

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held in the Dixon Hall of the Leatherhead Institute at 8pm on Friday, 15 March 1991. Coffee will be available between 7.30 and 8pm. Papers for the meeting are enclosed.

The present Committee are all prepared to stand for re-election, with the exception of Edwin Marsh, the Treasurer, who, to the Committee's regret, will be leaving our area some time in 1991. Other nominations (duly proposed and seconded) are most welcome for any position on the Committee. Please send them to the Secretary before the meeting.

After the AGM, Ernest Crossland will give an illustrated talk on "Bygone Oxshott", an area where we have several members.

It is hoped to see as many members as possible at this meeting. There was a record attendance of 83 last year.

1991 SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that subscriptions for 1991 were due on 1 January at the rate of £5 ordinary, £7-50 Husband & Wife, £1 Junior 18 years and under. A payment slip is enclosed. Please may we have those still outstanding as quickly as possible. The Rules say that if subscriptions are still unpaid at 31 March, membership ceases automatically, although in practice a little extra time is given.

Many thanks to those members who changed their Bankers Orders so that subscriptions could be paid into the Society's new Bank account.

Subscriptions of £1 for the Friends of Leatherhead Museum were also due on 1 January. These can be paid with Society subscriptions on one cheque payable to the Society and they will be passed to the Friends in bulk. Life Membership of the Friends at £20 minimum is also available and is proving very popular.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to recent new members:

Ashted

Dunn, J D
Peploe, Mr & Mrs S
Roberts, Mr & Mrs C M

Leatherhead

Early, J P
White, Mr & Mrs W

Others

Evans, Ralph - Oxford
Haslam, Miss E - Epsom
Mummary, Mrs H - Fetcham

"EARLY MEDIEVAL SURREY"

Dr John Blair's book "Early Medieval Surrey" has just been published. The price is £25, but the price to Society members is £15. Copies will be available from the Sales Table at the Annual General Meeting on 15 March.

ADDITIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

Over recent months additions have been made to the books of the Library. A list is given below:

- 173 Pictorial Guide to Leatherhead. Leatherhead Chamber of Commerce
- 174
- 175 The Archaeology of Surrey. Joan & O G Beio
- 176 The Story of Hampton Cottage. Mary Rice-Oxley
- 177 Leatherhead Institute Souvenir Brochure 1987 - Leatherhead Community Association
- 178 Guides to Ashtead, Leatherhead, Bookham & Fetcham
- 179 Leatherhead Parish Magazines 1880-1901
- 180 Kingston-upon-Thames Apprentices 1563-1713
- 181 Thorncroft Court Rolls Abst 1586-1881
- 182 Leatherhead Area Local Plan Mole Valley D C - July 1988
- 183 SAC Vol 78 1987 Collections
- 184 Minutes of the Reading, Guildford & Reigate Railway Company
- 185 Effingham and the Spanish Armada
- 186 Pastors, Parishes & People in Surrey - David Robinson
- 187 Of Good Report - A History of Leatherhead Schools Linda Heath
- 188 British Painting 1500-1850 Sotheby
- 189 Architectural Drawings Christies
- 190 Chertsey Abbey R Poulton SAS
- 191 Excavations in Southwark 73/76 73/79 LAMAS/SAS
- 192 The Tickners before 1600 V Tickner
- 193 Petty Session Minutes Effingham/Cophorne WSFH
- 194 SAC Vol 79 1989
- 195 Saxon Secrets in Surrey R Poulton Esso
- 196 Standing Orders of the County of Surrey CC 1879
- 197 Antiquities of Surrey SCC 1939
- 198 A List of Monumental Brasses in Surrey Stephenson
- 199 Ashtead Potters Ltd in Surrey 1923-1935 E Hallam

KELLYS DIRECTORIES

Researchers might like to know that Kellys Directories can be consulted at Read Publishing Group (IPC Business Press Ltd), Quadrant House, The Quadrant, Sutton SM2 5AS, telephone 081-661-3500

They have virtually all Kellys Directories, as well as a few others. The charge is £7-50 for a half-day's research or £15 for a full day.

