

THE LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
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CONGRATULATIONS -

and all good wishes to our Past President, John Lewarne, who recently celebrated a very special birthday.

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to these new members -

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| P D Atkinson - Ashted | J N Hampton - Epsom |
| V Barrow - Cobham | Mr & Mrs LW Paine - Epsom |
| Mrs J Edwards - Leatherhead | D H Pegg - Little Bookham |

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 1994

Sixty-six members attended the meeting, at which the reports presented were accepted. All officers of the Committee were willing to continue and were duly re-elected. David Ellis unfortunately wished to resign as a Committee Member: his past work was greatly appreciated. To fill the three Committee member vacancies, Gordon Knowles was willing to continue and was re-elected, and Mrs J E Godfrey and Mr P A Tarplee were elected. Since the meeting, the Executive Committee has used its right under the Society's Rules, to co-opt Mr A Tuffery. The three new members are particularly welcome to give help with the Committee's ever-increasing workload. A list of the new Committee is enclosed for your retention.

After the formal business of the meeting, Dr D F Renn, our Vice-President, gave a talk on Blenheim Palace as an introduction to the joint visit there with the LCA on Saturday, 18 June. He painted a wonderful picture of the building of the Palace and the people who lived in it. His talk had an amusing postscript by a member of the audience who was a teacher at the school evacuated there during the war. His recollections left us feeling that the staff had a far from easy time.

1994 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many thanks to all who have re-joined the Society and/or The Friends of the Museum, and particularly to those who made donations. Subscriptions are still outstanding from a few members, but we hope they will continue their membership. Although according to our Rules membership ceases if a subscription is still unpaid by 31 March, we are a little more kind than that!

As at 1 May 1994, membership was:

| | SOCIETY | FRIENDS |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| Honorary | 12 | 3 |
| Life Members | N/A | 32 |
| Ordinary Members | 150 | 148 |
| Husband & Wife | 138 | N/A |
| Juniors | <u>1</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| TOTAL | 301 | 183 |

REPORT FROM THE RECORDS SECRETARY

Our thanks to Mrs Margaret Lever for passing to us extensive records belonging to her husband Robert, who sadly died last year.

Thanks to Mr Creasey of 6 Magazine Place, Leatherhead, for a booklet on the history of CERL at Leatherhead. Also a copy of Power News of January 1994 commenting on that booklet. These have been given accession number LX840.

We have received via Mole Valley DC (Mr Fuller), an album containing photographs of The Long House, now Frederick Milner House, Ermyn Way. This album belonged to Miss Marguerite Nairn-Allison, now living in Eastbourne, with whom we are in touch. Photographs date from 1901-2 when Miss Nairn-Allison's mother lived there as a young lady.

Also received is a photograph from Mrs Madge Rawbin of Bookham, of a party at Leatherhead Institute on 1 January 1921. Given accession number LP1344.

CAN YOU HELP?

Alan Gillies would like to get hold of a photograph showing buses using the higher level of Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, when the main carriageway was blocked as a result of storm damage in 1987. Please telephone him on: Ashtead 274616.

PROGRAMME

VISIT TO BLENHEIM PALACE: Saturday, 18 June

Details of this joint visit with the LCA were in the February Newsletter. Please get in touch with Joan Kirby if you wish to go: there are still seats available in the coach.

VISIT TO ROWHURST : Wednesday, 13 July

We shall see the c.1450 house, and the Fire and Iron Gallery. There we shall be given a short history of metalwork and an opportunity to see the world-famous products of Richard Quinnell's Forge.

Rowhurst is at the northern end of Kingston Road; follow the road between Tesco and B & Q, and turn left to the Fire & Iron

Gallery just before the bridge over the M.25. It is well sign-posted.

The visit will begin at 2.30pm, and a cup of tea will be provided. The charge for the afternoon is £1. Please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to David Ellis.

