

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER NO 3/1983

NEWSLETTER DELIVERIES

We are most grateful to Miss Joan Madgwick for making a very quick response to our plea in the last Newsletter for someone to take overall charge of the delivery of Newsletters in the Leatherhead area. Her address is: 35 Linden Court, Linden Road, Leatherhead, telephone Leatherhead 372451.

For reference, the complete list of area deliverers is as follows:

Ashtead - Miss Joan Holman, 20 Forest Way, Ashtead, telephone Ashtead 74593

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Fetcham - Mr Geoff Hayward, Ypriana, 173B Cobham Road, Fetcham, telephone Leatherhead 372674

Leatherhead - Miss Joan Madgwick

PROGRAMME SECRETARY

Despite previous appeals, no-one has come forward offering to take on this post. At present your Chairman and a few members of the main Committee are doing all the work, but owing to their many other commitments they cannot continue for much longer. Unless, therefore, we find a replacement for Eric Barnwell very soon, there is a danger that our programme of meetings and visits will have to be curtailed. This is a wonderful opportunity for one of our newer members to become more involved with the work of the Society; and an opportunity to bring down the average age of the Committee at the same time!

FUTURE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 9 DECEMBER. 8pm at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY - our annual evening of short presentations by members, with a cup of coffee and mince pies during the proceedings. We need speakers, and if you would like to participate, please contact Mr L A Smith on Ashtead 75466.

FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY. 8pm at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead.

A talk on THE HISTORY OF GUILDFORD, by Mr Matthew Alexander, MA, who is Curator of the Castle Arch Museum at Guildford and is a recognised authority on the history of Guildford.

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY. 8pm at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead.

A talk by Mr R J Webber on THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INN. Mr Webber is Public Relations Officer for the Brewers Society and a Member of the Surrey Archaeological Society. He will be known to members from a previous talk he gave on Inn Signs.

SATURDAY, 17 MARCH - A visit to Juniper Field Centre, Dorking.

Meet at the Centre at 2.30pm. Mrs Maggie Jarman, who is the Geography Tutor and is also in charge of the Library, has kindly offered to conduct us round Juniper Hall, looking at the architectural features, talking about its history and seeing the functions that it has today. In particular there will be an opportunity to examine the contents of the Library. (The Centre has made available to our members the use of this Library on production of a letter from the Secretary identifying the person in question as a member.) The cost of the visit is 75p including tea, and money will be collected on the day. As the Centre need to know the numbers coming, please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to the Secretary as soon as possible.

FRIDAY, 30 MARCH - 7.30pm for 8pm, Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead
The Annual General Meeting of the Society. All papers for this meeting will be circulated with the next Newsletter.

FRIDAY, 13 APRIL - 8pm at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead

A talk by Mr David Taylor on THE HISTORY OF COBHAM. Mr Taylor is a solicitor and a member of the Esher Local History Society. His speciality is the history of Cobham, which he has researched over many years. We hope to arrange a walk round Cobham during the summer.

VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH

Arrangements are in hand for a visit to Christchurch, Dorset, on Saturday, 8 September 1984. Under the guidance of local experts it is hoped to visit Hengistbury Head (for prehistory), the Norman Castle, the Constable's House, the restored Mill on Christchurch Quay, the Red House Museum, and the magnificent Priory Church. Full details will be given in the next Newsletter.

THE MUSEUM - from David Bruce

By the time this Newsletter is published, it is hoped that the building of the toilet and store in the garden of Hampton Cottage, will be well under way. The Trustees have decided to appoint J Worsfold Limited to do the building (instead of endeavouring to do the work themselves) in order to get the work done as expeditiously as possible. This course of action, needless to say, greatly increases the cost, and whilst we shall be covered by interest free loans which have been kindly offered by a member and a local organisation, these loans will have to be paid back: so donations towards paying for this very necessary amenity are still urgently needed - how about a Christmas present to the Museum? All gifts to the Museum Treasurer, John Bull, 98 Woodfield Lane, Ashted - Ashted 72800 - please.

All that will then remain to be done will be to lay out the garden - dwarf walls, York stone, seats, flower beds. Laurie Smith and John Wall have agreed to tackle this job, but it would be unfair to leave it all to them, so extra manpower will be required. Offers of help to Laurie Smith, Hazeldene, Glebe Road, Ashted - Ashted 75466. Try to imagine the scene next summer: a seat in the sun, surrounded by old-fashioned flowers and herbs, the gentle murmur of bees - there might even be the rattle of coffee cups (15p a cup?)

