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The Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the Letherhead Institute between September and May.

For details - see programme in the Newsletter

2009 Membership Subscriptions

Ordinary.....£15.00 Associate.....£6.00 Junior (under 18).....£1.00

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The Museum is open at the following times (from 2nd April)

Thursdays and Fridays .. 1.00pm to 4.00pm Saturdays ..10.00am to 4.00pm

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The Friends of Leatherhead Museum support the Society's work on behalf of the Museum

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The Library at The Letherhead Institute is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00am to 12.30pm. It is no longer open on Saturdays. Exceptionally, arrangements may be made to use it at other times by applying to the Librarian.

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Lectures Co-ordination of the Society's lecture and visits programme and L&DLHS speakers for local societies.

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Further details are given on the inside back cover

Editorial

Soon it will be summer and we have to wait until September for the next set of Friday lectures. Over the winter period the lectures have been very well supported and have provided us with many interesting talks, the reports on the latest of these are in the following pages. The museum continues to prosper and it is particularly pleasing to have the disabled access completed and officially opened. But with the summer approaching we are not lacking in activities both at the museum and with the Friends of the Museum summer visits.

The AGM had an exceptional attendance perhaps partly supported by the prospect of John Wettern's talk that followed. One alarming fact emerged of the number of posts in the society now vacant. Looking through the front and back inside covers of this Newsletter the word VACANCY is all too frequent. The list is Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Museum Curator, Records Secretary and Coordinator. Whilst this is the situation existing willing workers have to double up on activities which is not fair on them. Surely there must be some more volunteers to take over these posts.



At the AGM

I wonder how many of you have looked at our website leatherheadlocalhistory.org.uk managed by Frank Haslam? It contains so much information about the museum, local history and the activities of the L&DLHS including an index of the Proceedings and much more. It is well worth a visit. You will find there details and photos of the museum and the exhibitions, all about the Ashted excavations and Saxon artefacts found at Ashted and Fetcham. It also has many links to other relevant sites.

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Chairman's Report

Thank you to all those of you the membership who turned out to attend our 62nd AGM on 17th April, it was good to see such a well supported evening, especially as it was followed by John Wettern's Power Point Presentation on 'Air Travel in the 1930s' which was a great success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our members who I omitted to mention particularly for their work on the creation of a 'War Memorials' page on the L&DLHS website, with others researching and recording the names of those who are both commemorated and those missing on WW1 Memorials in the Parishes. Firstly Brian Bouchard and Ann Williams researched many individuals on the Ashted WM and secondly Frank Haslam who as our Web Site editor



(<http://www.leatherheadlocalhistory.org.uk>) has co-ordinated and communicated with other local facilitators and their web sites to create a link with the parishes of Mickleham, Bookham & Headley and more to go outside our Society's orbit.

If you are local to the Leatherhead & District and surrounding parishes and have family members or other relatives who fell in the First or Second Wars perhaps you would like to contact them with details of your family members.

I would like to record a personal vote of thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee for their continued commitment and dedication, their names are recorded on the inside of the front and back cover of this Newsletter. Special thanks must go to Gwen Hoad who has served our History Society so well in various posts and who retired at this AGM. Needless to say however, Gwen Hoad will continue with her commitments on behalf of the Friends of the Museum.

Jenny Morris our Membership Secretary also retired at this meeting and we wish her well. Unfortunately we also we lost our Treasurer Ron Clark who resigned due to personal commitments.

Finally I would like to thank you, the membership, for your continued support of the History Society and the Museum. Without you and your support through your subscriptions and your attendance at our monthly lectures there would be no History Society and no museum.

Having said this, our History Society is operating in difficult and testing times and we have not yet been able to appoint a member to the post of Hon Treasurer. This is something we must do as quickly as possible. Someone who is a member with some

computer and bookkeeping skills would be appropriate and in the first instance please contact me or Vivien Hollingsworth. We also need a Membership Secretary to send out renewal notices, enter new membership details and deal with the Gift Aid. Again if you feel you could set aside a few hours every month we would be delighted to hear from you.

L&DLHS Archives

In the light of the loss of our Records Secretary and our Bookham Archivist, both positions very ably held by the late Brian Godfrey, a re-assessment is now necessary on the short and long term future of the History Society's archive, its management, storage and accessibility.

