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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



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**The Society** meets on the third Friday of the month at the Letherhead Institute from September to May. For details see programme in this issue.

## 2001 Membership Subscriptions

Ordinary.....£9.00  
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**The Museum** will be open from 5th April until December at the following times :

Thursdays and Fridays 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Saturdays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.  
Sundays (July & August) 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

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**The Friends of Leatherhead Museum** support the Society's work in the Museum.

SECRETARY

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Annual General Meeting**

I am writing this immediately after the AGM with some hopes for the future of our Society. We are pleased to welcome a new committee member, Graham Evans, who was elected to be our Museum Curator. This is excellent, particularly as we have been struggling for so long without a curator. Graham has been a steward for a while and since he has been helping with the curatorial duties a surprising amount has been achieved, in fact, we wonder if we would have been ready for the opening without him. So I have hopes for the museum.

My other hope is that a member offers to become Secretary. Following my appeal in the last *Newsletter* I have had no volunteers for what is a fairly easy task - just seven sets of minutes and agendas in the year together with a small amount of correspondence. As explained in February, without a Secretary our committee meetings are not quorate if either, our Treasurer Judith Mills, or I were absent. One way round this would be for somebody to take on the work of the Treasurer, when Judith would carry out the secretarial functions. Please think about this; the Society is so active at present and it would be a pity if this were to be curtailed because we have no-one to carry out this administrative function.

At the AGM it was announced that Joan Kirby is giving up serving coffee at our Friday meetings. Joan has faithfully done this for us for so many years and I would like to pass on the thanks of the meeting to Joan, demonstrated by the spontaneous applause on the night. So if we are to continue to have coffee at our talks we need someone to replace Joan. All the supplies are provided - all you need to do is get to the meeting early to put the urn on. Perhaps one or two would agree to do this so that there is always one person available.

So my hopes are that members will volunteer to do the secretarial work and the refreshments. Also dare I hope that someone will

take on being Sales Secretary? See the last *Newsletter* for details of what is required. I await your calls.

Also at the AGM it was agreed that the subscriptions to the Society will increase from next year. The Committee made this proposal reluctantly but for a number of years now our subscriptions have not met the running costs of the Society, i.e. costs of printing, postage, *Newsletters*, *Proceedings*, stationery, museum etc. The only way for us to operate is for the subscriptions to cover our day-to-day costs. We have managed to overcome this shortfall of late due to bequests and profits from publications but we cannot rely on these continuing. We hope that the membership will support us in this change.

### **Leatherhead Town Trail**

On 30th March I was invited to the launch of the Leatherhead Town Trail at the Letherhead Institute. Councillor Peter Seabrook, Chairman of Mole Valley District Council, was present to unveil the plaque on the Institute building. He pointed out that the production of the plaques and trail leaflets was a partnership between the public sector (MVDC), voluntary sector (L&DLHS) and the private sector (National Grid). Much of the information for the leaflets was provided by Linda Heath and we are grateful to her for doing this on behalf of the Society. The costs were sponsored by The National Grid Company whose premises are, of course, in Kelvin Avenue, Leatherhead.

The leaflets for the trail are available, free of charge, from the Help Shop, the Library and the Museum. They give a surprising amount of information about many places of interest in the town centre.

### **Museum Opening**

Less than a week later I was again to meet Councillor Seabrook when he honoured us by coming to officially re-open our museum for this year when the museum celebrates its twenty-first year of operation. It seems appropriate that we celebrate our coming-of-age just after becoming a Registered Museum and also installing some purpose-built display cabinets.

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These two events help to give publicity to the Society. On 26th March I was asked to give an interview on BBC Southern Counties Radio so that was another opportunity to *let the world know* of all our activities. One is hopeful that our Membership Secretary is inundated with membership application forms.

Another pleasant duty as Chairman was to present a 'best wishes' card and a signed copy of Linda Heath's book of old Leatherhead photographs to Sara Kalinski. Sara has spent six months in the Surrey Museum Development Officer's department gaining work experience during which time she came to Leatherhead once a week to help with the documentation of the archaeological and other museum artefacts. Sara has also made a study of computer programmes used by other small museums for cataloguing their collections. She has produced a report which will help us to decide what system to use at Leatherhead. Sara, in turn, gave us a pot plant for the museum before she returned to Sweden.

