983
11. Appointment of Hon. Auditor
12. Any other business

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BULL HILL, LEATHERHEAD, on FRIDAY, 16 APRIL 1928 AT 8PM

PRESENT: Mr J G W Lewarne (President, and Chairman of the Meeting)
Mr L A Smith, MBE (Chairman)
45 members of the Society

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been received from seven members:

Miss V B Emerton	Mr F W Benger
Mr & Mrs A G B Mackenzie	Miss S Burrough
Mrs S Miller	Mrs J Spencer

2. MINUTES OF THE 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes had been circulated to members before the meeting. They were accepted as a true record of the 34th Annual General Meeting, and their adoption was proposed by Mr S E D Fortescue, seconded by Mr J R Bull and carried.

At this point Mr Smith paid tribute to two members who had died during the year - Mr Alan Christian and Mr John Ludford, both of whom had been valuable and active members of the Society. To their widows and families, Mr Smith expressed the Society's regret and affection.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Old building in The Woodfield, Ashted - Photographs had been taken as suggested at the last AGM. Representation had been made through the Countryside Protection Society and it is hoped that the cottage is now safe from demolition.
- (b) Appointment of Hon. Auditor - Miss Burrough was unable to be present but in her letter to Mr Lewarne apologising for her absence, she mentioned that it was out of order for the two Treasurers to propose and second the appointment of the Hon Auditor. This was accepted as correct and would be noted for this year's item.

4. MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 1981

The motion put to the Special General Meeting was to alter Rule 5 to allow the appointment of more than two Vice Presidents. The motion had been carried by the meeting, and as a result, the Executive Committee had been very pleased to appoint Mr S E D Fortescue a Vice President.

The adoption of the minutes of the Special General Meeting was proposed, seconded and carried.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The report had been circulated to members before the meeting, and Mr Smith commented on it as follows:

- (a) Proceedings - Volume 4 No 5 was now printed and would shortly be distributed to members. Mr Benger had been very ill over the past twelve months and Mr Smith paid tribute to him for getting the Proceedings out under the circumstances.

Costs - Mr Smith said that the Proceedings were taking a large part of the Society's income.

Meetings with Mr Benger had produced three ideas for reducing costs:

- (i) Reduce the size
- (ii) Publish a larger issue every other year
- (iii) Raise a Proceedings Fund

Grants - A suggestion had been made that the Society should apply to the British Academy for a grant towards the cost of publishing in the Proceedings, John Blair's articles on Medieval documents. Application would be made for such a grant.

Offset Litho Printing - This had proved no cheaper than the present method of printing, and the price the Society got from Dyers was very good.

(b) Leatherhead History - This was proceeding slowly. The 18th century team had virtually fallen apart, one member having died and two being ill. Help was needed in researching for the 20th century section. Two members present at the meeting offered their assistance.

Publication date - This had extended and was likely to be 1983 or even later.

(c) Museum - Mr Smith expressed the Society's gratitude to Mr Bruce for all his work at the Museum, including arranging the exhibitions. Storage space was urgently needed and the Committee would continue to search for suitable accommodation.

(d) Records - The Society's records were stored in various members' houses, the bulk being with Mr Bruce. It was now intended to split the records into the various parishes. An archivist would look after each section, with Mr Bruce as overall Records Secretary. Records for the parishes of Ashted and Bookham had already been taken care of, but Leatherhead and Fetcham remained to be dealt with.

(e) Library - Some books not of immediate local interest had been sold. The funds thus obtained would be used to buy new books.

(f) Programme - Mr Barnwell had again organised a very full programme, which had been much enjoyed by the members.

(g) Public Relations - Slides for use by lecturers were gradually being collected and the Society had about 100 slides and 36 colour prints. Mr Hume was turning old photographs into slides and Mr Marsh had made a record of the Leatherhead central development area.

Mr Winslade had had to resign as Public Relations Secretary during last year, and the Committee had decided not to fill the position again this year. There were two sides to the job: (1) the Press side, so that the Society's activities were publicised; Mrs Crawford had agreed to look after this; and (2) the distribution of posters, etc, which Miss Holman would organise. In this way it would be possible to manage without a Public Relations Secretary.