ART EXHIBITION - from David Bruce

Once again we are pleased to host an exhibition and sale of paintings produced by the Bookham and Fetcham Art Club 81. This will be open to view at the Museum on the Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays of the weekends of December 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17. See posters for times of opening.

RICHARD HUCK : PHOTOGRAPHER - LEATHERHEAD - from David Bruce

Arising out of the item in the last Newsletter, the following information has been provided, mainly by Doris Burchell, a member of the "Leatherhead History" research team (local papers) and also by Steve Poulter.

Huck's death at 90 was reported on 8 January 1927. Born in Epsom, he was left an orphan at an early age, so lived with grandparents at Ashted Park Lodge. When they died, he lived with an aunt, a schoolmistress, in Ashted. He was apprenticed to the building trade with Mr Walker of Leatherhead, and took up photography as a hobby. He subsequently devoted his whole time to experimental work, and between 1860 and 1880 contributed papers to photographic journals. He gave up business in 1884.

In 1870, after marriage, he built himself "Prospect Villa", 7 St John's Road, Leatherhead, where he lived until he died. He was a Trustee of the Penny Bank and was an ardent churchman. His elder son John Huck, OBE, was Headmaster of Stationers Company School, Hornsey.

Another of his photographs, of Ventham's Coach Works, Bridge Street, Leatherhead, has been found in the Society's Records, and this has his number 10224.

Perhaps some photographic enthusiast in the Society who belongs to a Society holding copies of old photographic journals, might like to look into the substance of Huck's papers - he might be an unknown pioneer of some importance.

Mr Janaway, Senior Librarian of the Surrey County Council Local Studies Library, North Street, Guildford (in the main Library and well worth a visit) has written to say that they have on file a paper written by a Princeton University, USA, researcher whom they helped, on the Ashted photographer John Payne Jennings, active 1880-1900. This paper, which is described as comprehensive, should be interesting and might form the basis of an item in the Proceedings.

PAST EVENTS

We have two important "Past Events" to report:

Dallaway Lecture - 14 October

Mr Paul Sowan gave this lecture on 14 October before an audience of over 100 members and their friends.

He discoursed on the long history of caves and tunnels and on the manner in which many of them came into existence. Apart from natural caves in the limestone, the most likely reason was quarrying over many centuries for such materials as stone, chalk and Fuller's earth.

Mr Sowan also touched on some other kinds of underground works including railway tunnels and river conduits.

The talk was illustrated with some most interesting slides and it was received with much pleasure and acclamation.

Once more the Society is indebted to Mr Kemp, the Headmaster of the City of London Freeman's School, for allowing us to hold the Dallaway Lecture at the school - and also to the many students who acted as car park attendants and served us with hot drinks and biscuits during the interval.

The Chris Slingsby Memorial Lecture - 4 November

The Fetcham & Bookham WEA organised a lecture as a memorial to Chris Slingsby, their well-known and much-loved Secretary who died only a short time ago, having held that office for many years. The lecture was arranged very much with this Society in mind, and we are particularly proud that the WEA presented the Society with a garden seat for Hampton Cottage, inscribed to his memory. It will be David Bruce's "seat in the sun, surrounded by old-fashioned flowers and herbs...." next summer.

The lecture concerned "Surrey Houses and their Owners" and was given by Mrs Ann Sweeney, the Surrey representative of the London District WEA. Interesting facts and stories were illustrated by most attractive slides. Surrey is indeed fortunate in having so many lovely old houses.

"THE MOUNTS"

The final report on the excavation of the Medieval moated site known as "The Mounts" in Randalls Road, Leatherhead, has been published by the Surrey Archaeological Society (Collections Volume LXXIV for 1983). The report is edited by Dr Derek Renn, one of our Vice-Presidents. A small number of offprints (45 pages plus microfiche, 11 photographs and 19 illustrations) will be available from the Publications Secretary (Mr G Hayward, Ypriana, 173B Cobham Road, Fetcham, telephone Leatherhead 372674) price £2-50 by post or £2 at meetings.

ARCHAEOLOGY NOTES

Work has continued in the examination of the areas of occupation exposed by the construction of the M25 motorway. The pottery shows that there were two settlements on the same spot but separated by approximately 200 years. The earlier material has decoration which corresponds almost exactly with pottery manufactured at Horsted Keynes in Sussex where a kiln site was excavated in 1937. This is dated to about 50 BC. The Roman material includes pieces of a roofing tile and a floor tile with short nails suggested that there was a fairly substantial Roman building in the area. Apart from one small sherd of abraded Samian ware, the Romano-British pottery is of local manufacture not capable of close dating. There are resemblances to that found on the Roman villa site excavated by Rosamund Hanworth at Rapsley (Ewhurst) up to 1968. There the comparable pottery is dated to the first quarter of the third century.

