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The Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the Letherhead Institute between
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For details see programme in the appropriate Newsletter

2006 Membership Subscriptions

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The Museum will be open at the following times from Saturday, 1st April to mid-December 2006

Thursdays and Fridays .. 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Saturdays .. 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By the time that you read this I shall no longer be your Chairman. I should first of all like to welcome David Hartley who was elected at the AGM to replace me. As this is, therefore, my last "From the Chairman" I wish to thank all the members, particular those who have served on the Executive Committee, for their support during the ten years that I have held the office. I would also like to thank everyone for the kind words to me at the AGM and both Margaret and I were surprised to receive gifts; we thank you for both the book *City of Cities, the Birth of Modern London* by Stephen Inwood and for the flowering plant.

After ten years I believe that it is right that a new person is in the chair, someone with new ideas who will take the Society on to greater things. I believe that David with his enthusiasm for history and archaeology is the right person to do that. The Society now has a full complement of officers and committee members and all the various activities are thriving. I also believe that Goff Powell will be a better salesman for our publications than I was able to be.

We have one new book in preparation, which will help to keep the new Sales Secretary occupied, but I still feel that there is scope for a recent history of Ashted and Fetcham similar to Bill Culley's book on Bookham which he wrote a few years ago. One of my last duties as acting sales secretary was to buy ten ISBN numbers for the Society (you can't get less) as we had used up the last ten which had been obtained many years ago. It would make the cost more acceptable if we could publish some more books!

The Museum seems to go from strength to strength and for this we must give credit to Graham Evans and Alan Pooley. We must not forget, however, the debt which we owe to the late Sheila Burrough for her bequest which has enabled us to get rid of the old shop counters and to replace them with modern display

cabinets. We have been advised that we have been successful in getting a grant from Surrey Museums Consultative Committee for half the cost of our final replacement cabinet and arrangements have been made for this to be delivered and installed on 8th May. We are pleased to acknowledge our gratitude to SMCC for the grant; from what we know of the future plans of the county council for SMCC this is likely to be our last grant from them for the foreseeable future. We are at present trying to become an 'Accredited Museum' and this helps us to do everything the way it should be done, but it also means that we continually need more people to help 'behind the scenes', and not only as stewards on public open days. There is much to be done regarding documentation and records for the museum and anyone who feels that this may be of interest to them is invited to speak to Alan Pooley, our Museum Manager, to find out what opportunities exist.

The attendance at our Friday meetings has been particularly good of late, partly due to better publicity in local papers but also due to the excellent speakers which our programme committee arrange.

At our annual dinner in January our guest speaker, Audrey Monk, referred to the many activities undertaken by the Leatherhead and District Local History Society. I am often asked why our subscriptions are higher than those of some other groups who just meet and have talks and visits. Do not forget that we not only publish an annual *Proceedings* but also operate a local history museum; both of these must of necessity be a constant drain on our resources. For example, in the last few weeks, as well as routine costs for telephone, electricity, water etc., we have had to buy a new heater and a new stair carpet to replace worn out items. Therefore by being a member of this society you are also supporting our publications and the operation of a museum.

So I bid you farewell as Chairman, wish the Society well for the future, and remind you that we still need a member to volunteer to produce the Newsletter. This issue has been prepared by a couple of committee members, with help from the retiring editor, so that there would be a Newsletter in place when the new committee takes over, but there will still be a need for an editor for future numbers.

Peter Tarplee

JOAN KIRBY

It was with a great sense of shock that we learned of the sudden death of Joan Kirby on 3rd March. She had been receiving treatment for cancer with her usual stoicism, but her death from a pulmonary embolism was completely unexpected.

The Leatherhead Community Association came into being in 1975 entirely through the combined efforts of Frank and Joan Kirby and it was due to their untiring labours, with the help of other volunteers, that the present Abraham Dixon Hall was converted back from offices into the splendid hall where we hold our meetings. Joan was a keen member of our Society and every month Joan would leave the coffee and biscuits out for our meetings, and woe betide us if we didn't leave things afterwards as they should be! But she was so kind and generous that we took it all in good part.

