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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.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

When you receive this Newsletter it will be approaching Heritage Weekend and I hope that you find the events that have been arranged are of interest. I have written elsewhere of some of this year's activities.

In the May issue, writing just after the AGM, I pointed out that there was still a shortage of volunteers for a number of vital jobs within the Society. The situation has not changed and so a number of members are still doing more jobs than they would like.

In particular, I would remind you that we have nobody to prepare and serve coffee before our Friday meetings. All the supplies are provided — so all that is needed is for someone to come to the meeting early to put the urn on and then serve the coffee before the talk. Many members appreciate this facility and I hope that someone will offer to ensure its continuation.

The latest position with our publications is that by the time that you read this the texts for both *The History of Headley* and *Leatherhead Past* should be with the printer and publisher respectively. So both books should be on sale later in the year.

Peter Tarplee.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS, 2001

This year the events in Mole Valley are generally being held on 8th and 9th September but the weekend will be launched by the Chairman of Mole Valley District Council in the Council Chamber at Pippbrook on Friday 7th September. This will be followed by a presentation by Dr Nigel Barker on *Proud Traditions: Public Display in Architecture Through the Ages* on the theme of civic pride. Those who have heard Nigel speak will know that this will be an interesting and entertaining evening. As, of course, will be his talk at St John's School on Saturday evening which will explore how the Victorians translated their achievements, both personal and public, into their buildings, concentrating principally on examples in Surrey.

The full programme for all the events for Heritage Weekend is now available. Many of the same places as before will be open but a considerable number of new venues are able to be visited, together with different walks and talks throughout Mole Valley District.

Last year many people were disappointed that Fetcham Park House did not open due to problems arising from the petrol shortage. This year it will be open, with the added attraction of a display of old postcards of Fetcham and Bookham arranged by Goff Powell.

The Elmer Treatment works and the Leatherhead Pumping Station are being opened by the Sutton & East Surrey Water Company, and so this is your chance to see what is inside the concrete building at the bottom of Bridge Street. Another new opening is the Esso offices in Ermyn Way.

Most of the local churches will be open, and visits which will get booked up early will be those to Dorking Caves and the cock fighting pit in the cellars of Bookends as well as visits to Slyfield House and Waleys.

Among the Walks, Talks and Exhibitions there will be guided walks around Leatherhead Town, Leatherhead Riverside and Leatherhead's less Familiar Past. Exhibitions include the winners of the childrens' art competition arranged by Leatherhead NADFAS, '*Civic Pride*' by Bookham Camera Club, '*Leatherhead's Natural Heritage*' by Jeremy Early, '*The Landscape of Surrey*', '*Your Victorian Ancestors*' (this is our members' work on putting censuses on to computer) and '*Victorian Dolls*' in the Institute as well as a display in the Studio Art House.

Further afield in the district one can visit Lowfield Heath Windmill, Broome Park Ice House, Marelands Barn, Buckland Windmill and many others. There are a number of exhibitions and walks in Dorking, including a pub crawl. Space precludes me mentioning all the events which we have arranged but I am sure that when you study the programme you will find that there is

something for everyone and more than can be done in the weekend.

We should all be grateful once again to Mole Valley District Council for undertaking most of the organisation of the weekend and, this year, to Esso for some financial support. I also acknowledge the part played by our members in a number of these heritage activities. Don't forget to book early for the popular events.

Peter Tarplee

Edwina Vardy adds a further item :

I am giving my talk *THE FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS OF LEATHERHEAD* with slides at Wesley House on Saturday 8th September at 2.0 p.m.

And one from Linda Heath

Saturday 8th September. *Guided Walks round Leatherhead's less Familiar Past.*

This year we are planning to lead two guided walks, not round the town centre, but a less familiar part of Leatherhead's past. It will be a mixture of buildings which no longer exist and those which are there now. They will start from the Letherhead Institute at 2.0 and 2.30 p.m. and will include the sites of the old Police Station and the former Prince of Wales pub, Fairfield House, the old Infants' School in Upper Fairfield Road, Wesley House, Bradmere Pond and Cottage, then at All Saints Church a break for tea and a look at old photos : next the Roman Catholic Church and back to the Institute via the grounds of St. John's School. Distance about 1.5 miles.

We should be glad of more volunteers to lead the walks – full text supplied!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Mary Rice-Oxley's book entitled "*The Swan, Leatherhead and its Brewery: 300 years of History*", has very recently been published by the Society. It traces the known history of Leatherhead's much lamented coaching inn from the earliest references to it in print in the seventeenth century to its demolition in 1936.