Mesolithic Tranchet Axe

In September 1980, a member, Mrs E F Smith, found the axe show overleaf, in her garden at Ashtead. Roger Ellaby of the Surrey Archaeological Society has examined it and his report is at Page 205, Vol 74 (1983) of the S A S Collections. The axe itself may be seen in the Leatherhead Museum.

Because this and an earlier find came from adjacent areas close to the spring line, Roger Ellaby suggests that there may have been a Mesolithic settlement in Ashtead. Members should keep a sharp lookout for similar tools and if they find something which they think might be a handworked flint tool, let Mr E A Crossland, our Archaeology Secretary, have a look at it.

MEMBERSHIP

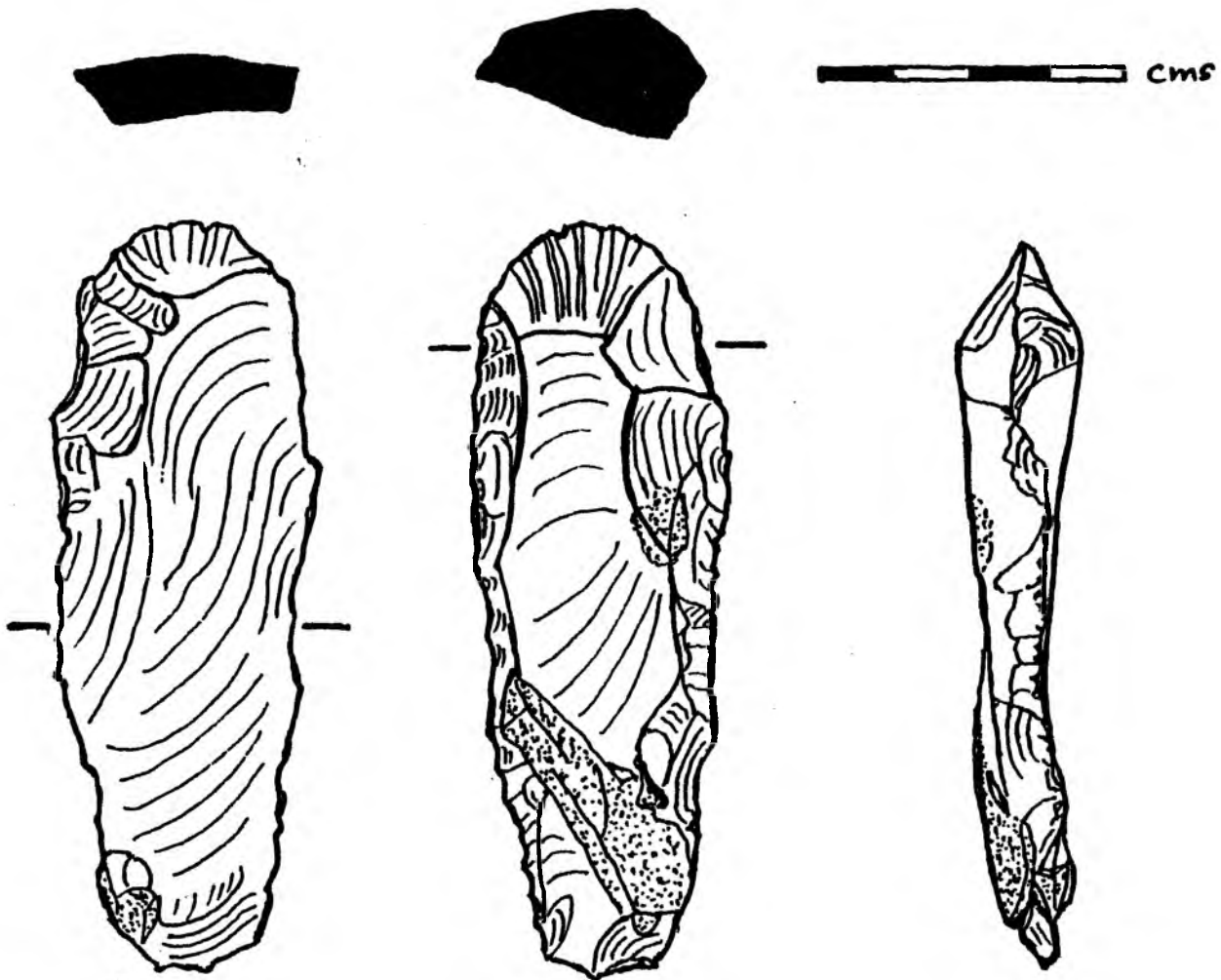
The latest figures show our membership as follows:

Fully paid up	258
Paying £3	16
Paying £2	3
Juniors	6
Honorary Members	<u>13</u>
	296

We are pleased to welcome the following two members who have joined since the last Newsletter:

Mrs A Brewer (Leatherhead)
Emma Harber - Junior (Ashtead)

Illustration of Mesolithic Tranchet Axe (See Page 3)



JACowie

And may we end by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our lectures and visits - and at the Museum.

Joyce Fuller
23 November 1983

TO: Miss J Fuller
6 Siddons House, Howard Close
Ashted, Surrey KT21 1DY

FROM: _____
(Please PRINT your name)

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

Please reserve _____ places for the visit to the Juniper Hall Field Centre on
Saturday, 17 March 1984.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The 37th Annual General Meeting of the Society
will be held in the Council Chamber of the Council
Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, at 8pm on Friday,
30 March 1984

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 36th Annual General Meeting (Copy enclosed)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of the Executive Committee Report (Copy enclosed)
5. Presentation of the Society's accounts for the year ended 31 December 1983 (Copy enclosed)
6. Report of the Museum accounts for the year ended 30 September 1983 (Copy enclosed for information of Members)
7. Review of subscription for 1985
8. Election of officers and committee for 1984
9. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
10. Any other business

MINUTES of the 36th Annual General Meeting held at 8pm
on Friday, 15 April 1983, at the Council Offices, Bull
Hill, Leatherhead

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Received from Mr F B Benger, Mr S E D Fortescue, Mrs G Gollin, Mr & Mrs A G B Mackenzie, Mrs S Millar, Mrs G Parry, Dr D F Renn, Mr J Stuttgart.

2. MINUTES OF 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr Lever asked for Item 11(e) to be re-worded as follows:

"Re-located Ashtead documents - Mr Lever mentioned that the long-missing apportionment to the Wyburd map of 1802 was recently found in an Epsom office and has since been presented to the Surrey Record Office with its associated map.

A portrait of Colonel F G Howard, Lord of the Manor, is at the National Portrait Gallery filed under the sitter's original name of Upton.

A reduced photograph will appear in the next issue of the Society's Proceedings."

Item 11(a) - Mrs Crawforth asked for the sentence:
"Mr Crawforth offered to mount an exhibition" to be re-worded "Mr Crawforth offered to assist Mr James to mount..."

With these amendments, the adoption of the Minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Item 11(c) - Storage space - Mr D Bruce mentioned that storage space for the museum material has been found. The Society now has one room in Woodville School in Leatherhead, and a smaller room in the Leatherhead Institute.

4. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 1982

The adoption of these Minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

There were no matters arising.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The report had been circulated to members. Mr L A Smith commented on some items in the report:

Leatherhead History - Mrs Vardey and her team were continuing with the research for the book. Unfortunately the team dealing with the Georgian period had suffered two retirements and two deaths, and volunteers to give help were urgently needed, particularly on the agricultural side of the research.

Mr Smith would shortly be having a meeting with Mrs Vardey and others to discuss how to finance the production of the History.

Thanks - Mr Smith said he wished to express thanks to many people in the Society, but particularly to:

- The officers and members of the Committee, who worked extremely hard and put in many hours of work for the Society;
- Mr John Bull who, apart from anything else, does all the administrative-type printing free of charge: the Society would otherwise have to pay something like £100 a year for this service.
- Mr Vernon Wildgoose, for his artistic work for exhibitions, posters etc.
- Mrs Rice-Oxley and her helpers for setting up exhibitions
- Mr Ralph Hume for making a collection of slides from old photographs and other material. The Society now has a library of about 300 slides.
- Mr & Mrs John Gilbert, for the most welcome refreshments at the monthly meetings.
- Mrs Crawforth for getting the activities of the Society reported in the Press.

Membership - The Committee had been pleased to welcome four Junior Members during the year. Woodville School had now been made an Honorary Member.

The adoption of the Executive Committee's Report was proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

7. PRESENTATION OF SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer (Mr Mears) presented the accounts which had previously been circulated to members.