THE REVEREND JOHN WESLEY

"A History of Leatherhead" states that "a visit made by the Rev John Wesley to Leatherhead was the most memorable event in the town in the late eighteenth century". Wesley had travelled to countless towns throughout the country preaching some 42,400 sermons. His visit to Leatherhead was the last he ever made as within a week he had died, aged 87. A hundred years later the Wesley Memorial Church was built to mark the centenary, and much more recently Wesley House was so named as it stands on the site of the house where his last sermon was preached.

The 200th anniversary of Wesley's visit falls on Sunday, 24 February 1991. To celebrate, the Methodist Church are holding special events in Leatherhead during February and March. One of them is a thanksgiving service in the Wesley Memorial Church, Church Road, at 10.30am on Sunday, 24 February, when the guest speaker will be the Rev Brian Beck, Secretary of the Methodist

Conference. Members of our Society have been cordially invited to attend the thanksgiving service, and, as they say, "to share in the celebration of an event which has much importance in Methodism and has added some colour to the history of Leatherhead".

SURREY LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM 1991

The Surrey Local History Council's Symposium this year will be held on Saturday, 9 November, at the University of Surrey. The subject will be **FOOD AND DRINK**.

Further details later in the year.

"SURREY IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY"

Your attention is drawn to the SAS leaflet enclosed with this Newsletter regarding a course of lectures on "Surrey in the Thirteenth Century". Speakers include Dr John Blair and Dr Derek Renn, both of whom are members of this Society.

PROGRAMME

The meetings on Friday, 15 March and 19 April will be held in the Dixon Hall, Leatherhead Institute, at 7.30pm for 8pm. Coffee is available before the meetings.

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH - Annual General Meeting, followed by an illustrated talk on "Bygone Oxshott" given by Ernest Crossland.

SATURDAY, 13 APRIL - Visit to Juniper Hall Field Centre

By kind invitation of Mr John Bebbington, Warden and Director of Studies, members are invited to join a historical tour of Juniper Hall on Saturday, 13 April, to be led by Mrs Anne Bebbington.

You are invited to arrive any time from 12 noon onwards and will be welcome to bring a picnic lunch to eat in the grounds. Depending on numbers, tours will probably start at 12.15, 1.30 and 2.15pm. The charge will be £2 per head in aid of Juniper Hall's Coach-House appeal for the restoration of this part of the building. Please send a non-returnable cheque for this sum to David Ellis, using the enclosed form. Cheques should be made out to "Juniper Hall Field Centre".

Juniper Hall is in Mickleham, about half a mile beyond the church. There is plenty of parking space.

FRIDAY, 19 APRIL - "Croydon Airport"

A talk on the history of this early airport, given by John Sutton.

SATURDAY, 18 MAY - Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace, and Portchester Castle & Priory Church

The cost for coach travel and tips only will be £6-20. Members are asked to pay individually the entrance fees to the two centres; there are no party rates but there are special rates for Senior Citizens, and English Heritage cards will admit to Portchester Castle.

Pick-up times are:

Ashtead	- The Street, by Ashtead Travel	9.10am
Leatherhead	- Leret Way, corner of entrance to Day Centre	9.15am
Fetcham	- Lower Road, end of The Street	9.20am
Bookham	- The Crown, opposite the Parish Church	9.25am

Timetable for the day is:

11am Arrive Fishbourne for video and guided tour
1:45pm Leave for Portchester after lunch. There is a cafe-
teria and picnic area at Fishbourne
2.15pm Arrive Portchester
4pm Leave Portchester

At Portchester Derek Renn will give a descriptive talk about the castle from outside the building, leaving members to explore the interior on their own. Ernest Crossland will do the same at the ancient Priory Church, though this is a popular venue for weddings on Saturday afternoons, and it may therefore not be possible to go inside.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE - Visit to Dolmetsch Musical Instruments, Haslemere, and to Selborne

A morning visit will be paid to Dolmetsch Musical Instruments, a family business making wood-wind instruments. An introductory talk will give the history of the firm and family, and there will be a tour of the workshops.

