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APOLOGIES

Many apologies for the lateness of this Newsletter due to the Secretary's recent visit to hospital. It is not often she has to come to a complete stop, but this time she did! She would like to thank all those members who offered their help and cheer in so many ways - without it, life would have been very difficult.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 1987

Please note that the AGM will now be held in the Large Hall of the Leatherhead Institute. The date remains the same, but refreshments, organised by Mrs Joan Kirby and her helpers, will now be served between 7.30pm and 8pm, giving us a chance to meet over a cup of coffee before the meeting.

A set of papers for the meeting is enclosed.

We are still seeking nominations for the Committee. Any volunteers should contact the Chairman or Secretary as soon as possible.

If you have not been to the Institute before, can we remind you that parking is available in the multi-storey car park almost next door, and also in the Parish Church Hall car park a few minutes walk away.

SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES - From the Chairman

Of the Society's 344 members, only a very small number take any active part in the running of the organisation. A few have undertake special tasks such as bookbinding or photography, but we could do with much more general help; for example, serving on the Executive Committee or a Sub-Committee, stewarding at the Museum, especially on Tuesday mornings, or organising and leading a visit somewhere.

If you would like to become more involved, why not have a word with the Chairman or any member of the Committee who can explain what our needs are and the way in which the Society functions. An offer to take on a job need not involve you in a particularly onerous commitment.

It is worth remembering that some of your present officers are not getting any younger, and a few have been acting for many years; and also some members of the Committee leave the district - possibly three this year!

NEW MEMBERS

We have great pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

Ashtead
Mr & Mrs W J Northcott

Bookham
Mr P R Smith
Miss M E Donohoe

Fetcham
Mrs S B Warner

Leatherhead
Mrs T Chapman
Mr & Mrs W D
Brownlie

1987 SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that subscriptions were due on 1 January. They remain at £4 for ordinary membership, £6 for "Husband & Wife" subscriptions, and £1 for Junior members aged 18 years and under.

The subscriptions of £1 for the "Friends of the Leatherhead Museum" were also due on 1 January. If you are, or would like to be, a "Friend" of the Museum, the two subscriptions can be paid together on one cheque made payable to "Leatherhead & District Local History Society". The "Friends" money will be transferred to them by the Society's Treasurer.

A remittance form was enclosed with the last Newsletter.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH - Large Hall, Letherhead Institute

"A Town at the Crossroads" - This talk will be given by Mrs Edwina Vardey, the Editor of the forthcoming publication "A History of Leatherhead", and her talk will have that history well in mind. It will be held in the Large Hall of the Letherhead Institute at 8.15pm, and refreshments, organised by Mrs Joan Kirby and her helpers, will be available from 7.45pm.

FRIDAY, 10 APRIL - 8pm, Red Cross Hall, Letherhead

"Early Cycling in Surrey" - This talk will be given by Mr Leslie Bowerman and will have particular reference to the Portsmouth Road. Mr Bowerman is Chairman of the Send & Ripley Local History Society.

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL - Large Hall, Letherhead Institute, 7.30pm for 8pm
The Annual General Meeting.

TUESDAY, 19 MAY - American Community School

We have been invited by the American Community School to visit them at Heywood Manor, built in 1804 and situated in a 128-acre site. We are most happy to accept this invitation, and the date arranged is Tuesday, 19 May - a week-day because the students will be our guides for a tour of the school and grounds, lasting about 1½ hours. We shall also be entertained with American-style refreshments.

The party has to be limited to 35 and the cost is 50p per person - a booking form is enclosed. If you book and then find that you will be unable to go, would you please let the Secretary know in case there is a waiting list.

The full address of the school is: American Community School, Heywood, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, and we will meet in the car park there at 3.30pm. From Cobham take the A307 Portsmouth Road towards Esher. The sign for the school is on the left, past the Fairmile Hotel (also on the left). After turning left follow the winding road over the A3 until arriving at the school gates.

"WALKS" - Full details will be given in the May Newsletter of two "Walks" already organised: one on Saturday, 20 July round Leatherhead, lead by Mr Fortescue, and the other round Dorking, lead by the Dorking Museum Curator. There will be an opportunity to view the Museum which will be specially opened for us.

LOCAL-HISTORY IN NEW ZEALAND - From S R C Poulter

During our recent visit to New Zealand, in the course of which we saw only part of the country, I gained an impression of a very 'history conscious' population, even though the history there covers only 160 years or so. Although the story of the Maori people in New Zealand is somewhat longer, they had no written language, let alone a written history, before the Europeans arrived.

