

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Registered Charity No 802409

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FEBRUARY 1994

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

<u>Fetcham</u>	<u>Leatherhead</u>
Kirby, Mr & Mrs C M	Bentata, Mrs A Lamden, J
Mackenzie, Mrs M D	Godfrey, Mr & Mrs R. Stanfield, Mrs V

Sadly, we must report the death over recent weeks of three members: R A Lever, W Trollope and Miss J Webber. Mr Lever joined in 1960, served as a member of the Executive Committee for many years, and was an Honorary Member. A prolific writer on Ashted and its families, he contributed many articles to the Society's Proceedings. Mr Trollope and Miss Webber both joined in 1988 and enjoyed many of the Society's events. Miss Webber was also a Steward at the Museum.

Our sympathy goes to their families and friends.

1994 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due on 1 January 1994 at the new rates of £8 single, £12 Husband & Wife, £1 Junior. They are coming in well, but - a reminder to those who have not yet paid. A payment form is enclosed. If you wish to covenant your subscription, the Secretary can provide the necessary form - the more members who do so, the more tax the Treasurer can reclaim from Inland Revenue. The 1993 Proceedings will be available at our February meeting, for those whose subscriptions are paid up.

1994 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 1994

Papers for the A G M are enclosed. The meeting will be at 8pm, with coffee available from 7.30pm. As many members as possible, PLEASE ATTEND. This is your chance to elect the Committee you want for the next year, and to air any views or ask any questions you may have.

After the AGM Dr Derek Renn will give a talk on Blenheim Palace, prior to our visit there in June.

COVERS FOR "PROCEEDINGS"

Covers which hold the ten issues of a volume of Proceedings, now priced £1-50, (reduced from £2) are available from the Sales Secretary, Howard Davies, telephone Ashted 275542.

When the Museum reopens on 2 April, they will also be on sale there.

"SURREY OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO": Book by Aylin Guilmant, published December 1993 by Alan Sutton Publishing, at £17-99.

The book consists of a collection of photographs of people, places and events, accompanied where possible by contemporary texts. Two of the Society's photographs have been used. One is "Fishing below Leatherhead Bridge" (ca 1880), which appears on Page 191 of Edwina Vardey's "A History of Leatherhead". The other is the Choir Outing of 1893 showing Canon Utterton with the Choir of Leatherhead Parish Church in a launch called "The Countess". An account of the trip, taken from the Parish Magazine of August 1893, is reproduced with the picture.

BOCKETTS FARM, FETCHAM

SCC's Recreation Land Manager, Lisa Creaye, is asks for information on "An Inscribed Brick Found in Flint Wall" at Bocketts Farm:

"The need to rebuild a stretch of flint wall there, revealed an interesting brick. The brick, complete with two sets of initials, GM and HM and the date 1785, had been set into the first course of bricks below the coping facing into the yard... SCC would be interested in any observations anyone may have as to the type of brick, the style of inscription and whether GM and HM were builders or farm workers....."

If anyone can help with information, or needs more detail, please contact Lisa Creaye, Countryside Management Division, Surrey County Council Planning Department, West House (Annexe), Merrow Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7BQ. Telephone: 081-541-7593."

PROGRAMME

Several members have remarked that our lecture season is too short. As an experiment, therefore, an extra talk has been arranged in May and another in September which this year will be one of our events for the Mole Valley Festival of Arts.

Meetings are on Fridays, in the Dixon Hall of the Leatherhead Institute at 8pm. Admission 50p members, £1 non-members including coffee available from 7.30pm

March 18 "The Palace of Westminster", talk by David Heath, an architect formerly in Government service, providing an introduction to our visit there in May.

- April 15 Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk by Dr Derek Renn on Blenheim Palace, before our visit there on 18 June.
- May 20 "A Walk Along Hadrian's Wall" by Ernest Crossland, our Archaeology Secretary

MONDAY, 9 MAY - VISIT TO PALACE OF WESTMINSTER, BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM AND CUTLERS' HALL

In the morning we shall have a conducted tour of the Palace of Westminster, visiting the House of Commons, the House of Lords and Westminster Hall. Tour limited to 32 people, so book early! NO CAMERAS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PALACE. We then go by coach to the Barbican Centre for lunch, where hot or cold meals are available, or you can take sandwiches to eat indoors or outside by the lake.