The lunch break will be in Haslemere town.

"The Wakes" at Selborne will be visited after lunch. "The Wakes" was the home and garden of the Rev Gilbert White, author of "Natural History of Selborne". There are two period rooms and various museum displays. The house also includes the Oates Memorial Museum, with displays relating to the polar regions and Africa.

Picknicking is allowed in the garden.

A "Cottage Tea" will be taken (hopefully in the garden) at Bush House. Please indicate whether or not you require tea.

After tea there will be a guided visit to the 12th century transitional Norman Church of St Mary. The Gilbert White memorial window depicts St Francis of Assisi preaching to the birds. Gilbert White is buried in the churchyard.

The inclusive charge for the day will be £11 with tea or £8-50 without tea. Members are asked to make their own arrangements for lunch. It is planned to leave Selborne at 6pm.

Pick-up times are:

Ashtead	- By Ashtead Travel	9.05am
Leatherhead	- Leret Way, by entrance to Day Centre	9.10am
Fetcham	- Lower Road, end of The Street	9.15am
Bookham	- The Crown, opposite the Parish Church	9.20am

Numbers are needed by 31 May so that final arrangements can be made. A booking form is enclosed.

LCA VISIT : EAST KENT - 16 MARCH

The LCA have arranged a morning visit to the Eurotunnel Exhibition, and an afternoon visit to Dover's White Cliffs Experience. Total basis cost £15-20. Further information and bookings to Joan Kirby, LCA, Leatherhead Institute, or Leatherhead 376859 between 6.30pm and 7pm.

History Society members are most welcome to join in.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Dixon Hall, Leatherhead Institute, at 7.30pm for 8pm on Friday, 15 March 1991 *

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 43rd Annual General Meeting held on 16 March 1990
(Copy enclosed)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of Executive Committee Report of the Society's Activities during 1990
5. Presentation of Society's Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1990
(Copy enclosed)
6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
7. Report of the Leatherhead Museum Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1990 (Copy enclosed)
8. Review of subscription for 1992
9. Election of Executive Committee for 1991/92 (Paper enclosed)
10. Any other business

*The meeting will be followed by an illustrated talk given by Ernest Crossland on "Bygone Oxshott"

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE 43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 8PM ON FRIDAY,
16 MARCH 1990, AT THE LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE

PRESENT Mr S E D Fortescue President
Mrs L Heath Chairman
81 Members of the Society

Before the meeting, Mr Fortescue remarked that the average life of Chairmen of the Society had been 8½ years. Mrs Heath took over on 1 July 1989, and he hoped that she too would be able to continue for that time.

He referred to the death of two very active and much-loved members - Ralph Hume and T E Conway Walker, both of whom would be greatly missed.

Mr Fortescue said that the Society had won the Margary Award and £50 prize given for the best display at the annual symposium of the Surrey Archaeological Society Excavation Committee held in Dorking on 3 February 1990. Those responsible for the exhibition were Sheila Warner, David Bruce and Ernest and Geoff Crossland: congratulations to them.

The swan from the Swan Hotel is now at the Museum being restored by Sheila Warner. She is preparing an exhibition about the Swan Hotel and Swan Brewery: a paragraph in the February 1990 Newsletter asking for artefacts for the exhibition gave her telephone number incorrectly. The number is Leatherhead 374567 (not 373).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Received from Miss J Holman, Mrs J Ransom, and Mr P Sutherland-Waite.

2. MINUTES OF 42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

All to be taken under later Items.

4. PRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1989

Mrs Heath introduced this report, and thanked:

- Mr Fortescue for his assistance and advice
- Mr Smith, who had not only helped her by continuing as Chairman until 30 June 1989, but by giving her much advice
- Miss Fuller for her hard work as Secretary in preparing the Committee Minutes, Newsletters etc. and looking after the membership
- Members of the Committee for their work during the year. Mr D B Ellis and Mr J R Clube had joined the Committee at the last AGM, Mr Clube taking over the position of Record Secretary. Mr J W Middlemas had been co-opted during the year. All three had proved most useful Committee members.

Finally, she thanked those members who gave up so much of their time to help the Society in so many ways.

Publications - It had been hoped to have the Proceedings ready for distribution at the AGM, but it was still with the printers. It would be distributed at the April meeting.

A second print of "A History of Leatherhead" was now on sale in bookshops and within the Society.

The adoption of the Executive Committee Report for 1989 was proposed, seconded and carried.

5. PRESENTATION OF SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1989

Mr Marsh presented the accounts and enlarged on certain items in them. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Appointment of Auditors - Mr Marsh thanked the Auditors for their assistance and said that they were happy to continue. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that they be asked to do so.

6. REPORT OF THE MUSEUM ACCOUNTS

Mr J R Bull presented these Accounts for the information of Society members. Expenditure appeared high due to the repayment of a loan of £500. The Friends of the Museum had recently decided to make an annual payment of part of their subscription revenue, to the Museum Trustees. Mr Bull said this was much appreciated by the Trustees.

7. REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1991

The Committee recommended that subscriptions remain at their present level, ie:

Ordinary membership	£5-00
Husband & Wife	7-50
Junior 18 years and under	1-00

The acceptance of this recommendation was proposed, seconded and carried.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1990

Dr D F Renn was unfortunately resigning as Editor: Mr Fortescue thanked him for his help over several years. A nomination had been received for Mr J C Stuttard to be appointed Editor. This was proposed, seconded and carried.

The rest of the previous Committee were willing to stand again. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the rest of the retiring Committee be re-appointed.

There was a vacancy on the Committee and a nomination had been received from Mr H G Knowles. His election was proposed, seconded and carried.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Museum

Mr Bruce said that the Museum would be re-opening on Friday, 6 April. Mr Middlemas had taken over many of the duties previously carried out by Ralph Hume, including the stewards' roster for Saturdays.

The "Literary Leatherhead" exhibition would be on show for a further two or three months. In July it was planned to hold an exhibition showing, amongst other exhibits, the model of the Saxon bucket found at Watersmeet. This exhibition would be linked with one being staged by Esso at the Thorn-dike Theatre in June or July, dealing with the Saxon finds on their site in Ermyrn Way.

The swan from the Swan Hotel is now in the garden of Hampton Cottage, and will be restored by Sheila Warner; hopefully in July a formal "hand-over" ceremony would be held. There would be an exhibition on the Swan Hotel and Swan Brewery.

Ralph Hume - Mrs Hume had kindly given £200 for the purchase of something for the Museum, in memory of Ralph Hume. Mr Bruce asked for suggestions for a suitable item.

Loan - By September 1990 the Museum would be within £500 of the amount of the original anonymous loan for the purchase of Hampton Cottage. However, the lady who had made the loan did not wish it to be repaid at present and it was therefore proposed to use the money for the purchase of a permanent store. There was a possibility of purchasing a building approximately 20 feet square. It might be possible to obtain a grant towards the expense.

(b) Photographic Exhibition

Mr Ellis enlarged on the details given in the Newsletter regarding this event and emphasised that historical interest was the prime requirement for photographs, rather than a "professional" standard of photograph.

(c) History of Ashtead

Mr Gillies said that this project was just off the ground. He had been able to obtain some of the research from the 1977 book. Help was urgently needed and Mr Gillies asked for as many volunteers as possible.

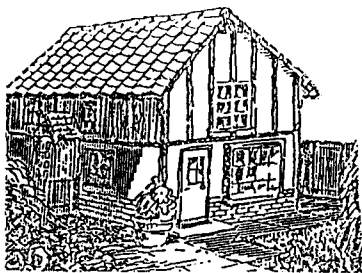
(d) Visit to Ashtead Roman Villa Site

Mr Willis asked if the proposed visit was being arranged. Nothing had so far been done, but note was taken of the suggestion.