The record of the early Pioneers, the Land Wars and the growth of settlements is well illustrated in many museums, with well-presented displays showing the development of a country that almost grew up with photography.

A notable example, for me, is at Te Awamutu, a lively small town with a museum housed in a large, purpose-built wooden building near the municipal offices and public library. Exhibits include military uniforms as well as weapons used by both parties in the Wars. In addition, there are examples of Maori crafts and some reconstructed early shops, with their contents, rescued as the town was re-developed. The museum is also an official repository of archive records for the National Library and is owned and operated by the Te Awamutu Historical Society. However, it has staff paid by the Local Authority for the town and surrounding area, comprising a total of about 7000 people!

On our way home, we stopped for a few days on Rarotonga in the Cook Islands and there met a Mrs Forbes, on holiday from New Plymouth in New Zealand. We discovered that some 40 years ago, as Ann Waters, she had been warden of a Youth Hostel at the Old Rising Sun at Fetcham: so now I had the answer to a question that a visitor to Leatherhead Museum had posed to Mrs Freda Crawford a few weeks earlier concerning the whereabouts of a Youth Hostel in the Leatherhead area. Of course, I need not have gone so far for the answer that I am sure John Lewarne, for one, could have given straight away!

Mrs Forbes said that she had also been involved in setting up the Hostel at Tanners Hatch. She subsequently moved on to other hostels in Bucks, Hants and Sussex before emigrating to New Zealand.

MUSEUM

The Museum will reopen for the 1987 season on Friday, 3 April, and it is hoped that the 1986 stewards will continue to attend on their usual day and week. We have been advised that one or two of the "old faithfuls" find they cannot continue to steward, so it will be necessary to find new people to fill the gaps. Society members who have not so far volunteered for this job are earnestly requested seriously to consider whether they could give three hours once a month to assist an experienced steward to look after the Museum. The only two days it is open regularly are Fridays, 10am - 1pm, and Saturdays (two stints 10am - 1pm, 1pm - 4pm). We are endeavouring to develop a rota for Tuesday afternoons 1pm - 4pm, so if that day would suit you better, let us know. Friday volunteers should contact Joe Parry (Leatherhead 375359), and those for Saturday and Tuesday, please, phone Ralph Hume (Leatherhead 374520). If you cannot commit yourself to a regular attendance, how about volunteering for standby duty to help plug gaps caused by illness or holidays?

Hampton Cottage

The paintwork outside the building urgently requires attention. If volunteer decorators cannot be found, there will be no alternative to employing expensive professional workmen. Even an hour or so concentrated work on,

say, the back bow window frame, would be a great help, and two or three people could soon protect the woodwork for the next few years. Please let Geoff Hayward (Leatherhead 372674) or David Bruce (Bookham 58722) know if you can spare a little time - we will provide all the materials required. You will be saving the Museum a great deal of hard-earned money.

EDWARD WILKINS WAITE (1854-1924) - From David Bruce

The recent exhibition of paintings by E W Waite at the Guildford House Gallery raised no particular interest in the Curator's breast when he received a poster to display. However, browsing through a Surrey glossy magazine recently, an article dealing with the exhibition revealed that Edward Waite was born in Leatherhead and was educated there at the school at The Mansion. After two years in Canada, aged about 20, he returned to England and took up painting seriously in all media, but mainly in oils. It is estimated that he produced something like 700 works, so there must be quite a lot of them about in Art Galleries up and down the country, and it would be surprising if he did not paint scenes from the place of his birth - so please keep a look-out for his works, and let David Bruce have details of any you discover. One illustrated in a Country Life (25 September 1986) advertisement is called "Rushy Meadows by the Kennet" and is dated 1913.

Edward Waite's father was the Rev Edward Waite, the Congregational Minister at Leatherhead from November 1852 until June 1865, and was himself a keen amateur watercolourist, and another of his sons, Harold Waite, was also a gifted painter.

Further information about this family would be welcomed.