Points particularly mentioned were:

- The Executors of the late Lord Barnby's estate had sent £200 to the Society.
- Membership had fallen over the past three years. So far this year 253 members had paid, compared with 323 in 1982 and 341 in 1981. (The difference in numbers reported by the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary was accounted for by new members joining after September 30. These were not included in the Treasurer's figures as their subscriptions were treated as being for 1983 in accordance with the recently agreed rule.)

The adoption of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

8. PRESENTATION OF MUSEUM ACCOUNTS

The Museum Treasurer (Mr J R Bull) presented the accounts which had previously been circulated to members for their information.

Points particularly mentioned were:

- Donations over the year were slightly down on previous years. Annual subscriptions from "Friends" were included in the figure of donations; unfortunately subscriptions had not actually been requested from the 130 Friends as there was no administrative help available to do so. He appealed for any assistance possible. Miss Burroughs referred to Item 11(a) of last year's AGM Minutes, where it was reported that the AGM of the Friends would soon be held. Mr Bruce answered that the AGM had not been held, for the same lack of assistance. Mrs West had done a certain amount of indexing and addressing of labels, but little other help had been forthcoming.

Miss Burroughs also mentioned that on at least one occasion the Museum had been advertised as being open, but in fact had not been. Mr Bruce repeated yet again that if there were no Stewards available, the Museum could not be opened.

- Museum Improvement Fund - Donations so far totalled £800 and included gifts ranging in size from £2 to £500.

9. REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1984

Having studied the Society's financial position thoroughly, the Committee recommended that the subscription for 1984 should remain at £4. This recommendation was proposed, seconded and adopted.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

With the exception of Mrs Barrett and Mr Barnwell, the 1982 Committee members were all willing to stand for re-election. There being no other nominations, the re-election of these members was proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

Mrs G Parry was then elected to replace Mrs Barrett as Membership Secretary, and Mr Smith welcomed her to the Committee.

A Programme Secretary was not elected as no-one was willing to take on this post.

The Chairman thanked the two retiring officers for their help. Mrs Barrett has been Membership Secretary for six years and she was leaving the Society with a set of impeccable membership records. Mr Barnwell had organised the Society's lectures and outings for several years and the Society's members had all enjoyed his programmes of events. He would be difficult to replace: indeed, so far no-one had volunteered to do so.

11. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr B A Kirkby had indicated his willingness to continue as the Society's Honorary Auditor. His re-appointment was proposed, seconded and carried, and the Society expressed their thanks to him for all his help.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Museum - Mr D Bruce thanked the two Chief Stewards and the team of Stewards they organised for duty on Fridays and Saturdays; he also thanked Miss McNulty for performing the unglamorous but necessary job of cleaning the Museum.

Completion of restoration - Money was of course still needed. On 19 April the "Friends" of the Bookham area had organised an evening lecture on "Bygone Bookham". All seats had been sold and there was a waiting list of over 100. Hopefully £200 would be raised for the rebuilding fund.

Manpower to deal with the rebuilding was needed, and Mr Bruce had been negotiating with the Manpower Services Commission to use manpower provided under their schemes. He was also visiting the Job Centre for labour for long-term schemes: the Job Centre would pay for the labour.

Planning Permission is needed for the building of the new toilet, partly because Hampton Cottage has a Grade 2 listing.

On the coming Sunday, a team led by Mr L A Smith was making a start on the garden. Amongst other things, rubbish had to be disposed of, and dwarf walls built to support main walls. The other big job was the reinstating of the toilet.

Mr Bruce appealed yet again for Stewards so that the Museum could be kept open.

A Surrey Museums Council had been formed, which was well received by local museums. Mr Bruce had attended meetings held by the Council.

- (b) Delivery of Newsletters - Mrs Crawforth raised the question of the late delivery of Newsletters, some of which, she said, had not been received until items in the programme had been missed.

The Secretary, in answering, said that the Society was dependent on the goodwill and willingness of members to undertake some part of the delivery system. All were volunteers and all were busy people. Delays did occasionally occur but every effort is made to avoid them.

- (c) Index to Volume III - Miss Burrough is compiling the Index, which is proving to be very large. John Blair is at the moment checking the work already done. No date for the completion of the Index could be given.

Index to Volume IV - It was suggested that the Index to Volume IV could be compiled as the issues appeared. Mr Smith said that in fact the Committee had already arranged this as an experiment, and the first four issues of Volume IV had been allocated to members to try out the system.

- (d) 1982 Proceedings - Mr Smith said it had been hoped to have the Proceedings available for distribution at the meeting, but they had not been received in time.

