

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER 1/84

February 1984

Dear Member,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at 8pm on Friday, 30 March 1984 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.

Nominations for the Committee should reach the Secretary not later than 22 March 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.

In particular we should be more than glad to have a nomination for a much-needed Programme Secretary.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 30 March.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we remind members that subscriptions of £4 were due on 1 January 1984. A remittance form is enclosed to help you in sending them. If you pay by Banker's Order, do please make sure that you have updated it to the current subscription of £4. Receipts are not normally provided but if you would like one, please send a stamped addressed envelope to Mrs Parry at 13A Melvinshaw, Leatherhead, and she will send one to you. The subscription for Junior Members is of course £1.

MEMBERSHIP

We have great pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

Fetcham

Mrs N Coates  
Mrs J Hampton  
Mr A E Tims

Bookham

Mrs M A Burnham  
Mr K Dodds  
Mr P R Edwards  
Mr P Gardner  
Mr T J M Wood

Leatherhead

Mrs J Akenzua  
Peter Smith (Junior member)  
Mr L Sumption

Epsom

Mr L J Gorton

PROGRAMME FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER

In the absence of a Programme Secretary, some members of the Executive Committee have arranged the following programme for the coming months.

SATURDAY, 17 MARCH - Visit to Juniper Hall Field Centre

Juniper Hall have asked us to restrict the number of visitors to 50. Unfortunately this means that some of you will have to be disappointed as the applications for this visit have far exceeded that number. There is a waiting list, so if you have booked and now find you cannot come, PLEASE let the Secretary know so that someone else can take your place. The unlucky ones have been informed.

FRIDAY, 30 MARCH - Annual General Meeting. 7.30pm for 8pm in the Council Chamber of the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead. The papers for this meeting are enclosed with this Newsletter. (See paragraph above.)

JUNIORS ONLY

SATURDAY, 31 MARCH - JUNIOR MEMBERS ONLY - A "Walk" round Leatherhead, finishing with a behind-the-scenes visit to the Museum at Hampton Cottage. THIS "WALK" IS FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS ONLY (definitely no senior members) and will be led by Mr E Crossland, our Archaeology Secretary. So, Juniors, please ring Mr Crossland on OXSHOTT 2589 and discuss the arrangements with him. This is your "Walk" : make sure you visit the things that interest you most.

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 some time during the summer.

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE - Day Visit to Rye and Bodiam Castle

A whole day visit to Rye and Bodiam Castle will be led by Dr D F Renn. The coach will leave at approximately 9am - pick-up places and exact times will be notified individually. Due back about 7.30pm. The cost is £5-50 per person, including coach, gratuities and afternoon cream tea, but excluding admission charges. Rye has several places for lunch or picnic. A booking slip is enclosed for return to the organiser of this visit, Mr J R Gilbert.

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE - An evening Visit to Mickleham First School. 7pm to 8.30pm

By kind invitation of the Headmistress, Mrs Gwyneth Anderson, we have been invited to visit Mickleham First School to hear something of its history, its impact on the social life of the district, and also see some of the school's old records. The school was opened in 1843 and now has 40 pupils.

The school is situated in School Lane, Mickleham. Take the A24 to Dorking. Turn left at La Chandelle Restaurant (where there is a bus stop) and immediately right up School Lane, which is quite a rough road. There is plenty of parking in the playground.

This visit is earlier than our usual evening events - but please be on time as the school staff have stayed on especially to welcome us and are providing refreshments before we leave.

The number of visitors must be restricted to 35, so please would you complete the booking slip as soon as possible, and return it to the Secretary. There will be no charge for the visit or the refreshments, but I happen to know that the children need some more books in their Library - so if you feel liking making a donation to the Library fund, please do : they would be most grateful.

SUNDAY, 5 AUGUST - "Walk" round Guildford

This will be led by Mr Mathew Alexander and follows up his talk in January on the history of Guildford. The meeting place is the Castle Mount at 2.30pm. The party must again be restricted, this time to 30 - so send your booking slips in quickly.

SATURDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER - Day Visit to Christchurch, Dorset. (These notes are from Mr Alan Gillies, who has organised the visit.)

A day visit has been arranged to Christchurch on Saturday, 8 September, leaving Leatherhead at 0900 hrs. We will proceed direct to Christchurch where we will make a brief stop (toilets available) and meet our guides, Mr A T Lloyd, of New Milton, who is active in local research and lecturing; and Mr A White, a Christchurch resident and author. We will continue to Hengistbury Head (for prehistory - and a breath of sea air) before returning to Christchurch for the lunch break. Although there are many pubs, cafes etc, Christchurch gets very crowded on Saturdays, and there are many delightful spots where one can enjoy a picnic.

After lunch we shall split into two parties to visit the Norman Castle and ruined Constable's House, the Red House Museum, and the restored Place Mill on Christchurch Quay.