ACTIVITIES OF OTHER SOCIETIES

Surrey Archaeological Society - Roman Villa Group

(a) Coach outing to Keston - Sunday, 17 May

A coach outing to Keston near Bromley in Kent has been arranged to coincide with an Open Day there to visit an Iron Age hill fort and Medieval tile kiln not normally open to the public, and to visit the Warbank Roman tombs. Coach will leave Dorking Halls at 8.30am and is expected to return by approximately 2.30pm. Charge is £3 per person. The Open Day is to commemorate the 200th anniversary of a meeting in Holwood Park at Keston between Pitt and Wilberforce when they formulated plans for proposing to Parliament the abolition of the slave trade.

Anyone interested please contact Mr Leslie LeMottee, Little Rising, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead - telephone Ashted 74107.

(b) Coach outing to "Mary Rose" and Porchester Castle - Sunday, 4 April

The outing to Portsmouth will include visits to the "Mary Rose" (now upright in its cradle and being reconstructed) and its Museum, and to the third century Saxon Shore Fort at Porchester with its Medieval castle's Norman keep and Augustinian Priory Church.

For full details and booking forms, please contact Mr Leslie LeMottee, Little Rising, Ermyn Way, Leatherhead, telephone Ashted 74107.

Headley Festival Group - "Historic Week-end - 14 and 15 March

Being held at Headley Village Hall and split into two days. The Saturday is really for Headley people and starts at 7pm. The Sunday is from 10am - 6pm and is open to all, admission 25p. The exhibition will consist of photographs, maps, Parish records and paintings by local artists.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The 40th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Large Hall, Leatherhead Institute at 7.30pm for 8pm on Wednesday, 15 April 1987.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held on 4 April 1986 (copy enclosed)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Report for the year 1986 (copy enclosed)
5. Presentation of the Society's Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1986 (copy enclosed)
6. Report of the Leatherhead Museum Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1986 (copy enclosed)
7. Review of the subscription for 1988
8. Election of Officers and Committee for 1987 (paper enclosed)
9. Any other business

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1986**

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Executive Committee for the Year 1986

Chairman	L A Smith, MBE
Secretary & Membership Secretary	Miss J Fuller
Treasurer	H J Mears
Museum Treasurer	J R Bull
Museum Curator	D Bruce
Editor	D F Renn
Library Secretary	J R Gilbert
Sales Secretary	G Hayward
Lecture Secretary	N H West, MBE
Records Secretary	E Marsh
Archaeology Secretary	E A Crossland, ISO
Programme Secretary	No appointment made
Committee Members	Mrs L Heath R A Lever S R C Poulter

MEMBERSHIP

The number of members who had paid their subscriptions as at 31 December 1986 was 344. This figure includes 9 Honorary Members and six Juniors, and shows an increase of 30 over the 1985 figure of 314. The new "Husband and Wife" subscription of £6 was introduced for 1 January 1986 and has proved very popular. The subscription for ordinary members was maintained at £4 and for Juniors £1, for the fourth year in succession.

PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings - Volume 4 No 9 was distributed during the year.
Mr J Stuttard has made a start on preparing the index for Volume 4.

Newsletters - A new format was introduced giving an improved appearance and considerably reducing the work of producing them. Four issues a year instead of three will now be made.

Sales - The Society's publications and some from other sources have been displayed for sale at practically every event held during the year.

'The Story of Hampton Cottage' (The Museum) was produced during the year. It was written by Mrs Mary Rice-Oxley with assistance from Mr D Bruce and Mr E A Crossland. It is selling well at £1 per copy.

'The Schools of Leatherhead' - Mrs Linda Heath has carried out extensive research and has produced a paper which it is hoped to publish.

'The History of Leatherhead' - Much work has been done during the year but it is feared that the planned publication date of Easter 1987 will not be achieved.

RECORDS

The Record Secretary, assisted by the Archivists for the four parishes, continued to attempt to improve the indexing of the Society's official records, which increase all the time. Photographic records also continued to increase. Mr Marsh has commenced audits of the records held in each parish.

MUSEUM

Due entirely to the continuing efforts of all those volunteers who helped to organise, steward, clean, garden, decorate, build etc at the Museum, it again opened from April until December 1986 on Friday mornings and on Saturday mornings and afternoons. As an experiment it occasionally opened on Tuesday mornings manned by a single volunteer. If more volunteers could be found the Museum could be opened more frequently. Volunteers should contact Mr R Hume or any member of the Committee.

Mr Ernest Crossland staged a Domesday Book exhibition relating to our area. This was followed by an extensive exhibition dealing with the growth of the Railways, particularly those of Leatherhead, by Mrs May Cree and Mr Hume.

