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For details - see programme in the current Newsletter

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Further details are given on the inside back cover

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It is with regret and sadness that I have to announce that John Wettern our Newsletter Editor who has done great work on our behalf raising the profile of the History Society and Museum, dealing with both publicity and editing our Newsletter will be giving up the position of Editor. John has written to the Executive Committee and indicated his intention to retire from this post following our November issue of the Newsletter. He stepped into this post at very short notice at the beginning of 2006 to help us out of a serious problem and indicated from the very start that it was to be a temporary holding arrangement to allow us time to find a new editor.

On completion of the November issue John will have edited and seen off eight issues of the Newsletter (plus another thirteen during his tenure from 1999 to 2002). I think you will all agree that much to his credit John has as Newsletter Editor done us a great service he has improved the presentation and format, with more pieces submitted by members. I for one now look forward to receiving the latest Newsletter.

As you are all aware the Newsletter is a vital means of communication with our membership, it would in my opinion be a disappointment and a cause for regret if we couldn't find someone from among the membership to pick up the reins, to continue the good work and carry the Newsletter forward to greater things. Therefore I appeal to you all individually to consider the options and see if one of you can find the time to make a commitment and take up the challenge to become our Newsletter Editor. John has written a good job description setting out the editor's role and responsibilities which is published elsewhere in this Newsletter. Our Hon Secretary Vivien Hollingsworth will be pleased to receive applications from you, and John has said that he would be pleased to assist any prospective candidate in learning and settling in to the post whilst he is still in office.

Whilst we are on the subject of positions vacant we have received news that our Hon Treasurer Mrs Norma Robertson intends to stand down before the next AGM for personal reasons, therefore we are anxious to find a suitable replacement to follow in her footsteps and carry on her good work. Again if any members are interested in picking up this challenge please telephone or write to the Hon Secretary.

Some time has passed since our Museum Curator Graham Evans left the district to start a new life in Sussex. The post of Curator still remains vacant. Our museum needs a new keen part-time curator to organise and present new displays, and work with Alan Pooley our Museum Manager in implementing the plans to take the museum forward. This post is open to all members who have a keen sense of local history. Some computer skills would be useful together with ideas for presentation and display of artefacts in the museum. If you feel you could make some contribution to the life of the museum we would be delighted to hear from you. Please make contact in the first instance with Alan Pooley, the Museum Manager.

Whilst we are on the subject of the Museum I would like to mention a forthcoming event. On behalf of the History Society, the Museum and the Friends of the Museum we would like to extend an invitation to both new and old members who have not visited our museum in recent years to attend an open evening : a Soirée at the Leatherhead Museum on Friday 28th September 2007 from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. for Wine & Cheese. The object of this evening is to create an opportunity for you to bring along and introduce a friend to the Museum and the History Society. We are keen to increase the membership of both the Friends and of the History Society, to enlarge the age range and the pool of volunteers. I will be delighted to greet old and new faces. Due to limited space and likely numbers attending we would like you to register your name and the name of your guest on the enclosed form.

Please send your completed form to Dr Fred Meynen - Chairman of the Friends of Leatherhead Museum c/o Leatherhead Museum. In the event that this event becomes oversubscribed we reserve the right to reschedule applicants to another forthcoming date to be decided. I look forward to seeing you there!

David Hartley

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Recent additions to the library

SURREY – Individual Towns & Villages

MICKLEHAM

KNIGHT FRANK – “*Norbury Park, Mickleham, Surrey*”. 2006

The estate agents, Knight Frank, produced this hardback to sell Norbury Park, a Grade II listed country house, “*set in parkland grounds with unrivalled panoramic views*”. There are excellent photos of the house, gardens and views. The ‘*précis history*’, quoted here, is of particular interest to the Society :

“Norbury Park was first mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086 and was given to Richard of Tonbridge by William the Conqueror for his loyal support in the Norman Conquest. In the fifteenth century the property reverted to the Crown.

“...In 1930 the County Council, in the person of the Rt. Hon. J. Chuter Ede, bought the estate in order to preserve it. At a later date the Council sold the house and forty acres to Dr Marie Stopes, the pioneer in founding family planning clinics.”