(e) Proposed Visit to Esso Site

No further information had been received from Esso on the proposed visit to their site.

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



LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

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AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

Reg. Charity No. 273978.

HAMPTON COTTAGE,
64 CHURCH STREET,
LEATHERHEAD,
SURREY.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS


as at 30 September, 1990

	1989	1990
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
1. General Donations.	333.63	357.74
2. Profit on Sales of Books and Leaflets.	80.34	272.75
3. Net proceeds from Public Lecture (Ashd. Pottery)	215.00	Nil
4. Interest from Investments, to meet Loan Repayt.	756.79	781.90
5. Interest from Bank Deposit Account.	54.60	59.64
	<u>1,440.36</u>	<u>1,472.03</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
6. Administration and repairs.	173.57	195.16
7. Service charges.	235.25	233.61
8. Investment: £850 N.V. 9% Treasury Stock 1992-6.	710.84	749.88
9. Repayment of Loan.	500.00	Nil
	<u>1,619.66</u>	<u>1,178.65</u>
<u>SUMMARY</u>		
10. Bank Balance at the beginning of the Year.	915.13	735.83
11. Excess of Income over Expenditure.	Nil	293.38
12. Excess of Expenditure over Income.	179.30	Nil
13. Bank Balance at the end of the Year.	<u>735.83</u>	<u>1,029.21</u>


Please note that the accumulation of investments, to meet our principal Loan of £7,500, now amounts to £7,918, N.V.

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 above Statement of Accounts is correct.


J.R. Bull.
Treasurer of the Trust
Date: 14 November, 1990.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1990

<u>1989</u>		<u>1990</u>
	SOCIETY	
	7,682-78 Total funds b/fwd	11,583-57
	<u>3,900-79</u> Surplus for the year	<u>122-68</u>
	11,583-57 Total funds c/fwd	11,706-25
	SHEILA HIND PUBLICATION FUND	
	Total funds b/fwd	2,808-88
2,626-75	Surplus for the year	<u>179-70</u>
<u>182-13</u>	2,808-88 Total funds c/fwd	2,988-58
	FRANK BENDER BOOK REPAIR FUND	
	Prior period b/fwd	116-00
	Current year	<u>407-00</u>
	Total funds c/fwd	523-00
<u>£14,392-45</u>		<u>£15,217-83</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
	ASSETS	
	68-80 Cash in hand (including floats)	105-00
	701-69 Lloyd's Bank - Current account	5-59
	1,053-26 Lloyd's Bank - Deposit account	-
	- Midland Bank - Current account	-78
	- Abbey National Building Society	10,972-00
	12,101-95 NSB Investment account	<u>3,966-31</u>
	13,925-70 Total cash funds	15,049-68
	Stocks of saleable items:	
	360-80 "A History of Leatherhead" - at cost	147-60
	153-45 "The Story of Hampton Cottage" - at cost	132-93
	Binders for Proceedings - at cost	374-62
<u>£14,439-95</u>	Total assets	<u>£15,704-83</u>
	LIABILITIES	
	Subscriptions received in advance:	
	20-00 - for 1991	316-50
	25-50 - for "Friends"	163-50
	2-00 Sundry Creditors	<u>7-00</u>
<u>(47-50)</u>	Total Liabilities	(487-00)
<u>£14,392-45</u>	Total net assets	<u>£15,217-83</u>