(h) Officers and Committee - Mr Smith wished to thank the Officers and Committee for their year's work.

He also took the opportunity of thanking Mr & Mrs J Gilbert for organising the tea at all the monthly meetings.

Discussion then took place on items in the Executive Committee Report:

Mr Lewarne and Mr Gillies recalled the early days of the Society. It had been founded in 1946 with the main object of writing a history of Leatherhead. The original subscription was 5/- and the Proceedings were 3/- each.

Records - In answer to a question, Mr Bruce said that where the documents covered more than one parish, the documents would be duplicated and a copy filed in each centre.

Subscriptions and costs - As the publication of the Proceedings was absorbing most of the Society's income, various suggestions were made for reducing their costs. It was accepted after discussion that reducing the number printed by economising, for instance, on distribution to families with more than one member, would not significantly reduce the cost. Mr Gillies said that the Surrey Council for Local History were linked in some way with Phillimore's and asked if there was a chance of this Society having such a commercial link-up. The Committee would consider this.

Publications

Proceedings - Mr Wallace said that he felt the Society owed a tremendous debt to Mr Benger for his years of Editorship, during which the standard of the Proceedings had been raised so that it was now one of the finest of any Society in the country.

Mr John Read asked whether it would be possible to put in the Proceedings advertisements from learned or semi-learned bodies. Mr Smith said this had been considered before, but the circulation of the Proceedings was too small to be attractive to prospective advertisers. However, this would be discussed with Mr Benger, together with the suggestion that lower quality paper could be used for the advertisement pages.

Delivery of Newsletters - Mr Gillies said that the Newsletter was the Society's only means of keeping contact with its members and therefore it must be distributed quickly - his own copy was often very late. He was informed that the Committee were endeavouring to find ways of improving the delivery of the Newsletters.

Ashtead Potters - Mr Gillies queried the possible publication of Mr Hallam's book. Mr Smith said Mr Hallam had himself been trying to find a publisher, but Mr Hallam was unfortunately ill and no further progress had been made.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTS

The accounts had been circulated to members and were presented to the meeting by the Treasurer, Mr H J Mears, who commented on certain items in them:

Donations included £100 from Lord Barnby, for which the Society was very grateful.

£700 had been paid back of the £1,000 loan raised for the publication of the Ashtead History.

National Savings Investment Account - As had been suggested at the previous Annual General Meeting, the money on deposit with Lloyds Bank was duly transferred to National Savings Investment Account. The Society had lost interest for one month during the transfer of the Lloyds Bank Account, as interest on a National Savings Bank account could not be credited for periods of deposit less than one month. Mr Mears said it was evidently not the policy of the Savings Bank to notify depositors of the interest earned annually as Building Societies do automatically, and so despite the changes in rate since the deposit he had estimated the interest earned until the end of the year at approximately £150. However, as this figure was not authenticated he was unable to include it in the statement of account for audit. Mr How then said these figures could be obtained by writing to the Savings Bank at Glasgow and Mr Mears said he would do so.

Interest on Lloyds Bank account - £101-33 - was for five months only before the closure of that account.

A breakdown of expenditure of the present subscription of £3 was given:

Postage & stationery	32p
Insurance	8
Expenses for meetings	11
Subscriptions to other Societies	5
Purchase of maps etc	16
Research costs for Leatherhead History	<u>31</u>
	£1-03
Leaving towards cost of the proceedings	<u>1-97</u>
	£3-00

Mr Gillies asked the policy for members who under-pay. The answer was that they do not receive the Proceedings, but receive the Newsletters and can attend any meetings.

Expenses for administration - The meeting felt that the Committee had managed to keep these extremely low.

Charitable status - It was noted that the Society is not registered with the Charities Commission as being of charitable status, but is treated as a charity by the Inland Revenue for tax purposes.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr N H West, seconded by Mr Gollin, and carried.

7. MUSEUM ACCOUNTS

The accounts had been circulated to members and were presented to the meeting by Mr J R Bull.

Expenditure on Hampton Cottage had greatly reduced although regular maintenance and improvements were being carried out. Donations were being received, including those from the Friends of Leatherhead Museum, keeping finances in a healthy state.