- (e) Form of meetings - Mr Gollin felt the form of the Society's meetings should be changed. The Dallaway Lecture speaker should talk for perhaps three quarters of an hour, then there should be time for questions - coffee should come at the end of the meeting.

The monthly meetings should also take the same form.

Although the meeting agreed with the logic of Mr Gollin's suggestion, it was recognised that the volunteers providing the refreshments needed time for washing up etc: their evening would be too long if the meetings were rearranged. It was also felt that we could not dictate to volunteer speakers how they presented their lectures.

- (f) Programme - Mr Barnwell reminded the meeting of the talk "Godalming - a Town in Trust" arranged on 22 April at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead. He also appealed to members to take part in all the events arranged, noting particularly the all-day visits.

- (g) Names in the area - Mention was made of the fact that new names such as "North Bookham" and "North Leatherhead" were being introduced. After discussion it was agreed that the Society could take no action to stop this, as its function was to record, not influence, history.

- (h) Buildings of Historic Interest - Mr Snellgrove asked whether Hampton Cottage qualified for the award of a plaque as a building of "Special" or "Historic" interest. (The cottage has a Grade 2 listing.) The cottage would then be included in the Surrey County Council list of such buildings and hopefully the Council would pay for the plaque.

The Chairman undertook to bring the matter to the attention of the Museum Trustees so that enquiries could be made via Mole Valley Planning Department.

There being no further business, Mr Lewarne thanked members for attending, and closed the meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1983

The Executive Committee for 1983 was:

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 Bengier, FSA
Lecture Secretary	N H West, MBE
Librarian	J R Gilbert
Membership Secretary	Mrs G Parry
Programme Secretary	Vacancy
Records 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

The number of members as at 31 December 1983 was 316 including 14 Honorary Members and 6 Juniors.

PUBLICATIONS

Sales of the Society's own publications and publications from other sources continued steadily.

Proceedings - Volume 4 No 6 of the Proceedings was distributed during the year

Leatherhead History - Research has continued and much work has been done. It is hoped to complete the first draft in March, with a view to publication in November/December 1984.

LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

In 1983 the Museum was open to the public on Friday mornings and Saturday mornings and afternoons from April until Christmas. The Society is most grateful to the voluntary Stewards who were each usually on duty for a period of three hours a month, and to the Senior Stewards, Messrs Ralph Hume and Joe Parry, who organised the Saturday and Friday rotas respectively. Miss Roberta McNulty earns our sincere thanks for keeping the Museum clean and tidy.

The exhibitions, in addition to the permanent displays, concerned the Society's excavations in 1947-49 at "The Mounts", Randalls Road, Leatherhead, and a collection of late 19th and early 20th century household (mostly kitchenware) pottery and glass. Specimens of finds on the line of the M25 were also displayed. The Bookham & Fetcham Art Group 81 again exhibited for sale many paintings of local scenes, during the three weeks before Christmas.

Another major step forward in the restoration of Hampton Cottage was undertaken - the rebuilding of the toilet block, which has been enlarged to include a store room in which it is intended to keep the tools, decorating materials and other heavy bits and pieces for which there is no room in the cottage. This work will cost the Trustees over £2,500, of which about £2,000 has already been received from members, well-wishers, the "Friends of the Leatherhead Museum", the Leatherhead & District Countryside Protection Society, and including £400 from Museum funds. There is therefore outstanding an amount of some £500 to be raised to clear the debt (which, if necessary, will be covered by temporary loans), so further donations are still required. This only leaves the garden to be set out with dwarf walls and York stone paving.

The Hon Curator, David Bruce, has been elected Chairman of the recently-formed Surrey Museums Council, of which organisation great things are hoped by way of cooperation between the thirty or so museums in Surrey.

SOCIETY'S RECORDS

The Society's Records continue to grow, with the gifts of photographs, postcards, maps and documents. Specimens of pottery and other material from many periods found on the line of the M25, have been received, as has a mesolithic tranchet axe found in Ashtead.

The records are now so bulky that the Society is unlikely to find anyone with space available to house the whole of them when the present Records Secretary gives up

this post. They are being divided into more manageable self-contained parts coinciding with the individual parishes, and are being located in the parishes concerned, making their use much easier for local researchers. Two years ago Eric Gardner, 35 Chaffers Mead, Ashtead (Ashtead 72219) took over the Ashtead material, and this year Geoff Hayward, Ypriana, 173B Cobham Road, Fetcham (Leatherhead 372674) agreed to take the Fetcham records. New material and enquiries concerning these parishes should be directed to those gentlemen.