Maintenance work included plumbing work round the rear bay window and Mr G Hayward and his team finished paving the garden with stone paid for by the "Friends of the Leatherhead Museum".

Income from donations by visitors - £237; Profit on Sales - £95; and Bank Interest - £65, fell short of expenditure by £16. £212 worth of Society publications was also sold in the Museum.

The Friends of the Museum held two very successful "Bygone" functions, one at Leatherhead and the other at Oxshott.

The Trustees made a formal objection to plans for extensive development at the rear of Devonshire House and adjoining the Museum, which it was thought would adversely affect the amenities, particularly the garden.

PROGRAMME

The small Sub-Committee of members of the Executive Committee continued to arrange the Society's programme of events as a Programme Secretary had still not been found. Mrs Audrey Elmer was a welcome addition to the Sub-Committee towards the end of the year.

All-day visits were made to St Albans and Hatfield House, organised by Mr J R Gilbert, and to Lewes, organised by Mr A J Gillies. Two afternoon visits were made, one to Juniper Hall, where the party was shown round by Mrs Bebbington, and the other to Outwood Mill, where a conducted tour was given by Mr Thomas, one of the owners.

The Dallaway Lecture on 17 October was given by Dr David Bird, the Surrey County Archaeologist, whose subject was "Ten Years of Rescue Archaeology in Surrey".

Monthly meetings on a variety of subjects were well attended:

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| January 10 | Illustrated lecture - "Thirty Years a Digger" by Mr E Crossland. |
| February 14 | Illustrated lecture - "Domesday Survey and Leatherhead & District", by Dr Peter Edwards |
| March 14 | Lecture - "Some Popular Misconceptions of William Cobbett", organised by the William Cobbett Society. This Society also invited us to join their coach outing in July which followed the route of Cobbett's ride in 1823 from Thursley to Reigate. |
| April 11 | Illustrated lecture - "Gunpowder Works at Chilworth", by Professor Alan Crocker. This was followed in June and August by walks round the site of the gunpowder works, led by Professor & Mrs Crocker. |

- November 20 Illustrated lecture - "The Water Supplies of Leatherhead and District", by Mr W.A Bryan of East Surrey Water Company. The talk included an insight into the charity work done by water supply companies in helping to bring pure water to communities in under-developed countries. It is hoped to arrange a visit to the Leatherhead Water Works in the spring.
- December 12 Christmas Miscellany - The annual evening of contributions by members, which was a great success.

PUBLICITY

All requests to the Society for speakers for lectures to other organisations were met during the year. The collection of slides available to speakers continued to grow.

The Society also contributed to several exhibitions staged by other bodies, thanks to the very professional help given by Mr G Holman.

LIBRARY

The Society's Library continued to be housed in the Letherhead Institute Library, the latter being manned by volunteers organised by Mr L Sumption on behalf of the Society. The arrangement is working well and the Trustees of the Institute entertained the helpers at a party before Christmas in recognition of the work done by them. The Library was open from 1.30pm to 4.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays, and from 10am to 12.30pm on Thursdays, when some members also came in to consult or borrow the Society's books from our own Library.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT

No excavations have been undertaken this year. The Anglo-Saxon sword found in 1930 at Watersmeet, Fetcham (together with other weapons and an ornamented wooden bucket) has been submitted to Portsmouth Museum for X-ray examination. The report has not yet been received.

Several items have been brought into the Museum for comment. Most have been common geological specimens.

Guildford Museum has given a set of photographs of the Anglo-Saxon burials at Ermyn Way, Ashted, and the articles found there, and of the Watersmeet material.

COUNTRYSIDE PROTECTION SOCIETY

Discussions took place during the year concerning a possible amalgamation of the CPS with this Society. Further negotiations will be necessary if the merger is to go ahead.

The Executive Committee thanks all members for their continued support and in particular, those who have volunteered for various tasks during the year.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PAPER

Agenda Item 2

Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held at the Letherhead Institute on Friday, 4 April 1986 at 8:15pm

PRESENT: Mr S E D Fortescue Vice President
Mr L A Smith, MBE Chairman
47 Members of the Society

Mr S E D Fortescue chaired the meeting in the absence of the President, Mr J G W Lewarne, who was unwell. The meeting sent their good wishes to Mr Lewarne.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies had been received from:

Mr G Hayward	Mr R Hume	Mr & Mrs A J C Read
Mr & Mrs D Heath	Mr & Mrs F Kirby	Dr D F Renn
Mr P How	Mr J G W Lewarne	Mr F Stokes

2. MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - 27 MARCH 1985

The acceptance of the Minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

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

There were no matters arising.