Nothing was too much trouble for Joan whatever she undertook, and after Frank's death in 1995 she ran the LCA almost single-handedly and worked tirelessly not only for that, but for other organisations as well. In 1997 she was awarded an MBE in recognition of her outstanding services to the local community. She will be greatly missed.

Linda Heath

LIBRARY

The library is accessible to our members only when the LCA Library is open to its members, but not on Saturdays (see details on the inside cover of this *Newsletter*). It is most important that you show your current L&DLHS membership card to the person on duty when you use the library. Any queries should be addressed by telephone to the Librarian and not to whoever is on duty in the library, unless, of course, you know them to be L&DLHS members who can help.

Peter Wells

LECTURES

Lectures are held on Friday evenings between September and May in the Dixon Hall, Letherhead Institute, the High Street at 8.00 p.m. with coffee beforehand at 7.30 p.m. Members £1 and visitors £2

REPORTS OF RECENT LECTURES

Friday 17th February

‘MANAGEMENT OF NORBURY PARK ESTATE’ by Graham Manning

The February lecture was given by Graham Manning, who is the Area Ranger for the South East Region of the Surrey Wildlife Trust, his interest in woodlands and wildlife starting an early age when his parents read to him *Winnie the Pooh* with stories about the wilderness, 100 acre wood and the characters that lived there. From a farming community in Lincolnshire he went to Merrist Wood College and then into countryside management, joining Norbury Park 16 years ago.

He works for Surrey Wildlife Trust Countrywide Service Ltd. which manages the land, three farms and a sawmill on the estate, the income generated being paid to the parent company, the Surrey Wildlife Trust, a charity which reinvests the money back into the infrastructure. The land is on a 50-year lease from Surrey County Council, the company receiving a grant which is decreasing annually and due to end in 17 years time. Every county in England has at least one Wildlife Trust and Surrey is regarded as a model for its successful operation. The Surrey countryside is rich in its diversity of woodland, heaths and farms, being the most wooded county in England with 60% of the woods in private ownership.

The history of the estate goes back to the Domesday Book of 1086 with the Manor of Norbury first being recorded. People returning from the Crusades were given tracts of land as a reward by Richard the Lionheart, the taxes in return being paid to the monarch. The original manor house was located at Norbury Park Farm until 1774 when William Locke bought the estate and built the new house on the hill at its present site. Some of the original paperwork of the

transactions is missing and Graham would be interested to hear from people doing research on the estate so that the details can be completed. The Locke family had a private chapel built in Mickleham church and records show an icehouse near the railway, the ice being obtained from the river Mole and also transported in blocks by road and rail. Over the years various owners have extended the house and landscaped the gardens employing a fulltime brewer to produce wine and beer for the house. In 1868 the railway was extended from Leatherhead to Dorking and Horsham, the owner at the time insisting that it should not be visible from the house. A tunnel $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long was built under the grounds with the proviso that there should be no visible air vents. Dr. Marie Stopes of family planning fame lived there in the 1940s with her husband Humphrey Vernon Roe, the brother of the well-known aircraft designer and engineer, A.V. Roe. The present owners have lived there for the last 17 years, the house now having 40 rooms and containing painted walls and ceilings done by the landscape artist William Gilpin.

The estate is bounded by the A246, the A24, Westhumble village and The Polesden Lacey Estate, and Graham spent his first year walking with a clipboard noting the seasonal cycle of the vegetation, flora and fauna and talking to local residents and farmers. Dying beech hangers through lack of water and fallen trees after the storms in 1987 and 1990 needed to be replaced together with thinning out of dense woodland to allow bluebells and orchids to flourish. Coppicing provides hazel sticks for bean poles, hurdles and hedge-laying and the sawmill produces rustic benches and tables using kiln dried timber. The estate of 1300 acres has three farms producing income and Norbury blue vinney cheese. Public access is an important part of estate management catering for walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers. Where possible, stiles are being replaced by self-closing gates and carparks surfaced with natural materials and kept clear of litter, fly tipping and burned abandoned cars. Sheep and cattle are encouraged to graze and heavy horses used to clear stumps and timber.

