

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President: Capt. A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A.

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Dear Member,

The following visits have been arranged :-

Saturday, July 13th : The Fire Service College, Wotton House,
by permission of the Commandant.

You are asked to assemble at Wotton House at 3.00 p.m. Those using public transport may travel by 470 bus from Leatherhead - the Crescent - leaving at 1.35 p.m. due Dorking North Station at 1.50 approximately. A 436 bus leaves Dorking North Station forecourt at 2.10 p.m. Alight at Wotton Hatch Hotel and take the path by the side of the hotel and fifteen minutes' walk will bring you to the house.

Those arriving by car should also take the road next to the Hotel and they will find a car park at the college.

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Wotton House was the residence of the famous John Evelyn and the earliest parts of the building date from the sixteenth century. Since then many alterations were undertaken and the east wing was entirely rebuilt in 1864. The gardens were also set out by John Evelyn and many interesting trees remain.

Saturday, July 20th : Fetcham Church and Badingham College (by permission of the Rev. Alan Wilkie).

Please arrive at Fetcham Church (just off 418 bus route) at 2.45 p.m. where a short talk will be given and a few exhibits shown, including the Registers (1559) and plate of 1636 onwards. A Guide Booklet is available at the Church 1/-. We are expected at Badingham College at 3.30 p.m. You are referred to an article by Mr. F.B. Benger on Fetcham Park on page 19, Vol.2. No.1 of the Proceedings for information. Copies are available at 5/- each.

We are in correspondence with the Nonsuch and Ewell Antiquarian Society. Particulars of this Society can be obtained from either Mr. N.H. Nail, 123 Hookfield, Epsom (Epsom 1583) or the undersigned. A copy of that Society's Bulletin No.4 (April 1963) is available to our members.

Associated with National Nature Week, 18th - 25th May, the Dorking and District Naturalists Society are staging an exhibition of Natural History on Saturday 5th October, from 4.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at the Dorking Grammar School. The exhibition will be opened by the Rt.Hon. J. Chuter Ede, C.H., J.P., D.L., M.P. Any of our members who have suitable objects and are willing to submit them for exhibition are asked to contact Mrs. P. Topping, Angroban, Fir Tree Road, Leatherhead (Lea. 3565).

The Proceedings Vol.2, No.6, are in course of distribution to those members who have paid the subscription for 1963. Your editor or myself will be pleased to learn of any comments or suggestions that members have to offer.

I have received a card from Mr. F. Dalton who was a founder member and who retains a very keen interest in the Society and district, although living in Dorset.

A letter received from Mr. A.J. Ginger who was a choirboy at Fetcham in the 1890's and is now over 80 years of age, reveals that he is regaining his health after a major operation. He enclosed further notes on characters of bygone Leatherhead which it is hoped to include in a future number of the Proceedings.

66 Cobham Road, Fetcham.

J.G.W. LEMARNE, Hon. Secretary