I have received a copy of Croydon Airport Society’s Journal (Summer 2007). Members who heard Peter Tarplee’s talk after the A.G.M. will recognize much of the material used in the article entitled “*Early Joy-ride Operations at Croydon*”.

“A few months ago, the Society was contacted by Peter Tarplee, regarding pictures of G-EANU, for use in his article for the Leatherhead and District Local History Society. He mentioned that a propeller from W G Chapman’s Curtiss OX-5 powered D.H.6 had been donated to the Leatherhead Museum!” (There is a photo of this fine propeller on the inside front cover).”

Peter Wells

ARCHAEOLOGY REPORT

The Leatherhead Museum and the History Society this year again mounted an event to mark National Archaeology Week 14th – 22nd July at the Museum. The event was somewhat marred by inclement weather, however not to be daunted, we managed to make the best of the opportunities between the cloud bursts.

On Saturday 14th July, Justine Munson our local potter and ceramicist involved children with a very hands-on approach, allowing them to throw their own pots. None of them had previous experience at using a wheel. There were some interesting results from this encounter, and the children were encouraged to take their pieces home. Great fun was had by all.

On Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th July, between showers separate demonstrations were given by David Hartley showing the application of roller patterns based on the archaeological patterns of box flue tiles found at the Ashted Roman villa and tile works site. Children were again given the opportunity to experiment with the patterned rollers to produce their own samples to take away.

Saturday 21st July was Finds Day when David Williams, Surrey's own Finds Liaison Officer, met with the public and metal detectorists to record their finds. John Cole a local well known detectorist was also invited to give a demonstration of responsible metal detecting to the visitors at the Museum. Both David Williams and John Cole have been involved separately : they had participated in several television productions for the "Time Team" programme on television.

The total number of visitors during that week over four days during spells of sunshine and rain was in the order of 150 visitors to the museum.

I wish also to acknowledge the support Abby Guinness of the Surrey County Archaeological Unit (SCAU) for the offer and donation of a number of posters on subjects illustrating Surrey Landscapes from the Palaeolithic, Hunter Gatherers, Early Bronze Age, Iron Age and Romano British landscape through to the Making of Medieval and Modern Landscapes, all of which added to this years presentation.

David Hartley

APRIL LECTURE

Friday, 20th April, "*Leatherhead Aviation Services*" by Peter Tarplee, Past Chairman.

When Mr. Finch of Eastwick Road, Bookham, presented an aircraft propeller to the Leatherhead Museum, Peter Tarplee's interest was aroused, and he uncovered other and more local connections which made a fascinating talk at our April meeting.

The 8-foot laminated wooden propeller now in our museum was one of many made during the First World War by Betjemans (the family firm of the late Poet Laureate) which had turned from furniture making to war work. It had been found in Luff's garage in Kingston Road, Leatherhead (now occupied by Hardy Engineering), where William George Chapman had operated Leatherhead Motor Services. Chapman had been a valet, a racing cyclist and motor mechanic before setting up on his own, as a car repairer and a bus operator, but in 1913 he also taught himself to fly.

After the war, licences were granted for numerous private airfields all over England. Chapman bought three war surplus Avro 504K aeroplanes and a de Havilland DH 6 from which our propeller came, and set up Leatherhead Air Services, sharing the flying with ex-RFC pilot Captain Muir. In the DH 6 the passenger sat in front of the pilot, and a short flight cost a guinea. As many as a thousand people flew from another airfield near Guildford. Cobham and Ripley also had airfields. The airfield used by Leatherhead Aviation Services was at Byhurst Farm on the other side of the Chessington Road from the present Malden Rushett flying field. A hangar had been bought from Brooklands, and the first flight took place on 16th February, 1920 (before Croydon). A flight as far as Cheltenham is recorded. The three Avros crashed separately, one injuring Chapman, and the business collapsed in 1922. Chapman later worked for Hawkers at Kingston and Brooklands for a while. Byhurst Farm passed to Prewett's Dairies and was bought by the Crown Estates commissioners in 1939.