To that end a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 21st May at the Leatherhead Institute at 7.30pm in room 3F on the first floor. Our archivists for the several parishes of Ashted, Fetcham and Leatherhead have been invited to attend together with a representative number of senior members of the History Society to discuss and put forward suggestions on the future of our archives

I will report back to you on our findings in the August Newsletter.

Thank you.

Archaeological Secretary's Report

Archaeology Report

I must apologise for the sparseness of this report but I hope the following will be of interest.

Woking Palace 22nd July – 11th August

The Surrey County Council Heritage Enterprise and the Surrey Archaeological Society have confirmed a programme of excavation work on the site of Woking Palace. Rob Poulton of SCC Heritage Enterprise will direct the excavation, Richard Savage will be Site Logistics Manager and Margaret Broomfield and members of AARG will lead the on-site finds processing.

Members of the Surrey Archaeological Society are invited to sign up, there will be no charge for SAS Members but otherwise there will be a charge of £12.50 per day. Members with no practical experience will be offered places on the community archaeology programme.

If you are interested please contact Richard Savage by phone or email. Telephone number: 01483 768879 or mobile: 07802 224537, E-mail: richard.savage@btinternet.com

Leatherhead Community Hospital

While Epsom Hospital frequently features in local news, Leatherhead's own Cottage Hospital is little known. Many people do not know of its existence until they need its services. Its story is close to Doctor Fred Meynen's heart and this came across very clearly in his talk at our February meeting. Fred, a general practitioner who has been involved with the hospital



since 1968 had brought along a range of medical artefacts for us to handle, after warning 'those of a nervous disposition'! Compared with major hospitals, Leatherhead Community Hospital is more accessible (but still has a parking problem) and being small, is less intimidating; you are likely to see a familiar face among the patients or staff. It now has 21 inpatient beds (234 admissions last year) and 29 outpatient clinics, advising on everything from back pain to wheelchair suitability.

Dr Meynen described the cottage hospital movement; 400 were opened in England, the oldest remaining being that at Cranleigh. Our first hospital (1893) really was a cottage with 8 beds, leased to a management committee of local doctors giving 'seamless care'. It was 8, Clinton Road (No 6 was the laundry) and when it reverted to a private dwelling the owners found many empty Marmite jars in the garden, so patients must have had a healthy diet! Donations took many forms - eggs, flowers, plants, rabbits, a pound of tea. Mrs Abraham Dixon provided an Ashford Litter, an open stretcher on two large wheels for moving patients from home to hospital.

The first hospital closed in 1902 through lack of funds, but the next year saw the laying of the foundation stone of the Leatherhead and District Victoria Memorial Cottage Hospital at the junction of Epsom Road and Fortyfoot Road. It soon expanded from 6 to 21 beds, and the building opposite (Fairmead) was bought to house the domestic and nursing staff. Patients paid between 2s 6d and 10s 6d (12½p to 52½p) a week, and usually had to bring decent clothing and changes of clean linen. They were discharged after a month unless there was then a good chance of cure or improvement - 'bed-blocking' is not new! The operating theatre was on the ground floor and unconscious patients had to be carried up a narrow staircase to the upstairs ward. When Sir Alfred Bucknill, the president of the hospital, suffered this treatment, it was decided to build a new hospital.

Dr von Bergen, who practised from Devon Cottage in Church Road (later the Leatherhead School of Music) and Mr Leach together led a group which bought land from Mrs Still's estate. Fortunately the building materials were on site before WW2 broke out, otherwise the present hospital might never have been built. This cost

£47,000; the previous one had cost less than £3,000. In 1940 there were 40 inpatient beds (including 6 private ones), a busy casualty (A&E) department and operating theatre. With the advent of the NHS, the hospital came under the management of Epsom District Hospital, but with all 52 beds still under the control of general practitioners. Your GP would arrange your admission, tests and X-rays, consultant appointments and discharge you when you were well.