After lunch, we go by coach to the Bank of England Museum, stopping en route to see the Temple of Mithras and Wren's Church of St Stephen's Walbrook. Our Treasurer, Chris Latham, will be Senior Warden of the Cutlers Livery Company this year and he has very kindly arranged for us to finish our day with a visit to the Cutlers' Hall, where there will be a cup of tea before returning home.

Departure times -

Bookham	9.10am	By Parish Church, Lower Road
Fetcham	9.15	Lower Road, by The Street
Leatherhead	9.20	Leret Way, Bus stop opposite Swan Centre Car Park
Ashted	9.25	New Post Office, The Street

The cost will be £12 inclusive of everything except lunch. Booking form enclosed.

VISIT TO BLENHEIM PALACE, SATURDAY 18 JUNE 1994

This is a joint visit with the Leatherhead Community Association, who have arranged the visit.

Blenheim Palace was built for John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, in recognition of his great victory over the French at the battle of Blenheim in 1704. The Palace, designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, is set in 2,100 acres of parkland landscaped by "Capability Brown". Tapestries, paintings sculptures and fine furniture are set in the magnificent gilded state rooms. The Church Exhibition is in the simple room where Winston was born at Blenheim on 30 November 1874.

Blenheim's gardens range from the formal water terraces, Italian Garden, Rose Garden and Arboretum, to the Pleasure Grounds and Cascade.

Departures from:

Bookham	9.15am	Lower Road bus stop, Bookham Church
Fetcham	9.20	Lower Road bus stop, near Ridgeway Roundabout
Leatherhead	9.25	Linden Court bus stop, Epsom Road
Ashtead	9.30	Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane

Depart Blenheim: 4.45pm

Price: £13-50, OAPs £12-50 - Coach and entrance only: no food included. There is a restaurant, buffet and cafeteria at Blenheim. No guided tour arranged, but guided tours of the house leave every 5 to 10 minutes and take about one hour. Booking form enclosed. Queries to Joan Kirby: 0372-376859

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM EVENT

"Soiree Musical"

On Wednesday, 8 June, at 7.30pm, the Friends of the Museum are presenting an evening of piano music played by Linda Heath at her home - 5 St John's Avenue, Leatherhead - in aid of the funds of the "Friends". Tickets £5 including wine, MUST be bought in advance from her, as seating is limited. Repeat on the following evening if demand exceeds seats! Telephone: Leatherhead 372603.

FUTURE DATES

Full details in later Newsletters.

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY

Visit to Rowhurst, Leatherhead, to see the c. 1450 house, and the Fire and Iron Gallery, where we shall be given a short history of metalwork and an opportunity to see the world-famous products of Richard Quinnell's forge.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 - Afternoon 'Walk' round Fetcham, led by Geoff Hayward.

MOLE VALLEY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Friday, 30 September - "Surrey Murders" - a talk given by John Janaway, head of Surrey Local Studies Library

Friday, 7 October - AT ASHTEAD PEACE MEMORIAL HALL - Joy Hallam talking on "The Ashtead Pottery". Mrs Hallam is the author of a book on the subject.

Friday, 21 October (also our Dallaway Lecture) - "The Tudor Palaces of Surrey" - by Dr Simon Thurley, Curator of Hampton Court Palace.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 47th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Dixon Hall, Leatherhead Institute, at 7.30pm for 8pm on Friday, 15 April 1994

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 46th Annual General Meeting held on 19 March 1993 (Copy enclosed)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Presentation of Executive Committee Report of the Society's Activities during 1993 (Copy enclosed)
5. Presentation of Society's Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1993 (Copy enclosed)
6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
7. Report of the Leatherhead Museum Trustees Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1993 (Copy enclosed)
8. Review of subscription for 1994
9. Election of Executive Committee for 1994/95 (Paper enclosed)
10. Any other business

*The meeting will be followed by a talk by Dr D F Renn on Blenheim Palace. This is prior to our joint visit there on 18 June with the LCA who have organised the visit.