Chapman's DH 6, registration letters G-EANU, was a two-seater trainer biplane which was painted blue. It had received its certificate of airworthiness on 17th December, 1919. It was sold on to Mr. J.V. Yates of Croydon. Prices had come down : Surrey Flying Services ran five-shilling flights round the airfield there, or over central London for a guinea. They became part of Laker Airways, the early budget airline.

Peter concluded by reading two accounts from *The Aeroplane*, showing the informality of early flying. In one case a farmer immediately cut down two trees which were preventing an aeroplane which had just 'dropped in' from taking off again!

Derek Renn

MAY LECTURE

"Esher, Claygate and Oxshott in Old Photographs and a Short History of Postcards" by Paul Langton

The speaker who is the Chairman of the Esher & District Local History Society showed many images which were postcards produced by local photographer F.W.J Fricker who lived in Park Road, Esher, and local publisher W.J. Martin of Claygate who had a shop in the High Street of the old village of Claygate and who continued to publish postcards into the 1930s.

To set the scene Paul gave a brief history of the postcard. Plain postcards arrived in Britain in 1870 ; picture postcards in 1894 but the picture was often a vignette, as the message had to be written on the same side. Britain was the first country in 1902 to divide the back of the postcard and allow the message to be written on the same side as the address.

Our journey started at 'The Swan Inn', Leatherhead. Quickly moving on to Oxshott, we were shown images of the original 'Bear Inn' (the original inn was much closer to the road, than it is today) ; the 'Victoria' public house, and the well known cyclists' rest, Scovells' tea rooms ; the village school, now a petrol station ; finally the war memorial. It was erected on Oxshott Heath, rather than in the village, in the 1920s.

We then carried on to Esher. We were shown a print of the original Esher Place, reproduced on a postcard. Henry VIII stayed there to evade the plague. The current Esher Place is now the headquarters of Amicus. Various photographs of the local churches, shops and inns helped us to visualise what life was like in Edwardian times. Although many of the inns and public houses have gone, such as the 'White Lion' and the 'White Horse', the 'Bear Inn' still remains a focal point of the town.

Several Esher landmarks that have stood the test of time include the Queen Victoria Jubilee Memorial. Queen Victoria spent many happy hours at Claremont. Others include the old village pump, the 'White Lady' and the 'Travellers' Rest', situated by Sandown Park racecourse. We also went on a brief excursion down to West End, still charming today as it was then, if you ignore the traffic. Before leaving Esher, we saw images of the local fire brigade and the World War I Red Cross Hospital. Paul emphasised there has never been a great deal of industry in this rural area. One of the exceptions was the Royal Mills, which provided an opportunity of alternative work for women to the usual domestic service or becoming a shop assistant in neighbouring Kingston. In the Edwardian period Burn & Co. at the Royal Mills was one of the largest bookbinders in the world. While the men enjoyed playing cricket, the ladies would put on entertainments in the evening. They went on to provide a large number of public performances in the area. We were shown interior photographs of the ladies at work and advertising posters announcing these events.

Our final destination before returning home was Claygate. A quiet rural village until the railway came in 1885. The expansion of house building in the area provided an ideal opportunity for local businessman W.J. Martin, to expand his empire. He already offered groceries, fancy goods, postal services, teas, newspapers and was also the local barber, so why not publish postcards. Thanks to him, many of the views shown of the shopping parade, the monkey puzzle tree, the 'Hare & Hounds', the 'Swan Hotel' and the 'Foley Arms', Holy Trinity church and the war memorial, all gave us a glimpse of what a pleasant village it was to live in, and still remains so.

His last picture brought us back to Letherhead Institute as it was in was 1905.

Goff Powell

SUMMER VISITS

20th June - Rowhurst

Following on from Lucy Quinnell's popular lecture in January, reported in the February Newsletter, thirty eight members of the Society visited this 14th century hall house, now the home of Lucy's family. We were given an introduction to the history of the house and then, armed with an explanatory leaflet, made our way through the various rooms, stairs and floors of this fascinating dwelling, full of history and evidence of its role as a family home. Maintaining such an old building clearly presents many problems including heating in winter. Lucy also gave us some of her ideas for the future which involved historical research into the surrounding land, and the building of an *eco-house* as well as an archive centre.