During a lively discussion Graham showed his enthusiasm and love of the countryside by emphasising the need to preserve the habitat for butterflies, the need to control the deer population humanely and his evident pleasure in sitting for hours on end in a tree watching a badger sett with its young at play!

Fred. Meynen

May, 2006

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Friday, 17th March,
'SURREY VINEYARDS, ANCIENT AND MODERN' by Professor Richard Selley.

A revealing insight into the history of wine growing in England, and in Surrey in particular, was revealed by our speaker who charted the ebb and flow of this activity. Climate change was an important factor influencing its development and recession. He explained that it was possible to chart the existence of vineyards from historical and archaeological records spanning many centuries. A pre-Roman coin depicting a vine leaf suggested that the early Britons cherished the drink, and certainly the Romans left traces of vineyards, particularly in the south-east. The period that followed brought about what has been termed *The Little Ice Age*, and until the advent of the mediaeval monasteries English vineyards disappeared. Even in the Middle Ages only the south-east of England had a sufficiently warm climate to allow grapes to ripen.

Professor Selley explained the circumstances that favour the cultivation of the vine. Ideal for this was a south facing slope and a well drained soil permitting the plant roots to penetrate without becoming waterlogged. On this account Surrey has offered many beneficial sites for vineyards, both on the chalk and on the Greensand slopes. He instanced sites established in the 18th century at Deepdene, Painshill and others stretching westwards on south-facing aspects of the North Downs. Geology plays an essential part in determining the sites most favourable to viticulture. Chalk, for instance, has characteristics most suited to grape-growing; its porosity permits easy drainage yet it has water retaining properties which allow the vine roots to thrive. Many excellent slides with diagrams, maps and photographs were shown illustrating these points.

In the last 150 years the English climate has gradually improved, and there has been an increase in the establishment of vineyards initially in the south, though now spreading further north. Commercial wine growing has become a reality, and on this topic Professor Selley had much to tell us. As consultant to the owner of the land on which the Denbies vineyard was created he explained how this provided an ideal situation for wine production. He gave fascinating insights into decisions which were to determine the pattern of planting and the choice of grape varieties.

The history of English vineyards could be summed up as falling into four periods: the warm years of Roman Britain followed by the “*Little Ice Age*”: next the Mediaeval renaissance and now the Modern era which brings us to today. A future phase, stimulated by global warming, would undoubtedly bring a significant expansion of England’s wine growing opportunities enabling the speaker to make some fascinating predictions to terminate a most informative and enjoyable lecture.

John Wettern

Friday 21st April

‘TIME AND TITHE’ by John Morris

At our meeting in April, John Morris described how the local study group on the 1841 Census had led him on to tithe maps. Tithes were a tax of one-tenth of all produce (grain, animals and wood) paid to support the church structure, the parish priest and the poor. Where there was a rector – as at Fetcham – the tithe was paid to him directly but otherwise most of the tithe went elsewhere: much was swallowed up in costs of collection, and very little remained for the vicar put in by the owner of the right to tithe, usually the lord of the manor or a monastery. Thus in Leatherhead, the two Domesday manors, (Pachesham and Thorncroft) were held by relatives of William the Conqueror, who gave two-thirds of the tithes to different abbeys (St. John’s Abbey in Colchester and Bec in Normandy respectively). King Edward I recovered the first grant in 1297 and Edward III gave it to Leeds Priory (near Maidstone) in 1341, who put in a vicar. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries, Bec’s rights passed to St. George’s chapel, Windsor, and Leeds to Rochester Cathedral, both staffed by lay canons. Rochester appointed agents to collect their tithes, and Mr. Morris gave a spirited account of the legal battle in 1609 between Richard Levitt, vicar of Leatherhead for over 50 years, and Edward Rogers over the tithes and the latter’s attempt to oust the former and to institute a cheaper vicar.

Over the years, it became less and less convenient to assess and to collect tithes in kind, and in 1836 an Act of Parliament provided for the conversion of tithes into money payments based on the average price of corn over seven years

and apportioned according to the area of land held. Consequently large-scale maps were made, showing all the roads, hedges, ditches and buildings, together with the names of the owner and tenant and the use to which each plot of land was put. Over the next century most tithes were commuted for a lump sum.