The Swan Brewery occupied part of the site from 1859, and Mary says : "*By the beginning of the twentieth century the brewery was the leading commercial industry of the town, having a high reputation for its products, and providing much local employment and prosperity. About 25 were employed including clerks, draymen, cellarmen and bottlers, the wages bill coming to approximately £2,000 p.a., nearly all spent in Leatherhead. It was estimated that about 150 men, women and children were dependent on the Brewery for their daily bread. Extra men were taken on to keep the premises clean...*".

This book is the only recent addition to the library this time. The Society's library is housed within the Letherhead Institute's Library room, but its use is subject to the Leatherhead Community Association's not needing to use the room for its own purposes. Normally the room may be used when the L.C.A. Library is open i.e. on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings from 10.30 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. and may also be used on Saturday mornings from 10.0 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. **but not on the first Saturday of the month** when the room is used for the L.C.A. coffee morning, and Joan Kirby needs to have the table for her own use.

Society members are reminded that we only have the use of the Institute Library room through the good offices of the Institute's Trustees, and that we are guests there and have no rights.

Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

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 use the library.

Gwen Hoad

LITTLE BOOKHAM VISIT

Our past president Stephen Fortescue took a score or more of members around Little Bookham on 27th May. We started at the tiny parish church, hidden away up a footpath, where we admired the ancient tub font and the hatchments (heraldic boards painted at the time of death), and learnt of the plans to develop a new vestry. The group then visited the Manor House School alongside and admired the Regency rooms and ironwork. The new sports hall (whose imported roof beams had caused motorway traffic jams) was contrasted with the tiny apple barn, rescued from demolition for a car park. From there we went to Maddox Farm, the home of the Witchells family who showed us the great variety of barns with different uses today and finally to the Tudor *Foxglove Cottage*, where Mr and Mrs Rapley gave us the run of the house, plus tea and an opportunity to rest in their delightful garden.

Derek Renn

GUIDED WALK ROUND WOODCOTE AREA OF EPSOM

On a fine summer's evening on 20th June, about 18 of us were taken on a fascinating guided walk round the Woodcote area of Epsom by Ian West, who showed us some excellent slides last February. This is an area which many of us don't really know if we just drive through Epsom or shop in the town centre, and what a lot of interesting houses there are to see.

We started at *The Ladas* public house (outside!) at the junction of Woodcote Green Road and Chalk Lane, and in less than half a mile we saw an amazing range of architectural styles, from large impressive 'town houses' to tiny cottages. We had an added bonus of one extra house which was not on our list, and on our way back we were invited to look round the inside one of the tiny cottages in Chalk Lane, which was united to its attached neighbour by a chain in the attic to prevent their becoming detached from each other!

We were allowed to go all over the cottage, which had originally been a 17th century barn, which was extremely interesting. Ian knows a great deal about all these houses and gave us a wealth of architectural and historical detail. We all came away feeling we had been given a real insight to a part of Epsom that had been unknown to many of us.

Linda Heath.

VISIT TO HEADLEY, 14th JULY, 2001

Some members of the Society enjoyed a visit to Headley Village, led by a fifth-generation native of the village, Peter Denyer. We met at the Church where Peter had put on display his personal collection of postcards and other pictures of local places and people, together with a variety of documents and books. He drew attention to a number of items and made particular reference to two rectors, one 19th and one 20th century, who made their marks beyond the Church.

After this introduction we walked to Heather Cottage, on the fringe of Headley Heath, which is now the home of Col. and Mrs R. Hunter. The cottage has parts made in each of the past five centuries and Mrs Hunter kindly showed us every room and nook and cranny. She provided interesting anecdotes. Following this fascinating tour we adjourned to the Village Stores café for cream teas.

Those who braved the (unfulfilled) threat of stormy weather enjoyed a very interesting afternoon and now look forward to seeing the Society's forthcoming publication - *A History of Headley*.

As is often the case, we could have taken more people on this trip and I would urge members to consider carefully before passing by the opportunities offered by these Society visits.

Jack Barker

We are grateful to our member, Lionel Green for this account of the recent archaeology conference which he prepared for the Merton History Society.

ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

During the week-end of 2nd /3rd June, a conference, organised by the Surrey Archaeological Society (S.A.S.) was held at the University of Surrey with the title 'Towards a Research Agenda for the 21st Century'. Several speakers referred to landscape history and this report stresses that aspect of archaeology.