We walked through the grounds and woods, and then had a welcome cup of tea in the Gallery which contains exhibitions and a huge range of products from the Forge. We appreciated the hard work that Lucy, her staff and family had done in preparing the house for our visit. Her enthusiasm and dedication will ensure that Rowhurst will remain one of the most important houses if not the oldest in Leatherhead.

Postscript. Come and visit the Fire and Iron Gallery which is off the Oxshott Road, just past Tesco on the left and see Rowhurst for yourself where it can be viewed from the outside.

Fred Meynen

Visit to Down House - 12th July

Following the lecture in February on the Kohler-Darwin Collection members of the Society visited Down House, home of Charles Darwin.

We made our way in shared cars to the house which is located in Kent near Biggin Hill. After a brief introductory talk we walked through the house using an excellent audio guide which took us through his study and workroom, billiard, dining and sitting rooms which are furnished in the style of his day. Upstairs were rooms depicting his life and work, and after coffee and apple cake we walked in the beautiful gardens and

grounds. Lunch was taken in the “George and Dragon”, noted for its gigantic pies, and in the afternoon we returned to the gardens, potting shed and laboratory and the famous ‘sand walk’.

Down House is a wonderful testimony to a brilliant scientist and family man and is always worth a return visit.

Fred Meynen

SURREY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Annual Symposium 2007

This year’s Symposium at the Peace Memorial Hall, Ashted provided as usual a full and interesting programme of speakers addressing a wide range of topical subjects all of which were reported by Stella Hill in the May/June 2007 edition of the S.A.S. Bulletin No. 401.

Our thanks are extended to Dr Fred Meynen and David Hartley for attending the symposium on behalf of the History Society with a new presentation on the subject of Archaeology in the Landscape.

Peter Harp the Chairman of the Archaeological Research Committee announced this year’s winner of the prestigious Margary Award. This year the award was won by the Surrey Industrial History Group who were presented with a certificate and a cheque for a hundred pounds. We are delighted that the runner-up this year was the Leatherhead & District Local History Society who received a certificate and a cheque for fifty pounds.

The Chairman thanked all the participating Societies attending the Symposium, and commended them all for their presentations.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM

At a recent meeting we welcomed Goff Powell to our committee which now consists of Fred Meynen (chair), Margaret Longstreeth (secretary and membership), Gwen Hoad (treasurer) and members Julia Lack, Alan Pooley, Goff Powell and Pat Seymour.

Craft Days

The three craft days in June attracted 135 visitors of whom 45 were children. In presenting *'The Magic of Woodland'*, Robin Christian introduced children to making a model hurdle fence and a besom out of hazel sticks, and Julia Lack helped them to create their own piece of woodland in a sand tray. She also encouraged them to recognise woodland birds and butterflies. On the second day Justine Munson brought her potter's wheel and Meredith Worsfold his jigsaws, and on the final day the Epsom Spinners came to demonstrate the theme *'from fleece to finished garment'*. On every occasion the emphasis was on *'having a go yourself'*, and the children were able to take away the products of their craft.

Coffee Morning and Sale

We had a good attendance with the various stalls which brought a record profit. This year we carried on into the afternoon with the stalls offering plants, cakes and bring-and-buy objects, and I am grateful to all the members and helpers for their hard work.

Both the craft days and coffee morning attracted new visitors to the museum, and the craft days received good coverage in "The Leatherhead Advertiser", all of which help to advertise and promote the museum.

Fred Meynen

AUTUMN LECTURES

As usual our monthly lectures will be held in the Abraham Dixon Hall at the Letherhead Institute. Coffee and biscuits are served from 7.30 p.m. and the lecture begins 8.0 p.m. Admission for members is £1. Non-members are welcome, admission costing £2.

**Friday, 21st September “The History of Pub Signs and Names” by
David Row**

David is the treasurer of the Merton Historical Society and a member of the Inn Society. He has spent the last ten years researching the subject which will include a reference some of our local signs.

Friday, 19th October “The Epsom Riot” by Tim Richardson.