Dr Meynen acknowledged the long lasting close working relationship with consultants from Epsom and elsewhere; he related the story of Sir d'Arcy Power, who would cycle all the way from St Bartholomew's Hospital, give an opinion or perform an operation, and then cycle back. Many local full-time GP's had operating skills Alan Easton, Alan Everett and Roger Gilbert for surgery, Keith Anderson, Margaret Birtwistle, Helen Gavin, Jim Phillips and John Watson for anaesthesia. Our speaker did not forget the nurses and matrons (Mary Munroe was the matron for 37 years), whose ward round ensured that floors and other surfaces were spotless and the wheels on the beds were all in alignment, but who would do anything from making beds to cooking, in an emergency. The Christmas cabaret with all the staff dressing up was an highlight.

Operations under a general anaesthetic ceased at Leatherhead twenty years ago, which meant major changes to the hospital, particularly in type of patients looked after in the wards. In 2003 management was transferred to what became the Surrey Primary Care Trust, responsible for commissioning services and in 2007 the community nurses and therapists were re-employed by Central Surrey Health, a 'not for profit' organisation owned by its employees. Nowadays half the admissions come from the 'acute' hospitals, the rest direct from home through their GPs or the Community Assessment Unit, which saves non-critical medical emergencies from having to attend the A&E unit of a major hospital. Patients referred by paramedics, district nurses or GPs would be seen by a consultant, given blood tests, ECGs and Xrays and cardiac assessment, and treated, often within half an hour. Only 4% needed to be admitted to either Leatherhead or Epsom hospital. Last year the Prime Minister and Lord D'Arzie paid a surprise visit to see Central Surrey Health and the Community Assessment Unit in action, flagships for future health care in England.

The Primary Care Trust has been consulting recently on the needs of the district, before making a plan for buying medical services, balancing needs against wants against quality against money. Every bid to provide a service has to be considered. Other constraints are Government and Royal Colleges directives, National Institute for Clinical Excellence advice on quality, the Epsom/St Helier link, the 'Denbies proposal', legally-required reduction in doctors' maximum hours and changing technology. All these could have a major impact on the future of our Community/Cottage Hospital.

Dr Meynen is closely involved with the League of Friends of the hospital, which has raised £1,600,000 over the years for equipment, patient facilities and has paid for rebuilding the entrance, consulting rooms and a theatre for minor operations.

Derek Renn

A Look Back in Time

My grandfather, George Selway Smith, who was born in Bath in 1864, kept a diary from 1876 until he married in 1899. Often, at the end of the year, he wrote a summary of national and international events which are of interest.

This is what he wrote at the end of 1879:

“England has been engaged in two wars during this year. The Afghan, fought to obtain so called ‘scientific frontier’ to protect India from Russia, a very silly and unjust excuse, and the Zulu war, fought because the natives would not do exactly as the Cape Government wanted them to do, a cruel unjust war.

There has been a great quantity of rain during the year and the hay and grain crops were in some places quite spoiled by it. We saw floods on our way to Farleigh (in Somerset) . The fields by the side of the railway nearly all the way were under water, and the hay was floating on the surface and in some places men were getting as much as they could, some in boats, some in wagons and others wading in it up to their knees.

On the 28th December part of the Tay railway bridge was blown in while there was a train on it, and all the passengers, about 90 in number perished without a chance of escape”.

At the end of 1880 he wrote this:

“This year has been a more prosperous year than last year. At the early part of the year we had a general election and a liberal government was returned with a splendid majority and with the Right Hon.W.E.Gladstone as Premier. We have had a good harvest, the potatoes are larger, better and more free from disease than they have been for many years. The Afghan War was settled this year and another broke out at the Cape of Good Hope, with the Boers or Dutch settlers. There have been serious riots in Ireland and several landlords, agents and others, have been murdered. The weather has been a good deal better than it was last year. A large training ship named ‘The Atlanta’, was sent out and has not been heard of since, and a colliery explosion occurred in which nearly 100 lost their lives. There has been a series of very severe shocks of earthquake at Agram in Austria (this is now Zagreb in Croatia formerly part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire) by which a great many people lost their lives. There have been new penny and halfpenny stamps issued this year which are a great improvement on the old ones, and useful alterations made in the Post Office and Savings Bank departments”.

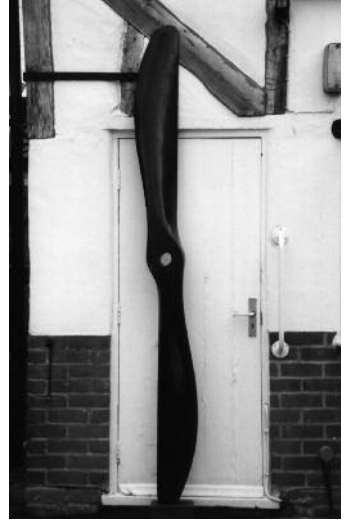
Not a lot really changes does it!