4. MINUTES OF 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 27 MARCH 1986

The acceptance of the Minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (1) Item 4 - Photograph of Prestforward Lodge - The Letherhead Institute knew nothing of the whereabouts of the original photograph, but the Society had copies of it in its records. The name of the photographer was incorrectly spelt in the Minutes - it should be YOUELL.

The Old Toll House mentioned in the same minute was located in Epsom Road, not Epsom.

Leatherhead History - There was still much work to be done and no publication date was yet arranged.

Presentation of the Blue Bird Steering Wheel - This had in fact taken place on 16 May 1985, not 17 May as originally planned, as at the last moment Miss Campbell could not keep the original date.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Smith presented this Report.

Library - It was noted that the Society's records for the Leatherhead Parish were also housed in the Institute Library.

Thanks - Mr Smith said he had many thanks to express, apart from the official ones contained in the report:

- Miss Burrough and Miss Gover for the production of the Index to Volume III
- Mr & Mrs John Gilbert for serving coffee at all the Society's meetings, and all the other ladies who helped with the coffee. Mr Gilbert was also on the Programme Sub-Committee and organised some of the Society's visits.

- The Distributors of the Newsletters & Proceedings who, by their efforts, saved the Society a great deal of money on postage.
- Mrs Mary Rice-Oxley who, for 11 years, had organised all the Society's displays at outside events. She was now unfortunately having to give up, but Mr G Holman had offered to take over the task.
- The Officers and members of the Committee for their work for the Society during the year, and for their loyal support.

The acceptance of the Executive Committee report was proposed, but Miss Burrough asked for an addition under the Item "Publications", to read:

"The Index to Volume III of the Proceedings was published during the year."

With this addition, the report was accepted by the meeting.

7. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1985

Mr Mears presented the accounts for the year 1985, and explained various items in them. He noted particularly that the production of 250 copies of the Index to Volume III of the Proceedings had cost £1372-70 (over £5 per copy). This had considerably reduced the surplus for the year.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed.

8. REPORT OF MUSEUM ACCOUNTS FOR 1984/85

Mr Bull commented on these accounts which had been circulated for the information of the Society. It was hoped to accrue the amount of the original loan for the Museum (due to be repaid in 1996) before the due date so that the capital could be used for investment until the repayment date.

9. ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

Mr Smith introduced this item by saying there were two sides to the proposals made in the paper circulated on this item:

- (a) The lack of suitable material coming forward for publication, mainly because very little original research was being undertaken.
- (b) The cost of production, which was tremendous, and in fact was more than the total subscription. Mr Smith said the Committee thought that the Proceedings should be issued less than annually, with the standard being kept high, although the Editor was investigating cheaper forms of production. The name of the Proceedings should be changed as it was intended that items such as the present list of "Proceedings" should be published in the Newsletter.

Mr Bruce wished it to be minuted that his recollection was that the views of the Committee members were very diverse and no decision had been made; this fact was noted in the Minutes of the relevant meeting of the Executive Committee.

Suggestions were:

- (i) The Proceedings should remain an annual publication in its present form and with its present name, but it was recognised that smaller issues of, say, 16 pages might be necessary.
- (ii) Material could come from:
 - Straight reprints of articles in the very early issues of the Proceedings; there were few original members still in the Society and many of the early Proceedings were not available.

- Information on Leatherhead written for but not being used in the official "History".
- Articles from Church magazines.

Other points made were:

- A lighter type of material could be used. This suggestion would be discussed with the Editor.
- The subscription should be increased to make more money available for the Proceedings.
- The research groups should be re-introduced. Mr Gollin reminded the meeting that originally the Society was divided into five groups, each of which undertook a research project.
- Publication of the Proceedings must be annual, otherwise interest in the Society would be lost.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed by the meeting, that the Proceedings should continue to be published annually, but reduced in number of pages if necessary.

10. VENUE FOR MEETINGS

A paper on this item had been circulated before the meeting.

The General Manager of Ashted Hospital had offered the free use of accommodation very suitable for public meetings of the Society. The Committee had accepted the offer in principle for one meeting a year, partly as a useful way of saving money on accommodation but also because there are many members in Ashted. However, owing to building alterations at the hospital which had not been envisaged when the offer was made, the space was not now available.