It was hoped to accumulate the £7,000 of the interest free loan for the purchase of Hampton Cottage, before the due date, so that the Museum could receive the benefit of the interest on the sum before repayment.

The adoption of the Museum accounts was proposed by Mr P How, seconded by Mr R A Lever, and carried.

8. REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1983

The Committee had reviewed the financial position of the Society and recommended that the subscription for 1983 remain at £3.

Mr Mears said that the cost of the last Proceedings was £1149 (approximately £3-25 a copy); subscriptions received amounted to £930, therefore leaving a debit balance of £219. The two grants from the Surrey and Mole Valley Council's were unlikely to come back owing to the national financial position. It must also be remembered that any reduction in the print run of the Proceedings would result in an uneconomical price. Application to the British Academy was being made for a grant for the publication of John Blair's Medieval papers.

A full discussion then took place, with proposals for subscriptions of varying sizes. Mr Gillies proposed that a loan of £4,000 should be raised now to pay for the Leatherhead History. He also suggested that the subscription should be raised to £5.

Finally, a motion was put to the meeting to raise the subscription to £4 in 1983. This was proposed by Mr J R Bull and seconded by Mr Rice Oxley. The motion was carried by one vote, with ten abstentions.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 1983

Mr Lewarne expressed his thanks to the retiring Committee for all their work over the past year - and particularly to Mr Smith who had had the very difficult task of following as Chairman, Mr Fortescue whose Chairmanship had been so successful.

The present Officers and Committee were all willing to stand for re-election, and there being no other nominations, Mr Lewarne suggested that the re-election should be carried out en bloc. This was proposed by Mr Gillies, seconded by Mr Gollins and carried.

10. ELECTION OF HON. AUDITOR

Mr Lewarne thanked Mr Kirkby for his service to the Society. Mr Kirkby was willing to continue, and his appointment was therefore proposed by Mr Gollin, seconded by Dr Renn and agreed by the meeting.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Museum - Mr Bruce said that the Museum had reopened at the beginning of April on Fridays and Saturdays. Exhibitions were to be organised on a regular basis, changing every three or four months. Volunteers were needed to organise displays. Mrs Crawforth offered to organise a railway exhibition.

Stewards - The Friday rota was looked after by Mr Parry and the Saturday one by Mr Hume. More stewards were urgently needed and volunteers were asked to contact Mr Hume or Mr Parry.

Friends of the Museum - The number of 'Friends' had continued to grow and they would be holding their AGM very shortly.

(b) Programme - Mr Barnwell said that there were still places available for the visit to Portsmouth on Saturday, 22 May. He

reminded the meeting that there was a walk round Dorking on June 12 and hoped there would be a good attendance.

Two other events were mentioned:

- (i) A talk on the Ashtead Potters to be given at Ewell by Mrs Hallam to the Nonsuch Antiquarian Society on 5 May.
 - (ii) An Open Day at Guildford Museum between 10am and 5pm on 18 May.
- (c) Storage Space - Mr Bull said he understood that some space might be available in Juniper Hall. This would be investigated.
- (d) St Giles Church, Ashtead - Mr Gillies said that on 17-19 September a celebration would be held to mark 700 years of worship at St Giles Church. This was to include an exhibition and the Society had been asked to take part.
- (e) Lost documents - Mr Lever reported that two of the Society's documents had been lost:
- (i) The copy of the Wyburd map of 1802. This is a complementary document to one in the Surrey Record Office giving a complete picture of life in the 19th century.
 - (ii) A picture of Colonel Ffoulke Greville Howard.
- Mr Lever would be glad to receive any news of these documents.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Minutes of a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held on Friday, 16 April 1982
at the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead

PRESENT: Mr J G W Lewarne (President)
Mr L A Smith, MBE (Chairman)
45 Members of the Society

The meeting had before it a motion to alter Rule 3 in such a way that the Society could introduce a Junior Membership for those under the age of 18; and also allow those Ordinary Members joining for the first time after 30 September in any year to carry their subscriptions through the whole of the next year.

The introduction of the Junior Membership in particular was welcomed by the meeting, and the motion was proposed, seconded and carried.