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Agenda Item 5

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1993

1992		1993
£		£
	ASSETS	
92-20	Cash in hand	85-91
227-28	Midland Bank	602-47
1,549-88	Abbey National Bank	1,235-57
8,034-52	Charities Official Investment Fund	8,507-37
<u>4,190-62</u>	National Savings Investment Fund	<u>4,452-50</u>
<u>14,097-50</u>	Total Cash Funds	<u>£14,863-82</u>
637-85	Stock of saleable items	528-87
1128-71	Computer at cost	
(666-67)	Less depreciation	1128-71
1,177-23	Lease costs at cost	<u>1042-91</u>
(117-72)	Less Amortization	1177-23
-	Debtors and payments in advance	<u>235-44</u>
<u>16,256-90</u>	Total Assets	941-79
		<u>116-11</u>
		<u>£16,536-39</u>
	LIABILITIES	
243-00	Subscriptions received in advance	392-00
36-75	Due to Friends of the Museum	56-99
<u>11-15</u>	Due to others	<u>156-00</u>
<u>290-90</u>	Total Liabilities	<u>£604-99</u>
<u>15,966-00</u>	NET ASSETS at 31 December 1993	<u>£15,931-40</u>

NOTES

The computer is being written down over three years.
The lease costs are being written down over the period of the lease (10 years).
All other equipment and fixtures, Museum exhibits and Library books are written off when the expenditure is incurred.
Stocks of saleable items are held at cost or realisable value (whichever is the less) unless their sales value is less than £1, in which case they are written off as expenditure is incurred.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above accounts are in accordance with the books and records examined by me and are, in my opinion, correct

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

HON AUDITOR

DATED

HON TREASURER

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1993

1992		1993
£	GENERAL FUND	£
	Income:	
1,828-50	Subscription	1,903-50
-	Income tax recoverable	88-66
42-63	Donations received	310-35
10-01	Surplus from Visits & Outings	7-45
688-99	Surplus from meetings	66-42
245-23	Profit from sales of literature & publi- cations	377-36
<u>876-45</u>	Interest received	<u>701-81</u>
<u>£3,691-86</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>£3,455-55</u>
	Expenditure:	
	Members' publications	
1,330-00	Proceedings	1,432-00
307-97	Newsletter & AGM	145-31
	Society Activities	
143-27	Museum Costs	635-15
194-23	Storage running costs	50-00
117-72	Storage amortization	117-72
35-78	Records	-42
18-95	Library books	12-95
15-83	Sales expenses	38-20
32-04	Research projects	31-43
	Administration	
376-24	Computer depreciation	376-24
197-87	Insurance	284-38
147-25	Postage	128-19
228-45	Printing, Stationery & Photocopying	243-33
87-55	Other expenses	60-65
41-86	Donations to others	88-25
<u>398-38</u>	Paid to Museum Trustees	<u>100-00</u>
<u>£3,673-39</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>£3,744-22</u>
18-46	(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(288-67)
<u>11,923-16</u>	Funds at 1 January 1993	<u>£11,941-62</u>
<u>11,941-62</u>	Funds at 31 December 1993	<u>£11,652-95</u>
	SHEILA HIND PUBLICATION FUND	
3,193-42	Funds at 1 January 1993	3,500-38
36-00	Sales of publications	24-00
<u>270-96</u>	Interest received	<u>219-49</u>
<u>£3,500-38</u>	Funds at 31 December 1993	<u>£3,743-87</u>
	FRANK BENDER BOOK REPAIR FUND	
483-17	Funds at 1 January 1993	524-00
40-83	Interest received	31-73
-	Cost of book repairs in the year	<u>(21-15)</u>
<u>£524-00</u>	Funds at 31 December 1993	<u>£534-58</u>
<u>£15,966-00</u>	TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 December 1993	<u>£15,931-40</u>



LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM
AND HERITAGE CENTRE TRUST

REG. CHARITY NO. 273798

HAMPTON COTTAGE,
64, CHURCH STREET
LEATHERHEAD,
SURREY, KT22 8DP.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
as at 30 September, 1993.