David Field from English Heritage reminded us that prehistoric man would not be conscious of landscape as a view. The forest was so important in everyday life that he had limited vision and had no need to know that over the hill were other settlements. He knew, however, that he had to respect nature and the spirits. A barrier could affect this but he often relied on a ditch to keep out evil spirits. Linear ditches were a feature of the times, but whether these were an aid to farming or for marking boundaries is open to question. After several thousand years many still survive, probably because it was always better to maintain existing boundaries than to create new. Landscape archaeology places greater emphasis on land forms within the countryside as a whole, rather than on single sites. This opens new challenges to traditional interpretations of some monuments.

Judie English, a vice-president of the S.A.S. explored the relationship between man and the land. Many place names indicate landscape features or early use of the land. Place names with the suffix *worth* indicate a homestead. On the Downs the name referred to stock enclosures suggesting secondary settlements. Names ending in *den* or *fold* also suggest secondary settlements and in south-west Surrey the latter were close to the parent settlement (average 4.7km.), whereas the *dens* averaged 12.6km. The suffix *ersh* indicated arable usage.

Marilyn Palmer from Leicester University pointed out the effect of industrialisation on the landscape. Rivers provided power sources and transport; woodland yielded fuel, building material

and tools; extractive industry produced building stone, bricks and chalk; all of which made a mark on the landscape. Man developed estates, built country houses, removed villages and enclosed commons. In Roman times, leisure was a feature, with stadia, amphitheatres and hippodromes, but in later times leisure had little effect until the advent of race courses, football grounds and golf courses.

Dennis Turner, past-president of the S.A.S. spoke of the '*plantation period*' when the feudal system took hold in the manor with regulated open-field agriculture. Medieval buildings can give an indication of the size and wealth of an estate and the social use to which the message had been put.

Phil Andrews of Wessex Archaeology described early Kingston. The topography consisted of gravel islands which provided *foci* for early settlements in the Neolithic and Bronze Ages. Scattered early Saxon farms were apparently abandoned by the 9th Century when a Saxon royal estate was set up on a central island with its church and royal apartments. Kingston was an important crossing point between Wessex and Mercia and the central point of an area which incorporated Kent and East Anglia. Flooding and land reclamation constantly changed the landscape. There were early pottery kilns, and trade flourished so that by the 12th century, Kingston became an inland port and market centre. Bridges over the Thames and over the Hogsmill were constructed circa 1170-90.

John Schofield from the Museum of London described a '*zone of special influence*' around London. He concentrated on the period 1450 to 1700 but even as early as 1189 grain was being shipped from Henley-on-Thames to feed Londoners, and the demand for faggots for fuel affected a wide area before the Black Death. The Dissolution of the Monasteries led to land being available, and London merchants began building large houses outside the city. This increased the demand for stone and timber for the newly designed Tudor buildings. Mass immigration ensued from other parts of the country.

From these few reports (out of a total of 16 papers), it will be seen that a wide range of topics was covered, revealing many new directions which archaeology has taken in the past twenty years since the previous conference.

Lionel Green

THE RAILWAY THAT NEVER ARRIVED

"The train about to depart will call at Clapham Junction, Wimbledon, Motspur Park, Chessington South, Malden Rushett, Leatherhead North and Leatherhead Central". (Date: 1941 A.D.)

If World War 2 had not occurred, such a train departure might have been reality, not fantasy. A new route from London to Leatherhead was not only planned but it nearly came to fruition. Evidence on the ground still exists to prove it.

In the mid-1930's the Southern Railway's electric system was expanding. Long distance lines were being electrified and the inner suburban network grew with new stations and new lines. The housing boom followed the railways and vice versa. Just before war broke out the Motspur Park to Leatherhead branch was already half built and had reached a temporary terminus at Chessington South. Beyond that point land had been acquired and a new embankment stretched southwards for some distance.

The new railway was destined to join up with the existing line from Ashted at a point roughly a mile north of Leatherhead station. It would have run parallel with the A.243, Kingston Road, allowing plenty of space for the housing developments which were certain to occur. A station was to be built near the intersection of the Epsom-Oxshott Road : to be named Malden Rushett. At the southern end a new station, to be called Leatherhead North, was proposed.

Three key events caused the project to be 'killed off'. Firstly with the outbreak of war in 1939 all civilian construction projects ceased. Secondly, the Town and Country Planning Act of 1946 put paid to any proposal to absorb the land beside the railway for

building development. Finally the building of the M25 motorway severed the proposed route for all time. Despite these events the statutory powers to build the railway were kept alive up until 1961.

All this might be described as “history that didn’t happen” ; however, anyone interested in seeking out traces of *the railway that never came* can look at a number of tell tale signs. Firstly from the platform of Chessington South station : this is clearly a ‘through’ station and not a terminus. To the south, under the road bridge stretches the embankment destined to carry the new line. The tracks do in fact extend for a short distance and are used for sidings. On the north side of Rushett Lane one can still see field boundaries that marked the land acquired by the railway company, and further to the north, across Chalky Lane, a side road opposite the Chessington World of Adventure, traces of the embankment remain. An over-bridge once spanned the lane but this has now disappeared.