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

(SGD) B A KIRKBY - Hon Auditor

Dated 17 January 1991

E G MARSH - Treasurer

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1990

<u>1989</u>	INCOME	<u>1990</u>
1,545-62	Subscriptions	1,564-13
590-96	Donations	70-00
27-35	Surplus from visits and outings	20-55
105-00	Receipts from meetings	724-15
170-57	Sales of Literature	238-00
141-50	Profit from "Of Good Report"	-
1,108-81	Profit from sales of "A History of Leatherhead"	-
-	Royalty from new edition of Leatherhead History	250-00
-	Margary Award	50-00
605-27	Interest - NSB Investment account	688-66
358-26	Interest - Lloyd's Deposit account	43-84
<u>£4,653-34</u>		<u>£3,649-33</u>

	EXPENDITURE	
345-58	Printing & stationary (incl Proceedings & Index)	1,567-86
156-79	Administration expenses	665-02
78-04	Meeting expenses	286-96
29-64	Literary Leatherhead Exhibition expenses	-
37-50	Subscriptions & Donations to others	154-30
105-00	Proceeds of meetings etc passed to:	
	Museum - Leatherhead Re-Visited	100-00
	Museum - Margary Award	50-00
	Frank Benger Fund - Bygone Ashtead	400-00
	Frank Benger Fund - prior period item	116-00
	Sundry expenses (incl repair of equipment)	177-51
<u>752-55</u>	Total expenditure	<u>3,526-65</u>
<u>£3,900-79</u>	Surplus of income over expenditure	<u>£ 122-68</u>

SHEILA HIND PUBLICATION FUND

	Income	
22-00	Sales of Occasional Paper No 3	11-00
14-00	Sales of "Of Good Report"	-
287-63	Interest from NSB Investment account	168-70
<u>323-63</u>		<u>179-70</u>
141-50	Less Profit from sales due to Society	-
<u>£ 182-13</u>	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u>£ 179-70</u>

FRANK BENGER BOOK REPAIR FUND

	Income	
	Receipts not transferred in 1985 accounts	116-00
	Proceeds of "Bygone Ashtead" meeting: 26.10.90	400-00
	Interest from NSB Investment Account	7-00
	Surplus of income over expenditure	<u>£523-00</u>

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ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1991/1992

All the present Committee are willing to stand for re-election, with the exception of Edwin Marsh, the Treasurer, who, to the Committee's regret, will be leaving the area shortly.

As at 31 January 1991, nominations had been received as follows:

Chairman	Mrs Linda Heath
Secretary/Membership Secretary	Miss J Fuller
Treasurer	Vacancy
Archaeology Secretary	E A Crossland
Editor	J C Stuttard
Lecture Secretary	N H West, MBE
Librarian	F Kirby
Museum Curator	D Bruce
Museum Treasurer	J R Bull
Record Secretary	J R Clube
Sales Secretary	G Hayward
Committee Members	D B Ellis H G Knowles J W Middlemas

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES
DURING 1990**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting on 16 March 1990 to serve for the following twelve months, was:

Chairman	Mrs Linda Heath
Secretary/Membership Secretary	Miss J Fuller
Treasurer	E G Marsh
Archaeology Secretary	E A Crossland
Editor	J C Stuttard
Lecture Secretary	N H West, MBE
Librarian	F Kirby
Museum Curator	O Bruce
Museum Treasurer	J R Bull
Record Secretary	J R Clube
Sales Secretary	G Hayward
Committee Members	D B Ellis
	H G Knowles
	J Middlemas

2. MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions in 1990 remained unchanged at £5 ordinary, £7-50 Husband & Wife, £1 Junior. As at 31 December 1990, the membership was:

	1990	1989	
Honorary	9	11	
Ordinary members	179	182	
Husband & Wife (81 x 2)	162	160	(80 x 2)
Junior	2	-	
TOTAL	352	353	

During the year the Society was saddened by the death of three of its members: T Conway Walker, one of the earliest members who, in recognition of his eminence as a historian was made an Honorary Member in 1973; and Miss W Medland and Mrs V Quinnell, both of whom had been members for many years.

3. PUBLICATIONS & WALES

Volume 5 No 2 of the Proceedings dated 1988/89 was published, and also the Index to Volume IV.