The Society has been fortunate in being able to rent, at a nominal fee, a small room in the Woodville County Middle School, Leatherhead, in which to store some of the more bulky records such as the old Leatherhead U D C rate books for Ashtead and Bookham. Another small room high up in the Leatherhead Institute has also been obtained and the rate books for Leatherhead and Fetcham have been placed in it. Researchers wishing to look at these books should apply to the Chairman of the Society or the Records Secretary for a letter of authority to produce to the School Secretary or the Institute caretaker.

PROGRAMME

As no volunteer to act as Programme Secretary has come forward during the year, a few members of the Executive Committee managed to arrange the usual full programme of events to which the Society's members have become accustomed. However, if no Programme Secretary can be found, the programme is likely to have to be curtailed in the future owing to the many other commitments of the main committee members. A volunteer is urgently needed.

There were all-day visits to Southampton and to Kew and Chiswick during the year. Two "walks" - round Ripley and Reigate - were made and also visits to some historic houses in North Bookham. The success of the illustrated lecture "Bygone Bookham" organised by the friends of Leatherhead Museum and given by Mr S E D Fortescue, was outstanding and a repeat performance was organised. The money raised is for the Hampton Cottage Improvement Fund. The Dallaway Lecture by Mr Paul Sowan on "Underground Surrey" and the programme of lectures at the Red Cross Hall, Leatherhead, were all very well attended. A sales table was organised at each of them, either by the Sales Secretary or, in his absence, the Librarian.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Lecture Secretary provided speakers on local history subjects during the year to a variety of organisations. The Society's collection of slides for use by speakers has continued to grow, and has now been sorted and indexed.

During the year the Society contributed to various exhibitions set up by other organisations, notably the Fetcham Village Hall Celebrations, and monthly craft exhibitions at the Leatherhead Day Centre.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Catharine Charlish as Press Officer for both the Museum and the Society.

LIBRARY

The process of improving and enlarging the Library has continued during the year. Some books of less interest to the Society have been sold and the proceeds used to buy more appropriate books. Gifts of books from members have been much appreciated.

ARCHAEOLOGY

The watch on the M25 works has continued. Evidence was discovered of two settlements on the same spot but separated by about 200 years, the earlier being dated to BC 50.

A mesolithic tranchet axe was found in Ashtead and is now in the Leatherhead Museum.

Our Archaeology Secretary took part during the summer in a dig of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery near Uppark, Sussex. A full report was given by him at the Christmas Miscellany.

The Executive Committee wishes to record its thanks to the members of the Society for their interest and support during 1983.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1983

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	1982	1983
Subscriptions	£913-00	£1,182-00
Donations to Society	341-53	681-81
Donations to Museum	26-00	35-50
Sale of Books (omitting Occ Paper No 3)	532-22	141-60
Profit on teas	11-86	14-17
Profit on outings	134-50	85-29
Interest on Nat Savings Investment a/c - $\frac{1}{2}$ 1981	91-31	-
Interest on Nat Savings Investment a/c	217-20	252-34
	<u>£2,267-62</u>	<u>£2,392-71</u>
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Printing	1,149-10	2,150-21
Administration	135-16	146-96
Museum donations etc	26-00	58-85
Loan Repayment	-	300-00
Sundry Purchases	35-91	92-36
Lecture Costs	36-00	35-00
Subscriptions to other Societies	19-00	19-00
Sundry Expenses	2-00	26-05
	<u>£1,403-17</u>	<u>£2,828-43</u>
	PROFIT	-
	DEFICIT	£435-72

SHEILA HIND PUBLICATIONS FUND

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Interest on Nat Savings Investment a/c - $\frac{1}{2}$ 1981	58-11	-
Interest on Nat Savings Investment a/c	120-94	131-13
Sales of Occasional Paper No 3	90-60	46-70
	<u>£269-65</u>	<u>£177-83</u>
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Nil	-	-
	PROFIT	£269-65
		£177-83

Note from the Treasurer

The deficit shown in the Society's Accounts above was caused by the fact that the 1983 issue of the 'Proceedings' was produced earlier than usual. Consequently two issues from the Printers had to be paid for in the same year.

Had payment for this latest issue (Vol. 4, No.7), which cost £1,095.30, been delayed until this year, the accounts would have shown a profit of £659.58 (plus the small amount of interest through having to draw on our savings).

H.J.M.