A clear view of the ‘line’ of the railway close to Leatherhead can be obtained when travelling by train towards Ashted. Looking out of the window on the left-hand side of the carriage, just after the bridge under Kingston Road, the lineside fence curves away to the north and a patch of open ground can be seen. Here then is a clue to the alignment of the new branch. In the next instant the line dives under the motorway. At this point one supposes Leatherhead’s North station would have been built.

I am grateful to Alan J.Jackson whose book ‘*The Railway in Surrey*’ contains references to the Chessington line . Also, members of the Society interested in learning more about Leatherhead’s railway history will doubtless wish to attend the lecture by Gordon Knowles on Friday, 19th October entitled ‘*How the Railway Came to Leatherhead*’.

John Wettern

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Many of you will by now have seen the splendid modern display cabinets at the museum which we reported in the May Newsletter. I was amazed what a difference these have made, along with many other new exhibits , installed thanks to the efforts of our new curator, Graham Evans and to Peter Tarplee and Alan Pooley and all the working party. We also have a smaller display unit which fits nicely above the fireplace in the front room. This was given to the Museum by Susan Punnett, daughter of Maureen Punnett one of our stewards. I hope you have been able to pop into the Museum and see it as Graham has filled it with a lot of small exhibits which would be difficult to display on their own. Thank you very much Susan. I should also like to thank Alison Bentata who keeps the Museum clean and Pam Knowles who looks after the garden for us.

The stewards' social get-together in the Reeves room last year was a very happy occasion so we are repeating it again this year. It will be on 20th September at 7.30 p.m. so, stewards and anyone who would like to meet the stewards, please put it in your diary straight away. In spite of our success in finding new stewards we still need some more, so please ask your friends and neighbours and if you feel they are the slightest bit interested bring them along on the 20th.

Unfortunately we are sometimes short of visitors. David Robinson our publicity officer works extremely hard and has visited all the offices and the various business parks. He is also starting on the schools, but I am sure he would welcome any offers of help.

We were blessed with fine weather on the day of our coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale. There seemed to be a good number of visitors but although the takings were up on last year there was a dearth of things on the stalls. Can everyone please make an effort to bring one article for sale next year so we can perhaps double our takings.

The Committee of the Friends which meets every two months, has organised all of the events mentioned here. Round about the time this Newsletter goes out, some of you will have taken part in the Friends annual outing. This was to the open air museum at Amberley. We will tell you more about this in the next edition. Additionally, a lot of work is being put into organising a celebration on Saturday, 6th October to mark the 21st anniversary of the museum's inauguration. Several interesting events, many with a Victorian theme are being planned. News of these will soon be appearing on posters and in the local press.

Looking further ahead, a room at Letherhead Institute has been booked for our Christmas party. This will be on Wednesday, 19th December from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. I know it seems so early to talk about Christmas but the rooms get booked up very quickly. Please make a note of the date. I hope we shall all be there. I think the Museum is going from strength to strength and I thank you all for the effort everyone is making to keep things going.

Thelma Lucas

Thelma Lucas, the Secretary to The Friends of the Museum, looks after the organisation and rostering of Stewards. Anyone interested in becoming a steward might usefully read what follows.

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A STEWARD AT THE MUSEUM

A steward is a volunteer who agrees to give three hours of his or her time once a month, generally on the same day and time each month between April and December. There are always two stewards on duty together and their job is to help any visitors to the Museum have an interesting visit. You do not have to know all the answers to visitors' questions but you can find out who probably would know the answers. There is a very useful Stewards Handbook which covers all eventualities, and the first few times on duty could well be spent studying this.

It is generally great fun being "on duty" as the visitors are always such interesting people : very often they have lived in the area in

days gone by and are re-visiting. They sometimes have interesting tales to tell of things which they did in their youth. Children too are fascinated by what they find in the museum. There are books, postcards and souvenirs to sell if people want to buy. All prices are marked and change is available. There are tea and coffee making facilities and biscuits in the office upstairs so stewards can make themselves a 'cuppa' during their stint on duty.

Sometimes we are short of visitors but there is no need to be bored as there is plenty to read in the front room and of course the more a steward knows about the exhibits the greater the satisfaction when talking to the visitors .