A second print of "A History of Leatherhead" published by Mr & Mrs L Vardey, has sold steadily. Copyright remains with the Society which has received Royalties.

Sales of other Society publications were somewhat higher than in previous years.

Ashtead History - Work on a completely revised version of the history of Ashtead published in 1979 has continued. Mr Alan Gillies is collecting all the information needed to produce this work.

Fetcham History - Mr G Hayward is indexing all information received on the village of Fetcham; to form the basis of a new work on the history of Fetcham. Much of the information is based on earlier research by Mr John Lewarne.

4. LIBRARY

A review of the policy, purpose and use of the Library was made, as well as a check to confirm the relevance of the books themselves: very few were found to be outside the scope of the Society's activities.

The Frank Benger Book Repair Fund now has sufficient money to commence a programme of repair to some of the Society's valuable books. The first book will shortly be taken for repair.

5. STORAGE SPACE

The Museum and the Society both suffer from the universal problem of lack of secure, local storage space. A small Sub-Committee, headed by the Chairman, has been investigating all possible opportunities for renting or building suitable accommodation. Both County and Local Councils are aware of the need for space, as also are various organisations concerned with Museums. In the November 1990 Newsletter an appeal was made to members for information that might help the Society to achieve proper storage facilities.

During the year the Society had to vacate the room used for some years in Woodville School. The documents stored there were moved to Wesley House, where Mole Valley D C have kindly made some space available. The Museum artefacts were moved to a garage loaned by a new member as a temporary store, for which the Museum is most grateful; but alternative space must be found in 1991.

6. MUSEUM REPORT

1990 saw the completion of the first ten years of the Museum's life since its official opening in October 1980.

Opening times of the Museum remained the same as in previous years; and occasionally it was opened specially at other times for group visits such as parties of school children from Boxhill School, Mickleham; St Peter's School, Leatherhead; and Eastwick Middle School, Great Bookham.

The successful "Literary Leatherhead" exhibition continued into 1990. It was temporarily replaced in August and September by a special exhibition concerning the Saxon period in our area, partly inspired by the excavations at the Esso site. It was later replaced by the excellent photographs of the area taken by Society members for a photographic exhibition held on 16 November.

Gifts continued to be made by visitors. The most spectacular gift was the swan which once stood on the portico over the entrance to the Swan Inn. Fortunately for the Museum and for Leatherhead, the swan had rested since 1936 in the garden of a house in Fetcham now owned by Sheila Warner. She took infinite pains to repair the ravages of the years and the swan now resides in the garden of the Museum.

During 1991 all Museums in Kent, Sussex and Surrey must be registered with the Museums and Galleries Commission in order to qualify for grants and other assistance. Certain criteria have to be met and these include having the active support of a professional Curator. Steps are being taken to interest the Curator of a Local Government Museum in acting as our "Curatorial Adviser". His expertise would be of great assistance.

The Friends of the Museum repeated their annual gift of £100 to the Trustees of Hampton Cottage. They also paid £55 for materials used by Lawrie / Smith to construct much-needed additional display boards etc; and £36 for materials used in the restoration of the swan. They also hired the room and provided the food for the "Thank-you, Stewards" evening in December, whilst the Society provided the liquid refreshment. The evening was organised by Jim Middlemas, who recently took over the Chairmanship of the Friends, David Bruce having resigned during the year. In October the Committee of the Friends of the Museum were pleased to appoint David Bruce an Honorary Member of the Friends, in appreciation of his work for them.

Thanks are given to all those who helped in so many capacities to keep the Museum running so successfully.

7. ARCHAEOLOGY

Historic Landscape Project - Some members of the Society continued to give support to the Historic Landscape Project of the Surrey Archaeological Society, by field-walking the arable fields around Bocketts Farm and identifying field boundaries in Norbury Park.

"Saxon Secrets in Surrey" - In June the Society combined with Guildford Museum to present a display in Thorndike Theatre, of Saxon material to support the launch by Esso PLC of Rob Poulton's book "Saxon Secrets in Surrey". The material was then put on show in our Museum until the end of September, when it was used by Esso at the formal opening of their offices in Ermyn Way, the site of the Anglo-Saxon cemetery.