*Peter Tarplee*

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIAN

*"For some 75 years the village of Great Bookham, was the home of a plant breeder of world-wide fame, which produced a prodigious number of varieties of border carnations, pinks and auriculas - The House of Douglas. Three generations of the Douglas family ran this enterprise on one site from 1893 until 1967. Then until 1985 it was run from a private house and garden nearby".*

So begins Jack Barker's new book entitled *The House of Douglas: a Great Bookham, Surrey, Nursery 1893-1985*. Jack's book is one of four new publications, in which members of the Society have been involved, added to the Society's library recently.

Bill Culley's book *Bookham in the Twentieth Century* is a permanent record of his three talks given in the Old Barn Hall, about the recent history of the Bookhams.

Jack Stuttard has published an up-dated version of his *A Short History of Leatherhead* to take us into the 21st Century.

I would like to draw members' attention to Surrey Historic Landscape Studies No.16 which includes an article by Chris Currie entitled *An Archaeological & Historical Survey of Mickleham Downs*.

Finally, Mole Valley District Council's *Leatherhead Riverside Walk* was compiled with the help of our Society among others.

Valuable additions to our Library collection have come to us from Ernest Crosland who has recently left the district. The titles in question are listed below with the symbol (EC) appended. Other books which have been added recently are:-

### **SURREY Archaeology**

MACKINDER, Anthony – *A Romano-British Cemetery on Watling Street; Excavations at 165 Great Dover Street, Southwark, London*. Museum of London Archaeology Service, 2000.

MACKINDER, Anthony and BLATHERWICK, Simon  
*Bankside Excavations at Benbow House, Southwark, London S.E.1*  
Museum of London Archaeology Service, 2000.

MARGARY, Ivan D. - *Roman Roads in Britain Vol.1. South of the Foss Way - Bristol Channel*. Phoenix House, 1957. (EC)

### **SURREY - Buildings & Conservation**

CRACKLOW, Charles Thomas - *Views of all the Churches & Chapelries in the County of Surrey*. Phillimore, 1979 [Includes the parish churches of Ashted, Fetcham, Great and Little Bookham and Leatherhead as they were in 1823] (donated from the estate of the late John Mettam.)

Members' attention is also drawn to Surrey Archaeological Society's Collections Vol.87, 2000 which includes an article by Christopher K. Currie on *Polesden Lacey & Ranmore Common Estates*.

### **SURREY - History**

BURNS, David - *The Sherriffs of Surrey*. Phillimore, 1992 (EC)

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**SURREY - Industrial History**

STIDDER, Derek - *The Watermills of Surrey*. Barracuda Books, 1990 (EC)

**SURREY - Records**

SURREY RECORD SOCIETY - *Gunpowder Mills: Documents of the seventeenth & eighteenth centuries*. SRS Vol. 36, 2000

**SURREY - Topographical & Maps**

PARKER, Eric - *North Surrey: Highways & Byways*. Macmillan, 1937 (EC)

**SURREY - Individual Towns & Villages**

**COBHAM**

TAYLOR, DAVID C. - *The Book of Cobham*. Barracuda Books, 1982 (EC)

**DORKING**

JACKSON, Alan A. Ed. - *Dorking: a Surrey Market Town through 20 Centuries*. Dorking Local History Group, 1991 (EC)

**EPSOM**

FURNISS, John - *Epsom: Talk of the Town*. Privately pub., 1992 (EC)

**ESHER**

MITCHELL, Anthony - *Esher: a Pictorial History*. Phillimore, 1995(EC)

**LEATHERHEAD**

Letherhead Parish Magazines 1892-93, 1909-10, 1911-12

**SHERE & TILLINGBOURNE VALLEY**

SHERE, CHURCH OF ST.JAMES - *A History of the Church of St.James, Shere*. 6th edition, 1976 (EC)

SHERE, GOMSHALL & PEASLAKE LOCAL HIST.SOC.-  
*Old Houses in the Parish of Shere*. SGPLHS, 1978

*Shere, Gomshall & Peaslake: a Short History.* SGPLHS, 1981 (EC)

*The Tillingbourne River Story.* SGPLHS, 1984 (EC)

All these and other books are housed within the Institute Library room, but please note that during the installation of the lift, the LCA Library is not open on Thursdays. In case of difficulty in finding what you want please contact the Society's Librarian (details on the front inside cover of this Newsletter). Do not forget your current L&DLHS card when you visit the library.