Mr. Morris had photographed the huge tithe maps of 1839-41 for Fetcham and Leatherhead, cutting them up into smaller sections and making a grid with a transparent overlay so that every modern house and road could be identified in its early Victorian locations. He also showed us parts of earlier estate maps of Thorncroft and Fetcham. When completed, his gazetteer will be available at the Leatherhead Museum (open on Thursday and Friday afternoons, all day Saturday).

At the Annual General Meeting which preceded Mr. Morris' talk, the President, Linda Heath, presented the retiring Chairman, Peter Tarplee, with a gift and a bouquet to his wife, Margaret. Linda spoke of the many activities of the Society in which Peter had been involved during his ten years as Chairman of the Executive Committee. David Hartley is the Society's new Chairman, Vivien Hollingsworth the Secretary, Goff Powell, the Sales Secretary and Lindsay Trim joined the Executive Committee as well.

Derek Renn

FROM THE ARCHAEOLOGY SECRETARY

Iron Age – Romano British remains reported at Oaken Coppice, Ashted

Graham Evans, our Museum Curator, handed me an enquiry in early February from a Mr Hugh Renwick of Oaken Coppice Ashted. Mr Renwick had discovered a number of small artefacts found during gardening activities comprising a Roman coin together with other finds and that someone from the L&DLHS might care to look at.

Following up this enquiry I made an appointment to visit Mr Renwick on the 11th February when I was informed that the coin had already taken to the curator of the Bourne Hall Museum at Ewell for identification. The coin is believed to be a Sestertius of Antoninus Pius, 138-161AD; obverse is head with

wreath right, ANTONINVS/AUG PIVS PP TR P COS III, reverse should be Amona seated left between letters S and C. The bronze coin was in remarkably good condition.

With Mr Renwick's permission I photographed the coin for our own record and said that I would also be recording and reporting his find to the Surrey Sites and Monuments & Record (SMR) at County Hall, Kingston-upon Thames.

During our conversation we spoke of the known archaeological evidence in the area and the proximity to the other Iron Age and Roman sites in the Ashted area, the Roman Road Stane Street and the villa and tile-work site on Ashted Common. Mr Renwick then referred to other small finds he had made over the years and I was presented with a box of other bits and pieces which had been collected and which he hoped I would be able to identify.

I trawled through this box only to find a number of other items of interest, namely sherds of coarse Iron Age Romano British transition pottery with other artefacts, beads and the neck of a pale-blue glass vessel. There was also a small stone loom weight or spindle whorl all of which suggested that there may be a farmstead in the vicinity. Having taken digital photographs of all these pieces I suggested that he should take them back to Bourne Hall for further identification.

The site of Mr Renwick's property, incidentally, is in the general vicinity of St. Giles' church in Ashted Park where both Iron Age and Romano-British remains were excavated by AWG Lowther in 1933. Coincidentally his property backs onto another well known property known as "Inward Shaw" where in 1929-1932 discoveries of Iron-Age storage pits and Roman pottery and other occupation material was discovered. The finds from this site were similar to those from the Hawks Hill site above Fetcham.

I would like to thank Mr Renwick for his conscientiousness in reporting these finds in the first instance to our museum in Leatherhead and also for giving me the opportunity to examine, photograph and record the finds.

This visit one Saturday afternoon was well spent, very worth while. I can only encourage our membership and readers of the Newsletter to report all

unexpected, interesting and unusual finds to our museum or to me, we can then in turn follow up and investigate and advise David Williams, the Surrey Finds Liaison Officer. We should all try to be aware and on the lookout for what appear to be human artefacts, worked flints, coins, metalwork, pottery, glass vessels, brick & tile etc. that may turn up unexpectedly in our gardens or whilst out walking around the countryside from time to time.

Our knowledge of local find spots of historical and archaeological importance can only be improved if this information is shared.

David Hartley

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

A new era for The Friends began when, at the recent Annual General Meeting, a new chairman was voted into office. Addressing the meeting the retiring chairman proposed Dr Fred Meynen to succeed him, adding that the Friends would be led by a dedicated and energetic person who has already done much to further their aims.