Howard Family Vault - Stephen Fortescue obtained permission and made arrangements to open the Howard Family Vault in the churchyard of St Nicolas, Great Bookham in order to discover exactly how many members of the Howard family were buried there and who they were. In July 1990 he organised a small team of Society members to carry out this investigation, with the assistance of members of the Surrey Archaeological Society and of the 3rd Bookham Venture Scouts who also provided over-night security.

The structure was surveyed by David Heath; photographs of the interior and the inscriptions were taken by Mary Rice-Oxley and Ron Johnson.

8. PROGRAMME

The programme of talks and visits arranged during 1990 was:

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| January 12 | "Producing a Local History" - Edwina Vardey, Editor of "A History of Leatherhead" |
| February 16 | "A Selection of the Society's Slides of Leatherhead", presented by Linda Heath |
| March 16 | Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk on the Historic Landscape Project by the Secretary of the Committee organising the project, Steven Dyer |
| April 20 | "Fishbourne and Portchester" - Pre-visit talk by Ernest Crossland and Derek Renn |
| May 12 | Visit to Fishbourne and Portchester. This visit did not in fact take place due to the non-appearance of the coach booked. The Archaeology Secretary has re-arranged the visit for Saturday, 18 May 1991 |
| June 12 | Half day visit to Chatley Heath Semaphore Tower and Hatchford Park, Cobham, arranged by David Ellis |

- July 12 Day visit to Dorchester, arranged and led by Steve Poulter
- September 8 Joint visit with LCA to the Historic Dockyard Museum, Chatham
- October 19 Dallaway Lecture - "Building Conservation in Surrey" - Denis Turner
- November 16 "New Light on Ashtead, Bookham, Fetcham and Leatherhead" - photographic exhibition and competition arranged by David Ellis
- December 14 Christmas Miscellany, organised by Derek Renn

The Society also took part in the Mole Valley Festival of Arts 1990:

- September 21 "Leatherhead Re-Visited" - a panel of speakers chaired by Linda Heath. Proceeds to the Museum.
- October 26 "Bygone Ashtead" - an evening of slides presented by Michael Gale. Proceeds to the Frank Bengier Book Repair Fund.

9. PUBLICITY

Press Reports of the Society's activities continued to be passed to the local press by Ron Johnson.

Speakers - The Society was able to meet all requests for speakers made to them by a variety of organisations.

Exhibitions - Exhibitions were mounted at some of the Society's meetings and in the Museum.

In February 1990, the Society presented a display at the SAS Excavation Committee's Symposium, the subject being the Anglo-Saxon finds in Ashtead and Fetcham. The design was by Sheila Warner, who had the assistance of Ernest Crossland and his son Geoffrey, and David Bruce. The Margary Award for the best exhibit was won by the Society's team. This award included a £50 prize which was given to the Museum.

10. RECORDS

The Society's collection of slides, held by the Lecture Secretary and used mainly by speakers, continued to grow. The Ashtead section was greatly enhanced by the addition of new slides made for the "Bygone Ashtead" presentation in October 1990.

The system of having an Archivist for each of the parishes of Ashtead, Bookham, Fetcham and Leatherhead continues to work satisfactorily. The Society is grateful to the Archivists for their work.

Material relating to Ashtead has been stored for some years with the Surrey Archaeological Society in Guildford. In his preparatory work for the new Ashtead History, Alan Gillies has listed for our records the material held there. A quantity of material hitherto unexamined was also listed and catalogued. The list will be included in the Ashtead records but the material itself will remain at Guildford.

The Executive Committee wish to take this opportunity of thanking all members for their continued interest in the Society. They particularly wish to thank those members who contribute in any way at all to its success. There are so many of them that it is quite impossible to list and thank them all personally - but please carry on the good work!