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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 15 APRIL 1988

Fortynine members attended these meetings, and we were glad to see our President, Mr J G W Lewarne, taking the Chair at both of them.

The alterations to the Rules proposed by the Executive Committee were approved with some alteration to the wording (but not the sense) of the Rule concerning the composition of the Executive Committee.

At the AGM, the Executive Committee's Report and the Accounts for 1987 were approved. The previous Committee was re-elected en bloc as there were no other nominations. A list of the Committee members is enclosed for your retention.

NEW MEMBERS

We have pleasure in welcoming the following new members who have joined over the past weeks:

Ashtead

Davies, Mr & Mrs G  
Hicks, Mr & Mrs P C  
Green, Ben (Jnr)

Fetcham

Merry, Mrs J  
Meynen, Dr F G C

Leatherhead

Beddoe, Mrs J V K  
Lewer, Mr & Mrs A

Brockham

Gifford-Mead,  
Mrs A

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are still some subscriptions unpaid for 1988. We hope these members will re-join and a personal reminder has been sent to them.

There are also still a few Banker's Orders underpaid and a personal reminder has also gone to the members involved.

The 1987 Edition of The Proceedings has been distributed to all fully-paid up members.

HISTORY OF LEATHERHEAD

At the AGM on 15 April 1988, the Chairman announced that the book was ready to go to the printers. It will consist of some 384 pages of text, pictures and maps in a four-colour laminated cover.

An order form is enclosed for pre-publication purchases at a discount price of £8, and members are asked to let the Treasurer have their orders and cheques as soon as possible. Please also tell your friends, and pass on the extra order form also enclosed to anyone who you think might be interested in buying a copy.

There is no restriction on the number of copies that may be purchased and as Christmas will be not too far away when the book comes out, a few extra as presents would be good for you, good for the recipient and good for the Society.

### PARISH ARCHIVISTS

For the information of new members, our Records are split into the Parishes with which the Society deals. Parish Archivists are:

- Ashtead Mr Eric Gardener, 33 Chaffers Mead, Ashtead.  
Ashtead 72219
- Fetcham Mr Geoff Hayward, Ypriana, 173B Cobham Road, Fetcham  
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- Bookham & Mr D Bruce, 7 Fox Lane, Little Bookham  
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- Leather- Mr Liam Sumption, 89 Windfield, Epsom Road, Leatherhead  
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### VISIT TO LEATHERHEAD PARISH CHURCH: SATURDAY, 21 MAY 1988

This visit, described in the last Newsletter, was timed to start with tea at 4pm. However, Mrs Heath has now been able to arrange for us to see the Bell Ringing Chamber at 4pm. There is a wedding at 3pm and the bell-ringers will still be there at 4pm - an interesting addition to our visit.

There is no need to book for this visit - just come to the Church by 4pm. Tea will now be at 4.30pm.

### VISIT TO PETERSFIELD & UPPARK: SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST 1988 (Arranged by Mrs Mary Rice-Oxley)

Details of this visit were given in the March Newsletter. It should be an interesting and attractive one. We are being entertained and guided in Petersfield by the local history group. And Uppark is a delightful 18th century house set on the top of a hill giving magnificent views.

Places are still available and a booking form is enclosed. The cost is £7-05 full rate, £4-85 to National Trust members.

### VISIT TO SHOREHAM-BY-SEA: SATURDAY, 1 OCTOBER 1988 (Arranged by Alan Gillies)

The visit to Shoreham will be led by Dr Peter Brandon, who is a native of the town, of which he has a unique knowledge. Peter Brandon has been Head of Geography and Geology at the Polytechnic of North London, and is a former Hon Editor of Sussex Archaeological Collections. He has written widely on the historical geography of Sussex.

We shall have coffee at Lancing College, followed by a guided tour of the magnificent Chapel. There will be guided tours also of the Parish Church at New Shoreham and of the Marlipins Museum, whose collection reflects the 900 year history of the port. It is hoped to visit examples of the bungalows constructed around railway carriages, which are a feature of Shoreham beach. A guided walkabout will precede tea at Kingston Village Hall.

It is suggested that picnic lunches are brought, but if you would like a pub lunch this can probably be arranged. Please indicate your preference on the booking form.

Pick-up points are:

Bookham	- The Parish Church	9.10am
Fetcham	- Lower Road - end of The Street	9.15am
Leatherhead	- Leret Way: bus stop opposite entrance to Swan Centre	9.20am
Ashtead	- The Street - by "Sweet Things"	9.30am

We shall be back home about 7.30pm

#### KELLY'S DIRECTORIES - From David Bruce

I recently had an enquiry "Were we interested in an Epsom Directory for 1938?" My immediate reaction was "Sorry, not our area", but second thoughts made me enquire "Does it cover adjacent areas, such as Leatherhead, Ashtead etc?" When the answer was "Yes, and a lot more", I gratefully accepted it for the Society.

The book, 816 pages, covers all our area, including Effingham, Mickleham and Headley, as well as Ewell, Worcester Park and Kingswood. At the beginning of each parish is an introduction full of interesting facts and dates. For example, did you know that the Victoria Memorial Cottage Hospital in Leatherhead, erected on a site given by the first Lord Cunliffe of Headley, was opened in 1904? It was built to contain eight beds and one cot, and was enlarged in 1924 to contain 21 beds, including four private wards. Also, were you aware that the Letherhead Institute had an "annexed" tennis court?

The Ashtead section reveals that Miss F M Kitchener lived at 80 The Street. So what, you may ask. Miss Frances Madge Kitchener, a niece of Lord Kitchener, was no mean artist, and submitted a set of sketches in 1936 for the new coinage for Edward VIII, and her sketch of "Thrift" (or sea-pink) was accepted for the 12-sided 3d piece. She had to adapt her design several times, but the final version was produced by Percy Metcalfe, who also designed for the Ashtead Potters. Miss Kitchener had a shop in Ashtead, presumably at 80 The Street. Has anyone any recollections of this shop? What did she sell - was it a picture shop - if so, has anyone any knowledge of any pictures painted by Miss Kitchener? Please let David Bruce know - Bookham 58722.

Another point of interest is the list of the names of the occupiers of Purcells Close, the neat square of 20 houses built by Lady Weaver for the workers at The Ashtead Pottery. Since the Directory was published only three years after the close of the pottery, it is most likely that most of those listed were former workers at the pottery, and they include several names well-known to the Society, such as Vincent, Over Godman, and Robertson. These directories are chock full of interesting details, so think twice before refusing the offer of a copy dealing with, say, Dorking or Guildford.

#### "EAST SURREY" - From Alan Gillies

Whilst it is correct Library practice to show the author of the above book as STREET, B in the recent Library catalogue, on this occasion it gives no indication of the subject matter of the book. "Bell Street", as given on the spine, is a pseudonym. The book is a history of the East Surrey Traction Company Limited, founded in the early years of the present century by Arthur Henry Hawkins, to provide motor bus services in the Reigate area. Throughout its history, right up to the present day as London Country (South-West), the company has been particularly associated with the Bell Street/Lesbourne Road area of the town.

# LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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