Tea will be served in the Priory House (proceeds to the Priory House Restoration Fund) adjacent to the magnificent Priory Church which we shall then visit. Toilet facilities are available at the Priory House. We hope to be back in Leatherhead by about 2000 hours.

The charge of £6 covers the coach fare, gratuities, local guides, afternoon tea and all admission charges, with the exception of those for the museum and the tower, both at the Priory Church. These involve the climbing of 75 and 175 steps respectively. Not all members may have the time or the inclination to tackle these! (The charge for each is 20p.)

If you wish to join this outing, please return the form attached (together with your remittance) to me at the earliest possible opportunity, so that we can give as much notice as possible if a larger coach is required. A full timetable, including

coach boarding instructions, together with an illustrated folder on Christchurch, will be sent to you during the two weeks prior to 8 September.

PLEASE NOTE THAT, WHERE THE NUMBER OF VISITORS IS RESTRICTED AND BOOKING FORMS HAVE TO BE RETURNED, WE WILL ONLY CONTACT YOU IF YOUR APPLICATION IS TOO LATE. WE ARE SORRY BUT WE CANNOT CONTACT EVERYONE - SO IF YOU HEAR NOTHING : YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum will be re-opening at 1000 hours on Friday, 6 April, and will be open thereafter on Friday mornings from 1000 hrs to 1300 hours, and on Saturdays from 1000 hours to 1600 hours. There is also a thought that, now that the main Leatherhead Library is opening on Thursdays, it would be good if the Museum could also open if volunteer stewards can be found. If you can spare a few hours during Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays to steward the Museum, please get in touch with Mr Ralph Hume on Leatherhead 374520 regarding Thursdays and Saturdays, and Mr Joe Parry on Leatherhead 375359 for Fridays. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Joyce Fuller

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BOOKING FORM

SATURDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER - Day Visit to Christchurch

TO: Mr A J GILLIES  
SUNNYMEAD  
EPSOM ROAD, ASHTEAD KT21 1LD  
Telephone: Ashtead 74616

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places on the visit to Christchurch on 8 September at £6 each.

I/We enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to A J GILLIES) together with a stamped addressed envelope, minimum size 210mm x 110mm (9" x 4")

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will be boarding at EPSOM/ASHTEAD/LEATHERHEAD/BOOKHAM (Please delete as appropriate)

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SUBSCRIPTION REMITTANCE FORM

TO: MRS G PARRY  
13A MELVINSHAW  
LEATHERHEAD  
Telephone: Leatherhead 375359

Enclosed is my subscription of (£4 for the year 1984.  
Juniors: (£1

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques should be made payable to "Leatherhead & District Local History Society"

BOOKING FORMS

SUNDAY, 5 AUGUST - Walk round Guildford

(Party restricted to 30)

TO: MISS J FULLER  
6 SIDDONS HOUSE  
HOWARD CLOSE  
ASHTEAD KT21 1DY  
Telephone: Ashtead 77876

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places on this Walk.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE - Visit to Mickleham First School

(Party restricted to 35)

TO: MISS J FULLER  
6 SIDDONS HOUSE  
HOWARD CLOSE  
ASHTEAD KT21 1DY  
Telephone: Ashtead 77876

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places on this visit to Mickleham First School on 13 June

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE - Day Visit to Rye and Bodiam Castle

TO: MR J R GILBERT  
34 GREENACRES  
GREAT BOOKHAM KT23 3NQ  
Telephone: Bookham 54946

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at £5-50 per person

Cheque enclosed for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to "Leatherhead & District Local History Society", together with a large stamped addressed envelope

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# 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

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## 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

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

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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 Burrough 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 Benger, 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 Ashted.

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>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
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	<u>217-20</u>	<u>252-34</u>
	<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	<u>2-00</u>	<u>26-05</u>
	<u>£1,403-17</u>	<u>£2,828-43</u>
	PROFIT	£864-45
	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	<u>90-60</u>	<u>46-70</u>
	<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.

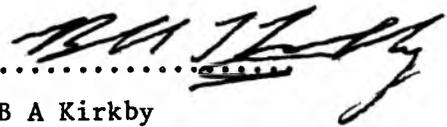
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BALANCE SHEET

<u>SOCIETY</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
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>113</u>
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>£1,069</u>
<u>302</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>£127</u>
<u>33</u>		

In addition there are 14 Honorary Members

LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

Reg. Charity No. 273978.

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

Please reply to :-

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
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"  
 43 THE GLADE, FETCHAM  
 LEATHERHEAD, SURREY  
 BOOKHAM 53071

6th October, 1983

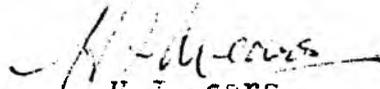
## MUSEUM FUNDS

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
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Total		£28 50
Transferred to Museum Fund 31.12.82	-	£3 00
" " " " 29. 9.83	-	£25 50
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		£28 50
Balance in Hand 30.9.83	-	N I L

BU T  
 NOT REC'D  
 BY BANK -  
 UNTIL 1/11/83

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.