*Gwen Hoad*

## LEATHERHEAD IN 1851

With a census being taken last month, it was very timely for Dr Ron Cox to describe the local results of a century and a half ago, to a record audience of nearly one hundred at February's meeting of the Society.

Although censuses have taken place every ten years since 1801, at first they simply counted heads, but that of 1851 listed the name, birthplace, age and occupation of those staying in each house.

The whole of Leatherhead was enumerated by two people, paid just over £1 each to cover the areas north and south of the High Street and Bridge Street respectively. That to the north contained 248 occupied houses against 106 to the south, but the latter enumerator had further to travel to the outlying farms, such as Bocketts. Most of the central area was populated by craftsmen or tradesmen and their families, although the Moore family were building up the Swan into an hotel of county standard, with the King's Head across the road of a lower ranking. Much further down the scale were three common lodging houses, filled with tramps on their way to Epsom races. The tramps in one house refused to give any details of themselves, and 25 in another were looked after by one eleven-year-old girl.

North of Fairfield and Bull Hill, squatters were living on the edges of farmland, and some families were employed in the extensive brickyards beyond. Large families were common : the vicar had three sons and nine daughters. The larger houses were usually



tenanted, not owned, by retired people, outnumbered by their staff (Thorncroft had 13 living-in servants as well as 'dailies').

Dr Cox mentioned a private school which seemed to have escaped previous notice, perhaps because it was short-lived despite its size on census night. He suggested that Leatherhead failed to maintain its status because it acquired modern services (railways, gas, mains water supply and drainage) ten years or so later than other towns nearby like Epsom and Dorking.

*Derek Renn*

## **HISTORY REVEALED FROM POSTCARDS**

'Goff' Powell gave us another look into his treasure chest of *Postcard Connections* at our April meeting. The true **POST CARD** bore those words on its back, being sold commercially for correspondence and charged at a lower postal rate. In addition, photographs of local buildings and scenes were also reproduced for advertising and family records. Some very dodgy heraldry appeared on local cards and souvenir china. Portraits of the famous (such as Sybil Thorndike, Donald Campbell and Max Bygraves) were matched with pictures of their local homes, which brought forth reminiscences from the audience. Local shops often photographed their staff outside. (With a magnifying glass, it was possible to read the prices in the window displays).

*Derek Renn*

### ***Peter Tarplee writes about a little known Local Industry from the Past*** **- VICTORIA WORKS, ASHTEAD**

Some seven years ago, in reply to a query, I had written to someone giving them brief details of the history of Victoria Works, Ashtead and sending a photograph of the building. During the period between 1912 and 1916 this factory was used by William Galloway and Co. as a workshop and maintenance depot for American built Stanley steam cars.

In December 2000 I received a copy of the Fall issue of the Stanley Museum Quarterly as this referred to my earlier correspondence. Included in this magazine was a letter from another correspondent (in the U K) who reported finding a copy of an early Stanley catalogue in a local book shop. Enclosed within the catalogue was a letter to a prospective customer which reads as follows:

*Telegram s:- AUTOSTAN, ASHTEAD*

*Telephone :- EPSOM 634. (METROPOLITAN AREA)*

*The Stanley Steam Car Ltd.*

*Victoria Works*

*Ashtead, Surrey*

*July 12 1915*

*To: Oscar E. Seyd Esq  
21 Kempe Rd  
Kilburn, N W*

*Dear Sir*

*Replying to your postcard we have pleasure in handing you our latest catalogue and we trust it may interest you. We regret we have no showroom in London since establishing ourselves here, but we are always glad to meet prospective purchasers at Ashtead Station.*

*Our position is rather unusual as War Office requirements have made it necessary to clear away as much of our stock with all speed, so that we are offering the present remainder at Bargain prices equal to 25% from regular figures.*

*At this date however we have not many cars left - indeed we can now only offer two models: the 10 h.p. Extra Wide two seater Model 62 - £295 and 20 h.p. two seater Model 712 - £425.*