	1992	1993
INCOME		
	£	£
1. General Donations. (93.- As per agreement)	463.00	47.76
2. Profit on Sales of Books and Leaflets. (-do-)	134.79	25.75
3. 1/2 share of M.V.Arte Festival Income.	Nil	398.38
4. 1st Annual Subsidy, by L.S.D.L.H.S. (-do-)	Nil	100.00
5. Payt. by "Friends" for Replacement Museum Window.	Nil	438.00
6. Interest from Investments.	948.40	941.48
7. Interest from Bank Deposit Account.	32.82	15.04
8. Redemption of Matured Stock (for reinvestment)	388.77	6,375.29
	<u>£1,967.78</u>	<u>£8,339.70</u>
EXPENDITURE		
9. (92) Insurance and repairs. (93) Insurance.	288.40	260.40
10. Service charges.	333.42	29.62
11. Repair to Building Fabric and services.	(See above)	1,249.79
(93)12. Reinvestment of Matured Stock: £6,500.N.V.	395.78	6,701.36
(93)13. Investment:Charities Official Investment Fund (Fixed Interest Share Account.)	- 989.45	800.00
	<u>£2,006.75</u>	<u>£9,040.87</u>
SUMMARY		
14. Bank Balance at the beginning of the Year.	1,090.93	1,051.96
15. Excess of Income over Expenditure.	Nil	Nil
16. Excess of Expenditure over Income.	- 38.97	- 701.47
17. Bank Balance at the end of the Year.	<u>£1,051.96</u>	<u>£ 350.79</u>

A recent survey of Hampton Cottage valued it at approximately £80,000. Please note that investments, in excess of the sum now required, to offset our Loan of £7,500, now amount to £3,355.N.V. This will be used to enlarge the Fund, as a resource for the upkeep of Hampton Cottage, in perpetuity. Other contributions would be most helpful and gratefully welcomed, whether subscribed as cash, cheque or bequests, etc.

Auditor's Report.

I certify that I have made a close examination of the Books and Records of the Trust and that the foregoing Statement is in accordance therewith and is, in my opinion, correct.

I declare that the above Statement of Accounts is correct.


Accountant and Auditor,
Great Bookham, Surrey.


J.R.Bull
Treasurer of the Trust
Date: 28 October, 1993

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Agenda Item 9

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 1994/5

As at 31 January 1994, the following nominations had been received for the Committee for 1994/5.

Chairman	Mrs L Heath
Secretary/Membership	Miss J Fuller
Treasurer	C V M Latham
Archaeological Secretary	E A Crossland
Editor	J C Stuttard
Lecture Secretary	N H West, MBE
Librarian	F J Kirby
Museum Curator	Mrs J Goldsmith
Treasurer for the Museum	
Funds	J R Bull
Records Secretary	J R Clube
Sales Secretary	H J Davies
Committee Members	Mrs J Godfrey
	H G Knowles
	P A Tarplee

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES
DURING 1993**

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting held on 19 March 1993, the following Committee was elected to serve until the next AGM:

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Treasurer for the Museum Funds	J R Bull
Records Secretary	J R Clube
Sales Secretary	H J Davies
Committee Members	D B Ellis, H G Knowles

2. MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Members - In January 1993, the Executive Committee was very pleased to appoint seven new Honorary Members:

D Bruce	Miss S Burrough	P Calnan
E A Crossland	R A Lever	Dr D F Renn
L A Smith		

Subscriptions - During 1993, subscriptions were £6 single membership, £9 Husband & Wife, £1 Juniors 18 years and under. At the 1993 AGM approval was given for these to be increased as from January 1994 to £8 single, £12 Husband & Wife, with Juniors remaining at £1.

As at 31 December 1993, the membership, compared with 1992, was:

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>	
Honorary	13	8	
Single Membership	176	168	
Husband & Wife (81 x 2)	162	178	(89 x 2)
Juniors	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
	353	356	

The Society is always pleased to welcome new members, but sadly hardly a year passes without the death of some valued members. In 1993 the Society lost:

- Lawrie Smith in January. A new Honorary Member, a Vice-President and immediate Past Chairman, he contributed a great deal to the Society's success. He guided the publication and financing of the Society's History of Leatherhead.

- R A Lever, in November. He joined in 1960, was a new Honorary Member, served as a member of the Executive Committee for many years, and was a prolific writer for the Proceedings on the history of Ashted and its families.

- W Trollope, also in November. He and Mrs Trollope joined in 1988 and together enjoyed many of the Society's activities.

- W I J Wallace, CMG, OBE, in December. A member for many years, and a Life Member of the Friends, with a deep interest in the Museum and its activities. He was one of the party which originally inspected Hampton Cottage on behalf of the CPS, before it was eventually purchased by this Society.

- Miss Joan Webber - A member since 1988 and a very valuable steward of the Museum.