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BALANCE SHEET

SOCIETY	1982	1983
Total funds b/f	£1,750-44	2,620-89
Plus Profit	864-45	-
Less Deficit	-	435-72
	<u>£2,614-89</u>	<u>£2,185-17</u>
Add Subs paid in advance for next year	113	127
Less current Subs dealt with in previous a/c	<u>107</u> <u>6-00</u>	<u>113</u> <u>14-00</u>
	£2,620-89	£2,199-17
<u>SHEILA HIND FUND</u>		
Total funds b/f	915-82	1,185-47
Plus Profit	<u>269-65</u>	<u>177-83</u>
	1,185-47	1,363-30
	<u>£3,806-36</u>	<u>£3,562-47</u>
Represented by:		
Lloyds Bank Current a/c	218-80	191-44
Nat Savings Bank Interest a/c	<u>3,587-56</u>	<u>3,371-03</u>
	<u>£3,806-36</u>	<u>£3,562-47</u>

Dated. 1st February 1984

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 1983

22 Paid full	£4 in 1982	£88	
7 Paid only	£3 in 1982	21	
1 Paid only	£2 in 1982	2	
2 Paid Junior rate	£1 in 1982	2	
		<u>2</u>	£113
5 of above 7 paid balance	in 1983	5	
253 Paid full	£4 in 1983	1,012	
3 Paid only	£3 in 1983	9	
10 Paid only	£2 in 1983	20	
4 Paid Junior rate	£1 in 1983	4	
Back payments		<u>19</u>	
<u>302</u>			<u>£1,069</u>
			<u>£1,182</u>

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID IN ADVANCE FOR 1984/85

31 Paid full	£4	£124
1 Paid only	£2	2
1 Paid Junior rate	£1	1
<u>33</u>		<u>£127</u>

In addition there are 14 Honorary Members

LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

Reg. Charity No. 273978.

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LEATHERHEAD,
SURREY.

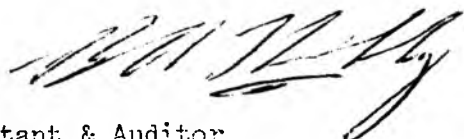
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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1983

<u>Income</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
General Donations and certain money-raising projects	420.25	70.60
Museum Improvement Fund - Donations	—	906.83
Profit on Sale of Books and Leaflets	48.00	39.70
Interest from Investments to meet Loan Repayment	331.49	360.12
Interest from Bank Deposit Account	93.95	66.72
Friends of Museum (Ashtead Supper Project residual receipts 1982 only)	52.00	—
Net proceeds "Bygone Bookham" Lecture (Spring 1983 only)	—	250.00
	<u>945.69</u>	<u>1,693.97</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Administration and other Expenses) 201.93	73.06
Service Charges) 170.02	170.02
Investments	415.05	450.00 (a)
	<u>616.98</u>	<u>693.08</u>
 <u>Summary</u>		
Bank Balance at beginning of year	585.77	914.48
Excess of Income over Expenditure	328.71	1,000.89
Bank Balance at end of year	914.48	1,915.37
Donations held by the History Society but not yet transferred	NIL	25.50
	<u>914.48</u>	<u>1,940.87</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: 20 November 1983

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

H. J. MEARS
"BEVERLEY"
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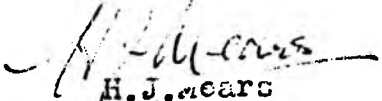
6th October, 1983

MUSEUM FUNDS

Summary of the Museum Funds which have been incorporated in the general funds of the above Society during the period 1.10.82 to 30.9.83:-

Brought Forward from previous Summary as at 30.9.82	-	N I L
Donations for Museum received with Subscriptions to the Society	-	£9 00
Commission on sale of Paintings (Bookham & Fetcham Art Group)	-	£8 50
Subscription from "Friend of Museum"	-	£1 00
Donation resulting from special Appeal for improvements to Museum	-	£10 00
Total		<u>£28 50</u>
Transferred to Museum Fund 31.12.82	-	£3 00
" " " " 29. 9.83	-	£25 50
		<u>£28 50</u>
Balance in Hand 30.9.83	-	N I L

Certified Correct


H. J. Mears
Hon. Treasurer

NOTES

- (a) We have purchased 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Treasury Stock 19.97. The sum so far invested in Government Stock now amounts to approximately £3,403.
(£3,562 nominal value)

The Trustees would again like to express their gratitude to members and others who are continuing their generous support of the Museum in its endeavour to provide a service to the community.