The meeting, better attended than in previous years, was an occasion to review the achievements of 2005, and to recall the reasons why the Friends, working closely and harmoniously with the Local History Society had the ability to support the museum in a multitude of ways. Foremost in this work was the provision of stewards, well trained to carry out both the routine tasks and, if necessary, to cope with emergencies. At present there are just sufficient volunteers to cover our needs and the consequences of falling numbers were stressed.

Tribute was paid to Fred Meynen for his work in managing the museum's education programme. School visits are seen as playing an important part in instilling an interest in history into young minds. Many such visits took place in 2005, and the volunteers who hosted the visits were impressed by the interest and enthusiasm shown by the young participants, with some very gratifying feedback having been received following each event.

Other activities of The Friends were highlighted and most especially the efforts to make the museum better known to the townspeople. (Many Leatherhead residents are still unaware that the town has a museum). Alongside a regular publicity effort the organisation of special events such as the Silver Jubilee celebrations in October, 2005 helped to put the museum 'on the map'. Other special events are planned for this year.

Graham Evans, the curator, informed the meeting about innovations during the past year and spoke of further improvements to come. This was followed by two demonstrations of objects forming part of the collection. Gwen Hoad gave us a glimpse of what is contained in the extensive collection of costume items which are carefully stored in boxes in the museum's store – (lack of floor space permits only a very few to appear on display). Examples of 19th century undergarments caused much astonishment.

Fred Meynen, speaking as a doctor, brought many examples of items which were commonplace in past times. Medical equipment and medicines recently displayed in the museum showed how different (and often how ineffectual) these were in comparison with those in use nowadays.

The meeting ended with thanks being expressed to the committee for all their hard work and words of appreciation expressed to the retiring chairman.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE FRIENDS OF LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

Craft Days at the Museum

For adults and children. Come and see the experts at work and have a go yourself. It's half-term. Bring the children and grandchildren and they won't be bored, neither will you!

Thursday 1st June: Patchwork. Jenny Morris will help you design and create your own piece.

Friday 2nd June 1-4 p.m. Pottery and Jigsaws. You will see Justine Munson, a local potter, at work and she will help you to create your own

masterpiece. There will also be a demonstration of jigsaw making and different sorts of jigsaws.

Saturday 3rd June 10-4 p.m. The Epsom Spinners are back with various spinning wheels on display and demonstrating the whole process of fleece to finished garment, including dyeing using natural dyes. Hands on experience. It's relaxing and creative!

Coffee morning at the Museum

Saturday 10th June 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Plant stall, bric-a-brac, bookstall and raffle. Bring your friends and introduce them to the Museum.

20th, 21st and 22nd July **ARCHAEOLOGY DAYS** (Part of National Archaeology Week)

Fred Meynen and John Wettern

FORTHCOMING VISITS

Sunday, 21st May Guided walk round Norbury Estate led by **Graham Manning**, area Ranger for East Surrey

Following on from his talk in February, Graham will be showing us flora, fauna and points of historical interest relating to the estate. Meet at 14.30 in the Fetcham Park estate car park at the top of Young Street. The walk will take approx. 2 hours -wear stout shoes and dogs are welcome provided they are controlled on a lead. Fee, payable on site, £3.00, part of which will be donated to the Surrey Wild Life Trust. Please fill in the enclosed form if you would like to come, indicating if you would like a lift.

Tuesday 20th June. Combined visit by cars with Friends of the Museum to Selborne, home of Gilbert White

Arranged, following Gwen Hoad's talk in May, to avoid weekends. It is a pleasant drive of 1 - 1 ½ hours along the A31 to Alton, then the B3006 - the house is well signposted. We shall meet in their excellent shop at 11.15 a.m. (opens at 11 a.m.) and hope to have a short introductory talk before being free to wander round house and grounds at our leisure. The house also includes the Oates Museum in memory of the Oates family. (Lawrence Oates died on Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole.) Lunch can be obtained in a nice restaurant (quite small) in the house, or there are several pubs nearby.

Cost £5.00. Applications and cheques to Linda Heath by the end of May please.

Saturday, 15th July. Visit to Slyfield House, Stoke d'Abernon.