Gwen Hoad

Museum Propeller

Some members may remember reading in the Proceedings (Vol 7 No 1) an article about Leatherhead Aviation Services which was operated at Malden Rushett by William Chapman. That article arose because we had recently received a propeller at the museum which had been recovered from Luff's garage in Kingston Road and this encouraged us to research the provenance of the propeller.

The propeller had been made by G Betjemann & Sons of 36, Pentonville Road, London and we were excited recently to receive a letter from Bob Gardner who has written a book on World War I propellers and has found that it is believed that 'our' propeller may be the only example left of a Betjemann-made propeller. Mr Gordon had been in correspondence with Dr Alan Betjemann, a present-day descendant, who has researched their family history.



The family originated from Jürgen Bitjemann who was born in 1764 at Bramstedt, near Bremen. He came to London to work as a sugar baker and married an English girl and when he signed the register he did so as George Betjemann, having changed his name. Betjemanns were cabinet makers from 1825 and in 1851 the family also operated a small silver business and they ran both the silversmiths and cabinet making businesses.



Tantalus

One of the company's best-known products was the tantalus, which they had invented to prevent servants drinking their master's spirits. Ernest Edward Betjemann, the grandson of the founder, was in charge during the first war when they were making propellers, including the one in our museum. Ernest's son John, who became Poet Laureate, was born in 1906 and it was during the war that the family dropped the final 'n' from their name to avoid any German connections but as those who have read John Betjeman's autobiography 'Summoned by Bells' will know this did not work completely while he was a schoolboy.

So it appears from research by Dr Betjemann of Paris our propeller may be a unique survivor, although I am sure that under other garage benches (like the one at Luff's) there are probably similar propellers which are not known about. This latest information does, however, give added interest to our artefact from Leatherhead Aviation Services.

Peter Tarplee

Flying in the 1930s

The April lecture 'Flying in the 1930s' was given by John Wettern following on from the 62nd AGM of the Society. John's love of travel and his extensive collection of books and pictures on transport formed the basis for his lecture and choosing the 1930s when commercial air travel came of age together with the opening of London's first purpose built airport at Croydon in 1929. At this time Imperial Airways which later became British Airways became established, flying the 24 seater Argosy with an open cockpit later to be replaced by the Heracles offering Pullman luxury.



Passengers arrived at Croydon Airport by coach and entered the booking hall which contained a large wall mounted weather map. The hall still exists and can be visited on the 1st Sunday in the month. Foreign airlines came to Croydon including Air Union (Air France), KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) and Sabina (Belgium) operating high-wing monoplanes built by Fokker.



Initially destinations were to Europe, London to Paris taking over two hours and costing £4.15s (equivalent to £236 these days). Later further routes opened up to Australia and Africa with flights taken in short hops with overnight stops in airport hotels.

Croydon was also the base for smaller airlines connecting to provincial centres in the UK, the most notable being Railway Air Services, a joint venture with the four railway companies. Flying Clubs and charter airlines such as Olley Air Services used the airport and later the German airline Lufthansa brought the Junker JU 52 airplane, similar versions later becoming the bombers of World War 2. In 1939 Imperial Airways replaced its aging aircraft with the de Havilland 'Frobisher', successors of which flew after the war. Flying boats made by Shorts of Rochester crossed the Mediterranean and on to Australia and New Zealand carrying passengers, cargo and mail. Transatlantic commercial flights started just before the outbreak of World War II.

During the war Croydon was a RAF fighter station after which, due to the advent of Heathrow and Gatwick airports, commercial flying declined with the airport finally

closing in 1959.

John ended his lecture by comparing air travel now with that of those early days, concluding that sadly some of the romance and excitement have been lost. The lecture had a larger than average attendance and marked a new milestone for the Society with the introduction of the Society's new power-point projector and laptop skillfully mastered and presented by John with help from Martin Warwick.