*In the latter case we are no longer able to obtain the necessary electrical attachments specified in conjunction with the Acetylene Headlights and consequently substitute the usual outfit of Oil Side, Tail and Dash lamps with Acetylene Headlights and 40 cu. ft. cylinder, whilst we are also discontinuing the use of Quick Detachable Rims.*

*These substitutions reduce the list price of Model 712 to £410 from which we are prepared, subject to our having one left, to allow 25%.*

*This also applies to the 10 h.p. Models, both being offered as bargains without engagement.*

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*Faithfully yours*  
*For the Stanley Steam Car Ltd*  
*H E Galloway*  
*Director*

I thought that other members may be interested in this information about one of our local industries in an American magazine. The magazine is published quarterly by the Stanley Museum in Kingfield, Maine which it describes as below:-

### **The Stanley Museum Yankee Ingenuity at Work**

**The Stanley Museum keeps and shares the traditions of Yankee Ingenuity and creativity as exemplified by the Stanley family in order to inspire these values in children and adults**

*Peter Tarplee*

### **TOWN TRAIL AND RIVERSIDE WALK LEAFLETS** *Linda Heath tells us more about the plaques referred to in our Chairman's Report*

The plaques were put in place by Mole Valley District Council after more than a year of planning and consultation with our Society and the owners of the buildings. There are twelve of them and they are the highlights of a Town Trail devised jointly by Rod Shaw (Senior Planning Officer for Mole Valley District Council) and myself over the last year.

After we had worked out a suitable route and 'walked the course' together, Rod designed the leaflet and I wrote the text for the trail (which is in two parts) and also for the plaques. The leaflets are free.

In addition to this, our Society was also much involved in the production of an excellent *Riverside Walk* leaflet published by the Council in collaboration with Surrey County Council, Surrey Gardens Trust, the Lower Mole Project and the Environment

Agency. It is beautifully illustrated with superb photographs by two of our members, Jeremy Early and Gwen Hoad. Peter Tarplee contributed all the historical part of the text.

These leaflets are obtainable at the same places as the Town Trail leaflets, but unfortunately these ones are not free, they cost 25p. This is a pity, but the Council felt it was necessary to cover costs, whereas the Town Trail leaflets were sponsored by National Grid.

*Linda Heath*

## MUSEUM UPDATE

It is **Bigger, Brighter and Better** than ever before: It is **Museum 2001!**

Councillor Seabrook the Chairman of Mole Valley District Council opened the Society's museum season on 5<sup>th</sup> April after a closed period when new display cabinets were installed. These, funded jointly by the "Friends", S.M.C.C. and the Society, increase the display capacity significantly and, coupled with enhancement of existing displays, they enable us to show more of the collection than perhaps ever before. Additional lighting in the upstairs front room, under the stairs and from the new cabinets all help to improve the ambience of Hampton Cottage. More emphasis has been placed on providing descriptions and information about the artefacts and thus in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of its existence, Leatherhead Museum is without doubt better than ever before.

However the Museum does not just revamp itself. Grateful thanks are due to all those who have helped during the closed period not only with the physical alterations but also to those Society members who have prepared new displays and augmented existing ones. Have you been to see it yet? And whilst on this topic we would always welcome suggestions from members regarding our window displays. Do let's have your ideas for new themes.

Don't forget the change to our opening hours, which are now Thursdays and Fridays 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. with Saturdays at 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. An innovation that the "Friends" have been able to arrange will be the opening every Sunday in July and August from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

The Museum Committee is very appreciative of the efforts put in on their behalf by the "Friends" not only in preparing a new leaflet advertising the Museum but seeing to its widespread distribution. Let us hope that visitors will be queuing at the door for the new experience.

*Alan V Pooley*

### FROM THE ACTING SALES SECRETARY

We feel that a very important part of the Society's activities are its publications, and members may like to know what is in hand at present.

There are still a few copies left of Bill Culley's *Bookham in the Twentieth Century*. This book has been extremely popular and anyone interested in the recent local history of Great and Little Bookham is recommended to obtain a copy. It is on sale at all local book shops and libraries as well as at the museum : also at the three post offices in Bookham or from Bill Culley.

Regarding future publications, the next book will be *The Swan Leatherhead and its Brewery* by Mary Rice-Oxley. This book gives a detailed history of the hotel and brewery which were so important in Leatherhead in their day. It contains a large number of illustrations, many of which have not previously been published. The book is at present with the printers and should be on sale by the time this *Newsletter* is published. The price is £5.95.