A discussion took place on a suggestion that meetings should be moved away from the Red Cross Hall following complaints about the Hall. It was, however, agreed that meetings for next season should continue at the Red Cross Hall, but one experimental meeting would be held in the Assembly Room at Leatherhead Institute providing satisfactory arrangements for refreshments could be made. The day of the week for all meetings would be decided by the Committee - the Institute's charge for Fridays was likely to be high.

11. SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1987

As a matter of interest, Mr Mears gave details of those members who had taken advantage of the new "husband and wife" subscription:

Of 37 "couples" in the Society, 24 have now elected to pay the reduced subscription of £6, resulting in a loss of	- £48
New "partners" who have joined 19, resulting in a gain of	+ 38
Giving an overall loss of	- £10

Having considered the Society's financial position, Mr Mears recommended that the 1987 subscription should remain at its present level of £4. This proposal was agreed by the meeting.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Mr Smith said that Mrs Linda Heath had been co-opted to the Committee during the past year.

All the present members of the Committee were willing to stand again, and there being no other nominations, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Committee should be re-elected en bloc.

Programme -

In the absence of the appointment of a Programme Secretary, Mr Fortescue asked for volunteers to join the Programme Sub-Committee to help arrange the Society's programme of events. Lack of assistance might well mean fewer activities. The Society was grateful to Mr S R C Poulter who had offered to join the Sub-Committee for one year to find speakers for the winter meetings.

13. APPOINTMENT OF HON AUDITOR

Mr Mears proposed that Mr Kirby should be asked to continue as the Society's Auditor, which he was willing to do. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Secretary would write to Mr Kirby, expressing the Society's thanks for his assistance and asking him to continue.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Leatherhead Parish Church - Mr Stuttard said that the Parish Church was publishing in May a guide giving a history of the church and town from Domesday to the present day.

Mr Bruce asked Mr Stuttard to ensure that material from the Society's records was duly acknowledged as such.

(b) Mr Rice-Oxley expressed thanks to Mr Fortescue for acting as Chairman of the meeting. He also thanked the Society's Chairman and Executive Committee for their past year's work and wished them every success in the coming year.

(c) Mr Lewarne - Mr Crawforth said he hoped that Mr Lewarne would be given a write-up of the meeting as he had been unable to attend.

(d) Museum - Mr Bruce said the Museum had opened that morning for the summer. A small Domesday exhibition, mounted by Mr E A Crossland, was on show. For June and July, Mrs M Cree was preparing an exhibition on the coming of the railways.

Mrs Rice-Oxley said that an exhibition on Venthams was available and ready to put up.

(e) Mole Valley Show - 5 May - Mr Bruce said that he would be at the show with his motor caravan and needed help throughout the day. Offers of assistance were given from the meeting.

(f) Exhibitions - Mr Bruce said that help was needed in arranging exhibitions, using the possessions of the Museum, and asked for anyone interested to get in touch with him.

(g) Nonsuch Antiquarian Society - Mr Smith said this Society was arranging an outing on Sunday, 15 June, cost £5-20, to East London and including tea at the Festival Hall. Members of our Society were welcome.

(h) Leatherhead Lions - The "Lions" have invited the Society to set up an exhibition at their show on 14 June. Help would be needed during the day.

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

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 15 APRIL 1987

PAPERS

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The Society's Accounts for the year ending 31 December 1986

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The Leatherhead Museum Accounts for the year ending
30 September 1986

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

From the Hon. Treasurer:

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1986

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
Subscriptions	£1,229-00	£1,204-00
Donations to Society	1,097-17	418-55
Donations to Frank Benger Fund	116-00	-
Donations for Museum & "Friends"	4-00	6-20
Profit on Refreshments	6-12	3-06
Profit on Outings	66-44	61-49
Sales of Books etc (Omitting Occ.Paper 3)	142-78	129-95
Interest on Nat.Savings Investment A/c	428-10	332-09
	<u>£3,089-61</u>	<u>£2,155-34</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Printing	£3,060-78	£1,015-07
Administration	182-00	275-64
Donations to Museum	4-00	4-20
Sundry Purchases	17-93	73-80
Lecture Costs	57-50	46-00
Subscriptions to other Societies	32-00	35-00
Sundry Expenses	11-14	34-29
	<u>£3,365-35</u>	<u>£1,484-00</u>
	CREDIT -	£671-34
	DEFICIT £275-74	