Dr Fred Meynen

Goldalming Past & Present

‘Godalming Past & Present’ was the topic for the 20th March meeting and our speaker was John Young. John is passionate about Godalming’s history and character having been born there in 1926, he does everything he can to ensure that local environmental schemes are appropriate. He is known locally as ‘Mr Godalming’.

Godalming developed as a traditional market town and also prospered from the diverse local industries particularly the wool trade. The town has a tradition in fitted knitwear going back over 300 years. To this day the mix of specialist shops reflects back on Godalming’s rich past.

Our journey started at Godalming Railway Station built in 1859, then on to the Phillips Memorial Cloister opened in 1914 to commemorate the heroic ‘Titanic’ wireless operator Jack Phillips who drowned with the ship. He explained about the church of St Peter & St Paul that dominates the town with its tall lead-covered spire – once twisted but now straightened.



The Pepper Pot

He followed this by telling us that Godalming came to world attention in September 1881, when it became the first town in the United Kingdom to have installed a public electricity supply. But later on in 1884 the town reverted back to gas lighting. Electricity was to return in 1904. Another place of interest shown was the 19th century

town hall, nicknamed ‘the Pepperpot’, a distinctive octagonal building situated on the High Street.

John illustrated his talk with nostalgic pictures of bygone shops and buildings -some still standing and others now demolished. He compared the same scene with those of today where possible.

Because of his personal relationship with the local traders he was able to tell many stories of interest. For instance, how the daughter of Thomas Thorne, the restaurant owner died whilst visiting the dentist - alas, she died in the chair. How the popular ‘Ottawa Café’ got its name -the owner a Miss Willis, married a Canadian soldier. Another was the Charles Candlin story. Candlin came to Guildford from London in 1870 to work for shopkeeper William Vickridge for 10 years and Vickridge said after seven years, if you save £20 for the next three years, I will double it. He did and Vickridge gave him the money and he started his own business in Godalming selling fancy goods. A disastrous fire in 1911 destroyed much of the premises. Undeterred Candlin rebuilt the business and it continued for many years after. Today the premises are occupied by Oxfam. After seeing many more buildings and shops past and present, we finally ended up back where we began, the ‘Railway Station’.

Goff Powell

News from the Museum Committee

This year we opened on 2nd April as planned, unlike last year when we had the unfortunate damage to the building caused by the road traffic accident. During the closed period, as is becoming usual, we were not really happy with the amount of work which we got done. This was mainly because of a labour shortage and extra tasks which needed to be carried out because of professional activities. These included the fitting of new carpeting in two of the upstairs galleries which necessarily meant that many items had to be moved and many display cabinets had to be emptied and re-filled.



The major change during the recess has been the installation of an entrance for disabled persons into the back garden which will make access for wheelchairs possible and will also make it easier for pushchairs to enter the premises. We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of grants towards the cost of this work from Surrey County Council and we were pleased to welcome Councillor Tim Hall who performed the opening ceremony

on Saturday 4th April. We thank the Leatherhead Museum and Heritage Trust for arranging for this work to be carried out.

We have also received the result of another grant application recently. The museum has been able to purchase some new display panels which we can deploy either in Hampton Cottage or at outside functions and half of the cost of these has been borne by the Surrey Museums Consultative Committee and we are very grateful to them for this.

Our museum is now open until December and we would invite all Society members (and others) to visit and to give support to our stewards who will be pleased to see you.

Peter Tarplee

Disabled Access to the Museum

From the start of the new season on the 2nd April visitors with mobility difficulties can enter the garden and the ground floor of Leatherhead Museum using a new step with free access from the adjacent footpath. This was built by C & R Builders and Decorators under contract to the Leatherhead Museum and Heritage Trust who gratefully acknowledge a generous grant from Surrey County Council towards the cost. Regrettably the size of the building, parts of which date from the 17th century, preclude access to the upper floor other than by stairs.



Councillor Tim Hall formally opened the new entrance on Saturday 4th April. On that day although there was some early rain, it was dry by 11am when Gordon Knowles, Chairman of the of the Leatherhead Museum and Heritage Trust gave a welcoming speech to quite a large crowd thanking the various people who had been involved and in particular Mrs Linda Heath and commented on the grants that had been received from Surrey County Council that had made it possible to undertake the work and also from the 'Friends of Leatherhead Museum'.