Later in the year we hope to have two more new books available. *History of Headley* edited by Jack Stuttard is now complete. It should be with a printer by the time that you read this and on sale later in the year. This is the first history book of any length about

Headley and we feel that this will be a useful addition to anyone's library of local history books.

It is some years since Edwina Vardey's *History of Leatherhead* was available and it is felt that there is a need for another book giving the town's history. Phillimores plan to publish *Leatherhead Past* later in the year and this will be compiled by Edwina Vardey. It will be shorter than the earlier book but nevertheless it is expected to fill a need. It will contain some new material.

So you will see that the Society continues to be active in the publishing field by putting its knowledge and research into the public domain. We are ever grateful to our members who contribute to these books. Profits (if any) from our sales can be an important source of income for the Society, so we do ask for your support in purchasing and recommending these titles.

*Peter Tarplee*

## NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

It was a great pleasure to us all to be able to welcome the Chairman of Mole Valley District Council to the Museum on Thursday April 5th when he formally declared the Museum open for its 21st season. Mrs Seabrook was able to come with her husband and, on your behalf, I presented her with a Victorian posy with which she seemed delighted.

When you next go round the Museum you will find that we have two modern, purpose-built cabinets, one upstairs and one down. The History Society asked us if we could help pay for them and we used the Fuller/McNulty fund - £1290 - to go towards the cost. I feel sure that Joyce and Roberta who so kindly left the money to the Friends would feel that this was a suitable project for their gift to be spent on.

We had three *training sessions* for the Stewards which were very well supported and we thank Alan Pooley for leading them. We also welcome seven new Stewards to our group. Some are already on the rota and the others are reserves, but they will be integrated into the rota as soon as they feel ready.

We have unfortunately lost two stewards, Elaine Moulson who is unwell and Ernest Crossland who has left the district. We thank them both for all that they did for the Museum,

Our stewards have fortunately provided sufficient volunteers to enable us to open the Museum on Sunday afternoons in July and August as has been mentioned elsewhere.

The coffee morning and bring and buy sale will be held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> July at the Museum. We hope that lots of our members will come along. Also please make a note of the fact that our outing this year will be on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August.

If you have any ideas about where you would like us to go, please let me know.

*Thelma Lucas*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS**

Members of The Friends organisation were present at the annual meeting, held at The Letherhead Institute on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. This gave the committee an opportunity to report on the activities of the past year and for members to discuss matters they felt were important. Most of the previous year's activities reported at the meeting have already been mentioned in the pages of this Newsletter under the title *News from The Friends*.

The existing committee was re-elected *en bloc* and a welcome was given to one new committee member, Dr. Fred Meynan, elected by a unanimous vote. Present at the meeting was the Museum's new curator, Graham Evans, who will attend future committee meetings as an *ex officio* member.

After the official business there was an opportunity to hear about the activities of our Publicity Officer, David Robinson.

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This stimulating talk highlighted the great need to bring more people to visit the museum and stressed the importance of spreading the news as widely as possible. A summary of David's presentation follows.

*John Wettern, Chairman, Friends Committee*

## **BRINGING MORE VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM**

One of the most frustrating things about being a Museum steward is the feeling that so few people visit the Museum. Whatever is the purpose of a Museum? How can it carry on without visitors? What can the Museum Friends do about the situation?

We decided to go out to the people. We arranged to have a thousand leaflets printed, and we spent the last two months distributing them to all the offices in the ten business parks in Leatherhead and Ashted. In addition, supplies went to the Mole Valley tourist office at Dorking, to local libraries, hospitals, schools, shops, colleges, hotels and B&B s.

We discovered that some business parks have coaches coming into central Leatherhead every lunchtime . We found that most of the 10,000 people who work in these business parks are aged under forty. Also many are not local residents and in fact considerable numbers do not even live in Surrey . The hotels and B&Bs tell us that many of their customers ask : *What is there to see in Leatherhead ?*, because they often have a spare hour or so. Most of our Leaflets which go out from the Dorking Tourist Office are posted to people and organisations, not many are given out at Dorking Halls.