Mr Richardson is the Metropolitan Police Historian. He will relate the tragic result of an incident in 1919, and tell us of the people, places and memories of the event.

**Friday 16th November “The Lushingtons of Cobham” by David
Taylor M A**

David Taylor is a well known local historian, writer and speaker. He is president and founder of the Esher and District History Society, and has published numerous works on local history including one of Cobham's famous families, the Lushingtons whose ‘circle’ included John Ruskin, William Morris and Charles Darwin.

IMPORTANT NOTE. Lectures normally take place on the third Friday of the month, but please note specially that the December lecture comes a week sooner.

Friday, 14th December “The Work of the Surrey History Centre”

This lecture will be preceded by coffee and mince pies. More details will be given on the November Newsletter.

Fred Meynen, Programme Secretary.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2007

As noted in our January Newsletter, Mole Valley District Council is again participating in Heritage Open Days this year. A brochure has been published giving full details of around ninety activities taking place in the district between 6th and 9th September. It is generally available in shops, libraries, museums etc.

The local theme this year is '*In War and Peace*' and some of the events will reflect this theme. I would urge all members who are able to take part to peruse the brochure for the Mole Valley area, and if you find that you have seen everything around here don't forget that Heritage Open Days are not confined to Mole Valley. This is a nationwide event.

There are a number of activities in which our members will be involved, including displays in the Abraham Dixon Hall at the Letherhead Institute, including "*The Parks of the Leatherhead Area*" (David Hartley) and "*The Inns and Public Houses of the Area*" (Goff Powell). There will also be a display about the food rationing in World War II prepared by Linda Heath which will bring back memories to many of us. The Trustees of our museum will also have a display. Other displays at the Institute will include "*Conserving the Countryside Heritage*" and "*Theatre*". There will be walks around the town and buildings open to the public and, of course, our museum will be open on all the days. It may be of interest to any who have not yet paid a visit to Cherkley Court that, for the first time, they will be participating in Heritage Open Days on the Friday. There will be a walk around Leatherhead at 2.00 p.m. on the Saturday, and Sweech House will be open for tours during the morning.

There will be several talks, some of which will centre on the wartime theme. On Thursday 6th September Goff Powell will be giving a talk in Fetcham Village Hall on the *Inns and Public Houses of Leatherhead and District*, and the weekend will be launched on the Friday evening in Leatherhead Institute when Peter Tarplee will explore some of the effects of wars (or the threat of wars) on local firms and landscape. At this meeting there will be wine available.

On Sunday afternoon Linda Heath will be speaking at Juniper Hall about Fanny Burney. Refreshments will be available before the talk and afterwards there will be a tour of the building.

The events described above are only a very small proportion of what is on offer in Mole Valley over the four days, let alone in neighbouring boroughs, so do not let this opportunity pass without taking advantage of some of the activities. Remember, there are around ninety events in Mole Valley alone as well as activities in other areas, so do get hold of a copy of the brochure, and plan how you will spend the four days and, where necessary, get your booking forms in.

Peter Tarplee

FOOTNOTE. Members who have studied the Mole Valley brochure giving full details of all the Heritage Days' events should be aware of an error in it. The lecture on Leatherhead's pubs and inns which takes place on Thursday, 6th September (see page 33), will **not** be held at The Fetcham Reading Room but at the Fetcham Village Hall as mentioned in the text above.

MUSEUM APPEAL - EXHIBITION AND PROGRESS REPORT

On Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th September as part of the Heritage Weekend there will be an exhibition in support of the Museum Appeal at the Letherhead Institute. Schemes to enhance the appearance of the museum will be on display. There are currently three alternatives being examined by the trustees who will value your comments and suggestions. Opening times are from 10.0 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. I would welcome offers of help with the exhibition.

The appeal is continuing to attract donations but there is some concern that there are very few smaller donations so far. Almost all donations have been for £50 or more. Larger donations continue to be welcome but the trustees wish to be able to thank supporters who are able to give £5, £10 or £20 as well as those who can afford to give more.