He then introduced Cllr Tim Hall who expressed his delight at being asked to undertake the task and emphasised that organisations are encouraged to apply for grants towards worthy causes. He cut the tape and declared that the new access was now open to use. He turned and went out to invite Doctor Margaret Birtwhistle to be the first person to come down the ramp (on the next page the photo shows him with her and also with her



Gordon Knowles, Dr Margaret Birtwistle, Dr Fred Meynen and Councillor Tim Hall

husband Dr Fred Meynen). A wooden ramp was set up at the rear door so that Margaret was able to actually enter the Museum where coffee or tea and cakes were freely available to guests and visitors alike. This ramp is stored in the shed.

By using the description 'step free access' this emphasises the potential to enable not only wheel chair users to enter the premises but also visitors with

children in push chairs or similar or shoppers encumbered with shopping trollies.

Still to be installed is an additional lower level and accessible external bell push so that stewards can be alerted if the need arises.

Arrangements are in hand, subject to being able to find suitable equipment, to install a fixed flat screen TV with built in DVD player in the rear room downstairs so that those unable to access further into the building or not being able to tackle the stairs, the 'Museum' can be view the exhibits from the screen.

The Museum is open to visitors on Thursdays and Fridays from 1pm to 4pm and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. There is no charge for entry to this privately owned and funded Museum but donations are always welcome towards the cost of running this attraction.

Alan V Pooley Museum Manager (01372 374093)

Document Storage

The society has recently replenished its stock of acid-free archival storage boxes. If any of our archivists are still keeping documents in old grocery boxes or in plastic shopping bags they should arrange to collect new archival boxes from the museum store. Arrangements for access should be made with Alan Pooley or any member of the Museum Committee.

Peter Tarplee

News from the Friends of Leatherhead Museum

Learning through Landscapes

This has been a project funded by Heritage Lottery Fund and Exxon Mobile and coordinated by the National School Grounds Charity 'Learning through Landscapes'. Pupils from local schools have been encouraged to look at the environment and landscapes both within the school grounds and outside and then create artworks with the help of professional artists. Seven local schools were involved and the finished works included willow sculptures, mosaics, a clock and carved benches.

The project coordinator Louise Miller visited Leatherhead Museum and discussed with us the resources we had available the result of which was that the students from year 8 of St Andrews School, Ashted chose our River Mole Trail. I led a group along the Mole pointing out landscape and architectural features and flora and fauna (visible and not visible!). The sketches they made were then translated to ceramic tiles in the shape of shards of pottery with the help of a professional artist Julian Belmonte. Each piece had a different design and the whole collection was mounted on the outside of one of the St Andrews School buildings, the finished design being a spiral reflecting the Celtic connections with the school.



The spiral was unveiled at a ceremony at the school with the deputy Headmaster, Head of Art and pupils present.

The landscape project also resulted in a teacher's pack showing the work being done at the Ashted Roman Villa site, a beautiful presentation with a DVD sent to local schools but unfortunately containing no reference to the History Society or Museum, an omission the organisers promised to rectify.

Library Changes

Recent Withdrawals from the Library

The following books have been withdrawn from the Library:

NATIONAL & GENERAL TOPICS

ARCHAEOLOGY

HAWKES, Jacquetta - A guide to prehistoric and Roman monuments in England and Wales. Chatto & W., 1951

HAWKES, Jacquetta - Prehistoric Britain. Chatto & W., 1947

WOOD, E.S. - Collins field guide to archaeology. 4th edn. Collins, 1975

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE & ARCHAEOLOGY

RODWELL, Warwick - The archaeology of the English church. Batsford, 1981

FAMILY HISTORY

ROGERS, C.D. - The family tree detectives. Manchester UP, 1983

LOCAL HISTORY

HEY, David , ed - The Oxford companion to local & family history. OUP, 1996

HOSKINS, W.G. - Local history in England. 2nd edn. Longmans, 1974

HOSKINS, W.G. - The making of the English landscape. Penguin, 1955

RICHARDSON, John - The local historian's encyclopedia. Historical Pubns, 1977

ROGERS, Alan - Approaches to local history. 2nd edn. Longmans, 1977

WILLIAMS, Michael A. - Researching local history. Longmans, 1996

PLACE NAMES

GELLING, Margaret - Signposts to the past. Dent, 1978

SOCIAL & INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

BURKE, Thomas - Travel in England. Batsford, 1942

FINCH, W.G. - Life in rural England. Daniel, 1928

GORDON, W.J. - Our home railways. Vol 1. Warne, 1910

SURREY

SURREY – ARCHAEOLOGY

BELLOC, Hilaire - The Stane Street. Constable, 1913

JESSUP, Ronald - South East England: ancient peoples and places. Thames & H, 1970