There is training for beginners and also the chance to go on an outing once a year. We also occasionally meet together for a social evening so that we can get to know each other better and sort out any queries people may have. If for any reason you are unable to keep your duty time you must arrange a swap with another steward and let your steward partner know of the change.

We need more stewards so please do volunteer if you can. Ring me on 01372 844345 or come along to our meeting on 20th September (see above).

Thelma Lucas

FORTHCOMING LECTURES

The lectures season starts again next month and continues on the third Friday of each month until summer of next year.

All meetings are held at the Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, starting at 8.0 p.m. Coffee is served from 7.30 p.m.

Admission : Members - £1 ; Non-members - £2.

21st September. *'The History of Chessington'* by Mark Barker, local historian and writer. Romano-British Artefacts have been found locally and the church is very old. This is the talk postponed from February due to the speaker's illness. Mark will be leading a walk around Chessington for us a week later on 29th September.

19th October

The Dallaway Lecture: *'How the Railway came to Leatherhead'* by Gordon Knowles, L.& D.L.H.S. Committee Member, lecturer and author on industrial history topics. Hear about the Epsom & Leatherhead Railway, the town's three stations and the rivalry between the London, Brighton & South Coast and the London & South Western Railway Companies.

16th November *'Tudor and Stuart Leatherhead'* by Dr. Peter Edwards, member of the society, academic and historian, who has made a particular study of the town in this period.

21st December Christmas Miscellany :*'Leatherhead in Wartime'* arranged by Gordon Knowles. Volunteers for ten minute talks please contact Gordon by the end of November at the latest ; earlier if possible. There is always a last minute rush to find speakers and arrange the programme and he would dearly hope to avoid the usual panic this year.

Next Year's Lectures - (More details in future Newsletters)

18th January 2002 *'The Evolution of the English Manorial System'* by
Lt.Col. J.W. Molyneux-Child.

15th February *'Cobham Houses and their Occupants'* by David Taylor.

15th March *'The Civil War in England'* by Alan Turton.

19th April The Annual General Meeting of the Society followed by
a talk by John Morris, leader of the *'Leatherhead Census Project'*

17th May *'Mrs. Greville and Polesden Lacey'* by Stephen Tudsbury-
Turner.

Gordon Knowles

VISITS

Saturday, 29th September. Visit to Chessington, guided by Mark Barker after his talk on 21st September.

Although there are not many buildings of historic interest left in Chessington, the parish church is very old and well worth a visit. We hope to be able to visit one or two other places of interest nearby, such as Winey Hill where Romano-British artefacts were discovered.

Meet at 2.30 p.m. outside the parish church in Garrison Lane. (The church is nearly a mile along Garrison Lane. The car park is on the left, just past the church).

Please send £1 per member with application form to Linda Heath (Tel. 01372 372603).

LOCAL HISTORY COURSE AT THE LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE.

This autumn there will be a course of five local history lectures from 2.0 to 4.0 p.m. on Friday afternoons at fortnightly intervals at the Institute. This has been arranged primarily for members of the Leatherhead Community Association, but members of our Society are welcome to apply also. Numbers will be restricted to between 15 and 30 people. The cost will be £25 for the five lectures, and members must enrol for the whole course, not individual lectures. Application forms to Joan Kirby are enclosed.

The programme is as follows:

14th September '*How Leatherhead Missed the Train*' by Gordon Knowles

28th September '*Manors and Bridges*' by Derek Renn

12th October '*Local Industries*' by Peter Tarpree

26th October '*Vestries and Vicars*' by Linda Heath

9th November '*Compiling a Local History*' by Edwina Vardey

Linda Heath

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

"Historic Leatherhead" and *"The Spirit of Present Day Leatherhead"* are the two themes for the photographic competition organised by The Friends of Leatherhead Museum. This is one of a number of events which are being promoted to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the museum's opening

Mr Patrick Gardner of Gardner's Estate Agents, Church Street, Leatherhead has agreed to sponsor the competition and to donate the prizes.

The winning entries will be judged by Miss Susan Hill, F.R.P.S., M.P.A.G.B., E.F.I.A.P. of Cheam Camera Club. The judging will take place at the end of September and the winners will be announced on the anniversary day, Saturday, 6th October.

Society members and their friends wishing to enter the competition can obtain an entry form from the museum or by sending a stamped addressed envelope to :

Photo Competition
The Friends of Leatherhead Museum
Leatherhead & District Museum
64, Church Street
LEATHERHEAD, KT22 8DP

The organisers hope that the competition will attract entries from experts and beginners alike. A special prize is to be awarded to entrants aged under 16 years. Subject matter for the photos can embrace Ashted, Fetcham and the Bookhams, not merely the town of Leatherhead.