SHEILA HIND PUBLICATION FUND

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Sales of Occasional Paper No 3	38-00	51-00
Interest on Nat.Savings Investment A/c	180-01	197-97
	<u>£218-01</u>	<u>£248-97</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
N11	-	-
	CREDIT <u>£218-01</u>	<u>£248-97</u>

BALANCE SHEET

SOCIETY

Total funds B/f	£3,622-33
Plus Profit	-
Less Deficit	<u>275-74</u>
	£3,346-59

Add subs paid in advance for next year £132

Less current subs dealt with in previous account	180	(48-00)	£3,298-59
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SHEILA HIND FUND

Total Funds B/f	1,547-37
Plus Profit	<u>218-01</u>
	1,765-38
	<u>£5,063-97</u>

Represented by:

Lloyds Bank Current A/c	337-34
National Savings Bank Investment A/c	<u>4,726-63</u>
	<u>£5,063-97</u>

1986

£3,298-59
671-34
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<u>£3,969-93</u>

£32

132	(100-00)	£3,869-93
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£1,765-38
<u>248-97</u>
2,014-35
<u>£5,884-28</u>

627-59
<u>5,256-69</u>
<u>£5,884-28</u>

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

Hon Auditor.....
B A Kirkby

Dated 23rd January 1987
Hon Treasurer.....
H J MEARS

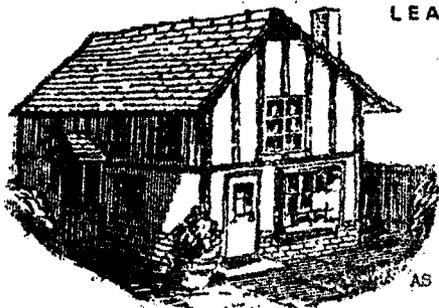
Membership & Subscriptions for 1986

18 paid full rate	£4 in 1985	£72	
20 (10 couples) paid	£6 in 1985	60	£132
194 paid full rate	£4 in 1986	£776	
96 (48 couples) paid	£6 in 1986	288	
1 paid part rate	£2 in 1986	2	
6 Juniors paid	£1 in 1986	6	<u>£1,072</u>
335		<u>£1,072</u>	<u>£1,204</u>

In addition there are 9 Honorary Members

Members who have paid in advance for 1987

8 paid	£4 for 1987	£32
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LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM
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Reg. Charity No. 273978.

HAMPTON COTTAGE,
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LEATHERHEAD,
SURREY.

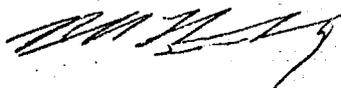
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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1986

	1985	1986
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
1. General Donations	267. 76	237. 23
2. Profit on Sale of Books and Leaflets	98. 45	95. 00
3. Interest from Investments to meet Loan Repayment	512. 21	570. 58
4. Interest from Bank Deposit Account	60. 72	64. 86
	<u>939. 14</u>	<u>967. 63</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
5. Administration and repairs	134. 02	232. 19
6. Services charges	190. 20	181. 35
7. Investments	455. 75	553. 50
8. Renovation of Garden in Hampton Cottage	12. 12.	Nil
	<u>792. 09</u>	<u>967. 04</u>
<u>SUMMARY</u>		
9. Bank Balance at the beginning of the year	488. 57	635. 62
10. Excess of Income over Expenditure	147. 05	59
	<u>635. 62</u>	<u>636. 21</u>
11. Bank Balance at end of year	635. 62	636. 21

AUDITOR'S 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 and Auditor
Great Bookham, Surrey.

I declare that the foregoing Statement of Accounts is correct.


J. R. Bull
Treasurer of the Trust
Date - 13 October 1986

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Agenda Item 8

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1987

Nominations have been received as follows:

Chairman	L A Smith, MBE
Secretary & Membership Secretary	Miss J Fuller
Treasurer	H J Mears
Archaeology Secretary	E A Crossland, ISO
Editor	D F Renn
Lecture Secretary	N H West
Museum Curator	D Bruce
Museum Treasurer	J R Bull
Record Secretary	E Marsh
Sales Secretary	G Hayward
Committee Members	Mrs L Heath R A Lever S R C Poulter

No nominations have been received for a Librarian or a Programme Secretary, this latter post in particular being most important.