Rule 3 would now read:

- (a) There shall be three classes of Members, viz: Honorary Members, Ordinary Members and Junior Members.
- (b) Honorary Members shall be such persons as may accept an invitation by the Executive Committee to become Honorary Members of the Society.
- (c) Ordinary Members shall be persons or bodies who wish to support and participate in the work of the Society, who apply and are accepted for membership.
- (d) The subscription for Ordinary Members shall be such sum as shall be determined at a general meeting upon notice of the intention to vary the subscription.
- (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 1 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 the due subscription within two months of a request by the Honorary Treasurer so to do shall cease to be a member of the Society.
- (i) The Executive Committee shall have complete discretion in considering any application for or removal from membership and shall not be required to furnish reasons.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1982

The Executive Committee for 1982 were:

Chairman	L A Smith, MBE
Treasurer	H J Mears
Museum Treasurer	J R Bull
Secretary	Miss J Fuller
Archaeology Secretary	E A Crossland, ISO
Editor	F B Benger, FSA
Lecture Secretary	N H West, MBE
Librarian	J R Gilbert
Membership Secretary	Mrs C Barrett
Programme Secretary	E S Barnwell
(Record Secretary & Museum Curator	D Bruce
Sales Secretary	G Hayward
Committee Members	R A Lever, ED, BSc, FLS S R C Poulter M A Snellgrove

MEMBERSHIP

As usual, the number of members of the Society varied considerably over the year, but at 31 December 1982 it was 321, including 14 Honorary Members and two Junior Members, a Junior Membership grade having been approved by a Special General Meeting on 16 April 1982.

PUBLICATIONS

Sales of the Society's own publications, as well as publications from other sources, continued steadily throughout the year.

Proceedings - Volume 4, No 5 of the Proceedings was distributed during the year.

Leatherhead History - Research has continued, but the teams have lost many members and the first draft has therefore been delayed once more. It is not now possible to give a likely date for its completion.

THE SOCIETY'S RECORDS

The Records have continued to grow satisfactorily, particularly on the photographic side. Many of the Society's more interesting photographs have been made into slides, so that they are available for illustrating lectures etc. The proposed "History of Leatherhead" has prompted much research, and a large quantity of information has been gathered from many sources. Obviously not all of it will be used in the History; nevertheless, it will all be stored in the Records, available for research and articles for publication in future years.

Use has been made of the extensive material already on file to help stage local history exhibitions at the Fetcham Fete, Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Ashted Parish Church and the Surrey Symposium held in 1982 at the Sondes Place School, Dorking.

LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

The Society's Museum at Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead, was open to the public from April until Christmas on Fridays (mornings) and Saturdays (mornings and afternoons). Thanks are due to the many Stewards who attended usually three hours a month, and also to members and others who staged or helped to stage specific exhibitions, under such headings as "Early Leatherhead", "Natural History of Ashted", "Mathematical Tiles", "Maps of Ashted 1638-1945", "Found Material - Bottles and Jars", etc. In addition there have been permanent exhibitions, including that of the Society's collection of Ashted Pottery, which is constantly being added to by gift or loan. One useful function of the Museum is that of being a receiving-point for a considerable amount of information, documents, photographs and

objects pertaining to our area, material which otherwise might easily have been lost for ever.

The finances for the day-to-day running of the Museum are reasonably healthy, thanks to the support of members, visitors and the "Friends of Leatherhead Museum". However, it is felt that the toilet should be reinstated as soon as possible, and the garden laid out. The present reserves are not sufficient to meet the expected costs, so various fund-raising activities will be necessary if these essential works to Hampton Cottage are to be carried out.

LIBRARY

All but the most valuable books are now in the Museum Library. The remainder are kept by the Librarian in his own home.

During the year certain books on subjects other than the history of the locality have been sold, and the funds will be used for the purchase of other books of greater interest to the Society.

Thanks are due to those members who have donated books to the Library since the last report.