There are other snippets of information coming back to us, which indicate that we need to increase our presence in the local area. We could go out to schools with artefacts and give talks. We could also talk about the Local History in the area around the school. We could enlist the help of local business, perhaps in becoming corporate members of the Museum. All these matters are under discussion and could lead to decisions later this year.



We certainly do not want the Museum to close for lack of support and any more ideas and help to publicise the Museum would be most welcome.

*David Robinson*  
*Publicity Officer, The Friends of Leatherhead Museum*

## FORTHCOMING LECTURES

Here are brief details of the lectures which will be given during the next season of Friday meetings, starting in September, 2001.

Fuller details of these talks will be published in the August Newsletter.

**21<sup>st</sup> September** '*The History of Chessington*' by Mark Barker.  
(Postponed from February)

**19<sup>th</sup> October** The Dallaway Lecture: '*How the Railway Came to Leatherhead*' by Gordon Knowles.

**16<sup>th</sup> November**  
'*Tudor and Stuart Leatherhead*' by Peter Edwards.

**21<sup>st</sup> December** *Christmas Miscellany*  
arranged by Gordon Knowles. Theme to be announced.

## FORTHCOMING VISITS

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.** Guided Walk round **Little Bookham** led by Stephen Fortescue.

(No more applications can be accepted for this walk.)

Meet at 2.30 p.m. at All Saints Church, Manor House Lane. Parking available.

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June.** Evening Walk round the Woodcote area of **Epsom** led by Ian West who showed us some wonderful slides of Epsom in February.

(Only two places left for this visit, so if you would like to come, please phone Linda Heath, Tel. 01372 372603 .If no spaces left you can go on reserve list. )

Meet at 7.30 p.m. outside *The Ladass* Public House on the corner of Chalk Lane and Woodcote Green Road. Cars can be parked on Woodcote Green Road beside sports ground.

**Saturday, 14th July.** Afternoon Walk round **Headley Village**  
led by Peter Denyer.

This visit will whet our appetites for the Society's new publication *History of Headley* edited by Jack Stuttard which is due to come out in the autumn. It will include the parish church, with some archives to look at; and one or two other places, of interest, hopefully including The Forge.

Tea can be obtained afterwards at the Village Hall Café.

Meet at 2.30 p.m. outside the church.

Parking there or in old school yard on left.

Please send £1 per member with application form to Jack Barker. Tel. 01372 458469

**Saturday, 11th August.** Afternoon Visit to Field Studies Centre at **Juniper Hall**. We have visited Juniper Hall in the past, but there are always different things to see there, and John Bebbington's slides at his talk in May on *The Wonderful Patterns of Nature* are sure to renew our interest. The ice house has been excavated to a depth of 18 feet and is now on view. There are photographs showing the work being carried out.

Meet at 2.30 p.m. outside the main entrance.

Please send £1 per member with application form to Derek Renn Tel. 01372 454880

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September.** Visit to **Chessington**, guided by Mark Barker after his talk on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Details will appear in the August Newsletter

## GUIDED WALKS

Instead of the traditional summer guided walks around Leatherhead led by Society members, Mrs. Bronwen Mills, a professional Blue Badge Guide will lead walks on the first Sunday of each month from now until October. They start at 2.30 p.m. from the Cross-roads outside Pimm's. The cost will be £3.50 per person (£2.00 for children under 16 years).

Free leaflets about the walks are available at the Museum.

In addition we are hoping to lead a '*Hidden Leatherhead*' walk for Heritage Weekend, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September, through a different part of Leatherhead. Details will appear in the August Newsletter and also in the Heritage Weekend brochure.

*Linda Heath*

## TALKS BY OUR SOCIETY'S MEMBERS

We are grateful to members of the Society who have given lectures on our behalf to other bodies : -

TREVOR MARCHINGTON

*"World War Two Defences from Box Hill to Shalford"*

To the PROBUS Clubs at Leatherhead and at Cobham.

## INTERNET LINKS

Regular readers will be aware that the Society (together with the Museum) has an exclusive website, details of which have already been given. An easier way to reach us is through the Leatherhead site which gives details of many of the town's organisations including our own. The address is [www.leatherheadweb.org.uk](http://www.leatherheadweb.org.uk).

Emails to the Society or to the Museum should be addressed to :  
[leatherheadmuseum@localhistory.free-online.co.uk](mailto:leatherheadmuseum@localhistory.free-online.co.uk).

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