The story so far. The first 10 donors gave £613 and an income of £284 per year by standing order. The first 20 donors brought the totals to £2,023 and (by standing orders) £412. By 30 the totals were £2,714 and £635. By 40 donations had reached £3,762 and £743. The latest totals are

£4,596 and £743. The regular donations are very important : they provide a breathing space during which time we can build up an endowment which will provide a regular income of £1,500 per year to keep the museum ticking over.

So far donations have been spent on :—

- Maintenance of gutters
- Repointing the flint base wall between the front and middle downstairs rooms of the museum
- Renewal of the back door and rerouting the down pipes between Hampton Cottage and Devonshire House so that the water from the roof is no longer discharged on to the ground.

We need future funds to: —

- Improve ventilation
- Excavate the path between Devonshire House and the Museum. This path is 18" above the museum floor. The ground needs to be 6" to 9" lower than the floor to prevent damp seeping sideways into the museum.
- Some windows need to be repaired
- Also, if it is practicable, the trustees would like to improve wheelchair access.

With your help this will all be achieved.

John Morris
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FROM THE EDITOR OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Contributions for next year's Proceedings seem to be coming in a little slowly this year — I hope that I was not too profligate in using all of last year's for the bumper Diamond Jubilee number! Anyway, if you have anything you would like to have published, please send it to me earlier rather than later, so that I can return to the useful habit of sleeping at night!

Barry Cox

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Job Description

[At the request of the Chairman the Editor's job description is given below which may be of assistance to intending volunteers]

General The Newsletter is published quarterly in February, May, August and November. It is distributed during the third week of the month in question either by post or by members attending the lecture on the third Friday of the month.

The editor does not have responsibility for distribution.

The Newsletter contains an account of current matters affecting the Society with contributions from the chairman, the librarian, the programme committee secretary, the chairman of the Friends organisation and any others having comments to make. It also includes a write-up of recent lectures and society visits. Other articles, written by Society members are included subject to available space. The number of 'content' pages on A5 paper averages 12 to 20. There is no advertising and, currently, no illustrations.

Editor's Tasks. Receiving written contributions for inclusion in the next issue. These can arrive (in order of preference) by email, on a floppy disk, in typescript or manuscript. The two latter need to be scanned or transcribed : fortunately these are now relatively few.

Editing Normally only light editing is required, for example to standardise style in matters such as dates and times. Sometimes lengthy text has to be shortened, but preferably contributors can be urged not to let their text be unduly long. If the number of contributions turns out to be prolific, some have to be kept for a future edition.

Format Ultimately the copy has to be in a consistent shape ready for handing to the printer. For this the articles are sorted into a sensible order following the traditional layout. The arrangement of the pages must be determined.

Proof Reading Before the text goes to the printer it has to be handed to a person who has volunteered to act as proof reader. This is a very important part of the process and must not be omitted. Corrections noted by the proof reader must be inserted into the text before delivery to the printer. It is specially important to verify dates so as to ensure, for example, that the day of the week and the date of the month are correct.

Printing The number of copies needing to be printed is obtained from the membership secretary, however a reasonable surplus should be ordered for subsequent distribution. The collated pages, ready to print are taken to the copy shop with instructions on matters such as page size, colour of paper and quantities required. A print order must be prepared with instructions for the invoice to be sent to the Society's treasurer. The printed copies are usually ready within two to three days.

Collection and Distribution This task is currently being carried out by Mr and Mrs Gordon Knowles who need to be informed when the Newsletters will be ready for collection. They prepare the envelopes using labels obtained from the membership secretary, and they need a few days for stuffing the newsletters into the envelopes. These must be ready in time to be available at the current month's society meeting, i.e. on the third Friday. Those not collected on that occasion are then posted. The August number is entirely sent by mail.

POSTSCRIPT BY THE CURRENT EDITOR

In truth the job is not excessively burdensome or complicated. The two essential requirements are, firstly, the need to be methodical and secondly an average level of skill with a computer (nothing beyond a knowledge of MICROSOFT WORD). I am more than happy to pass on the 'know-how' that I have acquired and could offer a Training Session or two if requested.

John Wettern

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Ashtead

Bookham

Fetcham documents

Fetcham photographs and maps

Leatherhead documents

Leatherhead photographs

Leatherhead maps

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