PROGRAMME

A very full programme of lectures and visits was arranged throughout the year, including visits to Fetcham Park House and Rowhurst Cottage and Forge. A whole day visit to Portsmouth proved very timely with a sight of the Mary Rose operations and a visit to the exhibition of treasures recovered from the vessel. There was also an enjoyable all-day visit to Ewelme and Wallingford. The Dallaway Lecture was given by Miss Joan Harding, FSA, to a very full lecture hall, and concerned "The Restless House - A Study of Farmhouses and Cottages in Surrey". The Christmas Miscellany as always had a full house, interesting speakers - and mince pies!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Society produced an exhibition for the Surrey Symposium, this year's subject being "Surrey People"; and also for several other exhibitions throughout the year. These exhibitions gained considerably from Mr Wildgoose's excellent art work. A sales table has been organised at each one of them, either by the Sales Secretary, or in his absence, by the Librarian.

The Lecture Secretary has continued the work of finding speakers on local history topics for widely differing types of organisation. The collection of slides for the use of speakers has grown considerably.

ARCHAEOLOGY

A watch has been kept on the M25 excavations but nothing of importance has come to light. A watch has also been kept on the oil pipeline through Leatherhead, and a quantity of bricks, pottery and clay pipes was found in the area to the east of the A24 between Epsom Road and Highlands Road. These have been sent away for identification.

Work has been carried out at a very small site in Givons Grove, which produced evidence of Iron Age occupation in that area.

The Executive Committee wish to thank all members for their continued interest and support during the year.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1982

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	1981	1982
Subscriptions	£941-25	£913-00
Donations - Society	286-63	341-53
Donations - Museum	75-00	26-00
Sales of Books (omitting Occasional Paper No 3)	390-23	532-22
Profit on Teas	12-25	11-86
Profit on Outings	130-25	134-50
Interest on Lloyds Bank Deposit A/c ½ 1981	46-03	-
Interest on Nat Sav. Bk Invest. A/c ½ 1981	-	91-31
Interest on Nat Sav. Bk Invest. A/c 1982	-	217-20
	<u>£1,881-64</u>	<u>£2,267-62</u>
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Printing	£987-25	£1,149-10
Administration	129-18	135-16
Museum Donations	109-93	26-00
Loan Repayment	350-00	-
Leatherhead History Expenses	100-00	-
Sundry Purchases	53-82	35-91
Lecture Costs	37-50	36-00
Subscriptions to other Societies	17-50	19-00
Sundry Expenses	1-54	2-00
Bank Interest to Sheila Hind Fund (See below for 1982)	240-08	-
	<u>£2,026-80</u>	<u>£1,403-17</u>
DEFICIT	£145-16	-
PROFIT	-	£864-45

SHEILA HIND PUBLICATIONS FUND

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Previous Interest	£240-08	-
Interest Lloyds Bank Deposit A/c ½ 1981	55-30	-
Interest Nat Sav Bk Invest. A/c ½ 1981	-	58-11
Interest Nat Sav Bk Invest. A/c 1982	-	120-94
Sales of Occasional Paper No 3	60-44	90-60
	<u>£355-82</u>	<u>£269-65</u>
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Printing Occasional Paper No 3	£440-00	-
DEFICIT	£84-18	-
PROFIT	-	£269-65

PLEASE NOTE this Statement is in a new style, mainly intended to separate the Society's funds from the Sheila Hind Publication Fund. Other variations will be noted in the Receipts and Payments, the main policy change being under "Subscriptions" which will now only cover the subscriptions paid for the year under review, plus any back payments, and not the total monies received during that year. The paragraph under Membership & Subscriptions gives details.



BALANCE SHEET

SOCIETY	1981		1982
Accumulated Funds B/F	£1,888-60		£1,750-44
Less Deficit	145-16		-
Plus Profit	-		864-45
	£1,743-44		£2,614-89
<u>Add Subs paid in advance for next year</u>	£110	£113	
<u>Less current Subs dealt with in previous a/c</u>	£103 7-00	£107 6-00	
	£1,750-44		£2,620-89
 <u>SHEILA HIND FUND</u>			
Accumulated Funds B/F	£1,000-00		£915-82
Less Deficit	84-18		-
Plus Profit	-		269-65
	915-82		1,185-47
	£2,666-26		£3,806-36
 Represented by:			
Lloyds Bank Current A/c	£466-26		218-80
Nat Sav Bk Investment A/c	2,200-00		3,587-56
	£2,666-26		£3,806-36