3. PROGRAMME

A programme of lectures and visits was arranged during 1993. A full list of them is contained in the 1993 Proceedings.

4. PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings - Volume 5, No. 5 dated 1992 was published in the Spring.

Ashted History - Mr J C Stuttard is editing this History and good progress was made during the year. A meeting of all the contributors was held in October, giving an opportunity for them both to meet each other and discuss any problems.

Fetcham History - Mr G Hayward, in consultation with Mr J G W Lewarne, is continuing research for this History

"Literary Leatherhead" - A pamphlet has been produced based on the very successful display "Literary Leatherhead"

"Leatherhead Walk" - An updated version of the Leatherhead Walk leaflet has been produced.

5. STORAGE FOR ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM ARTEFACTS

Wesley House - Mole Valley Council have allowed the Society the continued use of a small amount of storage space in Wesley House.

The Public Library - Surrey County Council has given the Society the use of one part of the basement of the Mansion. It is likely to be used for records.

The Priory - This has now been in use for over a year. The dehumidifier in the sealed chamber works well. Archaeological material is stored in the main part of the basement.

6. RECORDS

Preparation of a new index of all the Society's records, begun in 1992, has continued. The "M" Section of Maps and Plans has recently been completed, and as before, copies will be given to Surrey Record Office and the Local Studies Section at the Guildford Library, as well as to the Parish Archivists and the Society's Library.

7. THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Leatherhead Institute have as yet not decided on the future of their Library, and therefore the Society Library can still be housed in the same room. The Society is responsible for providing stewards for the Institute Library in return for the Society's Library being there.

The Trustees have recently said that the Society's members may use the Library Room in the afternoons for research, meetings etc. This is proving very useful and the Society is duly grateful for the privilege.

6. EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS

Exhibitions and displays were shown at various events during the year.

"Bygone Bookham - Prepared for Bookham Village Day exhibition on 19 June 1993, and then shown in the Museum.

"Royalty in Surrey" - A small exhibition prepared for the Surrey Local History Council Symposium on 13 November 1993

"Literary Leatherhead" - On exhibition at the Museum in 1989 and shown in the Public Library during National Library Week in November 1993.

The Public Library - The new Library Manager has offered the Society space adjoining the entrance hall for small displays. This offer has been accepted with thanks, and the "Royalty in Surrey" display has already been shown there.

Leatherhead Carnival Procession - The Donald Campbell steering wheel was loaned to St Mary's First School. They had made a large cardboard "Bluebird" car for the procession and the steering wheel was carried with it.

7. ARCHAEOLOGY

No work was done in 1993 on the excavation of the well at Hampton Cottage, mainly because the equipment necessary to deal with the present depth of the well, was not available, nor were the Venture Scouts able to give assistance as they have in the past. It is hoped to start excavating again in the spring of 1994.

8. LECTURE SECRETARY

The collection of the Society's slides, which is kept by the Lecture Secretary, has continued to increase. A selection of those of Bookham were presented by Dr Derek Renn during the winter programme.

The Society was able to fill all requests from other organisations for speakers on historical subjects.

SALES

The sale of the Society's publications started slowly but quickly picked up as the year progressed. A Christmas attraction was a set of "Happy Family" playing cards, made originally in Victorian times by some children in the Broadwood piano family. The set was reproduced by Surrey Record Office.

The Friends of the Museum produced items for sale both on the sales table at meetings and in the Museum. Bookmarks and notelets continued to be popular. New items, such as postcards, are planned for the coming year.

MUSEUM

At the Annual General Meeting in 1993, Janet Goldsmith was appointed Museum Curator, and is assisted by a small Museum Committee.

The Museum was open from 1 April to 18 December 1993, on Thursday afternoons, Friday mornings and all day Saturday. The estimated number of visitors to the Museum during that time was 1900, including 300 children. A glance through the Visitors' Book shows that the visitors came from all over England and from many countries abroad: America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia as well as from parts of Europe including Scandinavia.

The Friends have continued to support the Museum, and during the year have bought:

New night storage heater for ground floor middle room	£205
New night storage heater/convector for ground floor front room	312
Surrey County Council fee for historic building plaque	<u>90</u>
TOTAL	£607

The Committee thanks all members for their interest and support, and particularly thanks the many members who work so hard to make the Society and the Museum successful.