WHIMSTER, D.C. - The archaeology of Surrey. Methuen, 1931

SURREY –BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION

STEVENS, Leonard R. & COOK, Howard – The parish church of St Mary the Virgin, Byfleet. 3rd edn, 1977

SURREY - HISTORY

CLINCH, George & KERSHAW, S.W., eds - Bygone Surrey. S.R.Pubn, 1970

RIX, Martyn and Alison – Wisley. Julian Holland Pub., 1989

SURREY - LITERARY & OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

BOX, Muriel, ed - The trial of Marie Stopes. Femina, 1967

DU MAURIER, Daphne - Gerald: a portrait. Gollancz, 1934

LEWIS, C.S. - The Screwtape papers. Bles, 1942

STOPEs, Dr Marie - Enduring passion. Putnam, 1928

STOPEs, Dr Marie - Marriage in my time. Rich & Cowan, 1935

STOPEs, Dr Marie - Married love. 11th edn. Putnam, 1923

STOPEs, Dr Marie - Sex and the young. Putnam, 1929

STOPEs, Dr Marie - Wise parenthood. 23rd edn. Putnam, 1940

SURREY - TOPOGRAPHICAL & MAPS

ALDERMAN, H.M. - The charm of old Surrey. Coker, 1935

PALMER, W.T. – Odd corners of Surrey

PITT, Derek & SHAW, Michael - Surrey villages. Hale, 1971

SMITH, Ellen - The Reigate sheet of the One Inch Ordnance Survey. Black, 1910

The aforementioned books are now in Gwen Hoad's house at 66 Craddocks Avenue, Ashted KT21 1PG. If you are interested in any of the books, could you please contact Gwen on 01372 273934. The books are offered free of charge, but a donation is always welcome!

Peter Wells

Future Events

Friends

16th May Swan Centre display barrow

28th, 29th and 30th May Craft Days at the Museum. This is half term, so bring your children and grandchildren because it's all 'hands on' activities .

28th May Woodland crafts and peg doll making 1pm to 4pm

29th May Pots with Justine Munson 1pm to 4pm

30th May Spinning and weaving with the Epsom Spinners 10am to 4pm

6th June Coffee morning at the Museum 10am to 12.30pm plants, bric-a-brac and cake stall. A great social event !

Fred Meynen

Sunday 31st May Guided tour of Historic Ashted

Tour led by Barry Cox starting at Barry's home, Forge Cottage, Blacksmith Close off Rectory Lane at 2.30pm. The walk will take about an hour and a half and if you would like to come please phone him on 01372 272167 as numbers are limited to 15.

Saturday 27th June visit to Slyfield House, Stoke d'Abernon starting at 11.00am.

Previous visits have been popular and with kind permission of the Richards Family we have had another invitation. The visit will be limited to 20 members and the duration of the tour will be about an hour after which we are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to eat outside in the garden. The owners will not be charging a fee but voluntary donations to The Friends of the Yehudi Menuhin School will be welcome, payable on the day. Smoking and photography are not allowed indoors. Disabled visitors are welcome to join the outside tour and ground floor rooms although there are no disabled facilities upstairs. If you would like to come please fill in the reply form in this letter and return to John Wettern.

Saturday 18th July visit to Brooklands Museum starting at 11.00am

Brian Hennegan, one of our members, will be leading the tour which will be of interest to motor and aviation enthusiasts. Aircraft on display include the Wellington bomber salvaged from Loch Ness, the Hawker Hurricane currently being restored and Concorde, for which there is an extra £4 charge. Cars and motor cycles include John Cobb's Napier Railton and Formula One exhibits. Also on display is the famous race track and members clubhouse. Admission payable at the entrance is £8 or £6 for seniors. Refreshments are available in the tearoom. Arrangements are for own transport with directions available on application. Reply slips are in this newsletter and should be returned to John Wettern by 1st July.

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