Dated 22nd February 1983

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 B A Kirkby

Honorary Treasurer H J Mears

MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1982

35 Paid full	£3	in 1981	£105-00
1 Paid only	£2	in 1981	2-00
Balance	£1	in 1982	1-00
11 Old rate	£1-25	in 1982	13-75
18 Old rate	£2	in 1982	36-00
245 Correct	£3	in 1982	735-00
Back payments			20-25
310 Plus 13 Honorary Members			£913-00

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID IN ADVANCE FOR 1983

22 Paid new rate	£4	in 1982	£88-00
7 Paid old rate	£3	in 1982	21-00
1 Part rate	£2	in 1982	2-00
2 Junior rate	£1	in 1982	2-00
32			£113-00

LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

Reg. Charity No. 273978.

HAMPTON COTTAGE,
64 CHURCH STREET,
LEATHERHEAD,
SURREY.

Please reply to :-

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1982

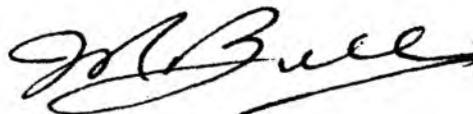
<u>Income</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Donations and certain money-raising projects	453.88	420.25)
Profit on Sale of Books and Leaflets	not isolated	48.00) (a)
Interest from Investments to meet Loan Repayment	350.19	331.49
Interest from Bank Deposit Account	195.39	93.95
Friends of Museum (Ashtead Supper Project - gross receipts 1981 only)	628.93	52.00 (b)
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	1,628.39	945.69
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 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Administration - Publicity Expenses, Service Charges	292.06	201.93
Investments	500.00	415.05 (c)
Repayment of Short-Term Loans	1,000.00	NIL
Renovation and Maintenance of Hampton Cottage		
Labour and materials	312.53	NIL (d)
Costs incurred with Ashtead Supper Project	250.00	NIL
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	2,354.59	616.98
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Bank Balance at beginning of year	1,311.97	585.77
Excess of Income over Expenditure	NIL	328.71
Excess of Expenditure over Income	726.20	NIL
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Bank Balance at end of year	585.77	914.48
Donations held by the History Society		
but not yet transferred	NIL	NIL
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	585.77	914.48
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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: 16th November 1982

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

H. J. MEARS
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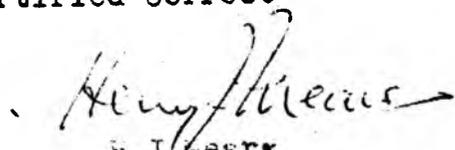
1st October, 1982

MUSEUM FUNDS

Summary of the Museum Funds which have been incorporated in the general funds of the above Society during the period 1.10.81 to 30.9.82:-

Brought forward from previous Summary as at 30.9.81	-	N I L
Donations for Museum received with Subscriptions to the Society	-	£8 00
Proceeds sale of Cabinet	-	£15 00
Total	-	£23 00
Transferred to the Museum Fund 28.9.82	-	£23 00
Balance in Hand 30.9.82	-	N I L

Certified Correct


H. J. MEARS
Hon. Treasurer

NOTES

- (a) The 'Profit from Sales' is now shown separated from 'Donations' to indicate the efforts of the Curator and 'Friends of the Museum' whose support is most appreciated by the Trustees.
- (b) The fact that there has been no major project this year, is reflected in the more modest sum raised this year.
- (c) We have purchased 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Exchequer Stock 1995 amounting to £433.02, N.V.

The Sum invested is calculated to include the majority of Bank Interest, Tax refunded on dividend payments as well as Investment Interest.

The total stock so far acquired towards eliminating our principal debt of £7,500 now stands at approximately £2,950.

- (d) This year, maintenance costs have been confined to within that sum held as a 'float' by the 'Hon. Clerk of Works' and which it has not yet been necessary to replenish.

FINALLY, THE TRUSTEE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO MEMBERS AND OTHERS WHO ARE CONTINUING THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE MUSEUM IN ORDER TO ASSIST IT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.