Previous visits have been popular and sold out so, by kind permission of the Richards family, owners of Slyfield, we have secured a further invitation. The visit will be limited to 20 members and the cost will be £3.00 which will be a donation to The Friends of the Yehudi Menuhin School. The visit will begin at 11.30 am. The duration of the tour will be about one hour, after which we are welcome to bring picnic lunches to eat outside in the garden.

We have been asked to state that smoking and photography are not allowed indoors, and that disabled facilities are not available upstairs; disabled visitors are, however, welcome to join the outside tour and to see the ground floor rooms of the house.

Because of the restriction on numbers, applications will be dealt with in strict rotation. Please send your form if you would like to come.

John Wettern

FUTURE LECTURES and WALKS

Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th September
Heritage Open Days.

Brochures giving full details will be available in July

Members of the Local History Society will be leading an Historic Walk around Leatherhead Town Centre on Sunday leaving Letherhead Institute at 2.00 pm. Booking information will be in the brochure.

The Museum will be open on each of these days.

Friday 15th September

‘Roman Surrey’ by David Bird.

Until recently, Dr. Bird was County Archaeologist for Surrey and is a leading expert on Roman Surrey. His book was published last year and he is now co-ordinating a archaeological research framework for Surrey.

Friday 20th October

The Dallaway Lecture by Stephen Fortescue

Stephen is a founder member of the Local History Society and the Museum

Friday 17th November

‘Surbiton through the Centuries’ by David Bowell

Friday 15th December

Christmas Miscellany

We are reintroducing this event to encourage members to give short 15-20 minute talks on topics of their own choosing, preferably connected with local history. Please contact me for further details.

Fred Meynen, Programme Secretary

PUBLICATIONS

The Society has published or compiled a number of books on the local history of the area and, of these, the following are presently available: -

- A History of Ashtead*, edited by Jack Stuttard, 1995,
250pp, pb, ISBN 0-9506009-2-X £9.99
- History of Fetcham*, edited by Jack Stuttard, 1998,
150pp,pb, ISBN 0-9506009-5-4 £8.95
- Bookham in the Twentieth Century*, by Bill Culley, 2000,
85pp,pb, ISBN 0-9506009-7-0 £6.50
- History of Headley*, edited by Jack Stuttard, 2001,
95pp, pb, ISBN 0-9506009-9-7 £7.95
- Archive Photographs Series - Leatherhead*, compiled by Linda Heath, 1996,
128pp,pb, ISBN 0-7524-0700-7 £9.99
- Images of England Series - Bookham ondFetcham*, compiled by Linda Heath, 1999,
128pp, pb, ISBN 0-7524-1825-4 £12.99
- Leatherhead and District, Then and Now*, compiled by Linda Heath and Peter Tarplee,
2005, 96pp, pb, ISBN 0-7524-3680-5 £12.99
- Leatherhead, A History*, by Edwina Vardey, 2001,
130pp, hb, ISBN 1-86077-189-0 £15.99
- The Swan Leatherhead and its Brewery*, by Mary Rice-Oxley, 2001,
47pp, pb, ISBN 0-9506009-8-9 £5.95

Copies may be ordered from the Sales Secretary, L&DLHS, 64, Church Street, Leatherhead, KT22 8DP. Cheques should be payable to "L&DLHS" and p&p is free.

The Society publishes an annual *Proceedings* which is free to members. Further copies, and back numbers where available, may be purchased from the Sales Secretary.

Items for the August, 2006 Newsletter should be addressed to the Editor and sent c/o Mrs. Vivien Hollingsworth, 16 Mead Crescent, Bookham, KT23 3DU not later than 28th July please.

Archaeology

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The Society has some archival material, documents, illustrations and maps which may be accessed through the following members:-

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Bookham	Brian Godfrey
Fetcham documents	Alan Pooley
Fetcham photographs and maps	Ed Tims
Leatherhead documents	John Dery
Leatherhead photographs	Linda Heath
Leatherhead maps	Alan Pooley

The Historical Enquiry Service offers to seek answers to questions about the history of Leatherhead, Ashtead, Bookham and Fetcham submitted via the Museum

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