FETCHAM WALK : Sunday, 7 August

This will be led by Geoff Hayward. Meet in the Church driveway at 2.30pm, where cars can be left for the first half of the walk. You will come back to your car to drive to the other end of Fetcham for the second half of the walk. Tea will be provided in the Reading Room at the end of the afternoon. The charge is £1 and a booking form is enclosed.

MOLE VALLEY FESTIVAL OF ARTS

The Society is presenting three events in the Mole Valley Festival of Arts, all of which promise to be first class. On each occasion they will start at 7.30pm for 8pm.

Friday, 30 September at Leatherhead Institute -

"Surrey Murders" by John Janaway from the Local History Studies Group at Guildford. Anyone who has heard John speak or read his books will know how entertaining this will be.

Friday, 7 October at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall -

"Ashted Pottery 1923 - 1935" by Joy Hallam, who is THE expert on Ashted Pottery. She has given us a most interesting talk on the subject on a previous occasion.

Friday, 21 October at Leatherhead Institute: Dallaway Lecture:

"Tudor Palaces of Surrey" by Dr Simon Thurley, Curator of the Historic Royal Palaces. Simon is an outstanding speaker and a delightfully enthusiastic young man. We are very fortunate in having him to give our Dallaway Lecture.

Tickets will cost £2-50 for each lecture, BUT members may apply for tickets at £2 each for members only, not their guests, from the Secretary, Joyce Fuller, up to one calendar month prior to each lecture. After that date, they will be on sale to the public at the Museum and Nationwide, Church Street, Leatherhead, for the Leatherhead Lectures; the Museum and Memory Lane Antiques, 102 The Street, Ashted, for the Ashted lecture; and at the door on the night if there are any left. Please apply early for your tickets: these are public meetings and we have to guarantee a certain number of tickets for the public. An application form is enclosed. PLEASE SEND A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

BOOKHAM VILLAGE DAY - Saturday, 18 June

The Society has been asked to show its "Literary Leatherhead" display in the Old Barn Hall on Bookham Village Day. Stewards are needed to look after the exhibition and the sales table between 12 noon and 5pm on Saturday, 18 June. If you are not going to Blenheim Palace and could spare an hour or two, please contact Ernest Crossland on Oxshott 842589 and let him know the time you would be available. He is drawing up a rota of volunteers for the afternoon and would be glad of your assistance.

FRIENDS OF LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

Annual General Meeting - Friday, 3 June - The Friends are holding their AGM on Friday, 3 June in Room G6 of the Institute at 7.30pm for 8pm. "Friends" will find papers for the meeting enclosed with this Newsletter. The formal business of the evening will be followed by a talk on Dorking Museum given by Mr Lionel Green, the Director of the Museum.

Fund Raising Events

The Friends can only help the Museum if they can raise money with which to do it. Two fund-raising events have so far been arranged this year, and we hope to see good support at both of them.

"Soiree Musicale" - Wednesday, 8 June - Piano music played by Linda Heath at her home - 5 St John's Avenue (not St John's Road) Leatherhead, 7.30pm for 8pm. Tickets £5 including wine, obtainable from Mrs Heath, telephone Leatherhead 372603.

Coffee Morning - Tuesday, 26 July : 10.30 - 12 at the Museum. Admission 50p. Raffle etc, and of course, the Museum and garden will be open for viewing. The "Bring and Buy" stall needs items for sale and the Friends would be grateful for anything you can spare. If possible, please leave items at the Museum before the day - though they will still be welcome on the day.

"Friends" Visit - There will be a visit to the Mansion House, Nonsuch Park, in September. Details in August Newsletter.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY -

Thank you so very much to all those who cheered her with good wishes and presents during her recent hospital visits. The first visit of three weeks was planned, but the second one of a fortnight was definitely not. She would particularly like to thank those who have coped for a long time with the personal things she cannot manage herself; and also those who are still driving her (on one occasion at 5 minutes notice) to Hospital Clinics and meetings. Their kindness is impossible to repay.

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