

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
President - Capt. A.W.G. Lowther, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A.

Letter 3/69

June 1969.

Dear Member,

The following visits and meetings have been arranged.  
KINDLY NOTE YOUR DIARIES WITH THE DATES AS NO FURTHER  
NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE.

Saturday June 28th. Visit to Little Bookham & Effingham Churches.  
Meet at Little Bookham Church 2.30 p.m.

Saturday July 19th. Ramble by car into historical Buckinghamshire.  
Members wishing to take part should contact Mr. G. Hayward,  
Hon. Programme Secretary, Ypriana, Cobham Road, Fetcham,  
who will supply details. Members without cars who wish  
to join should also contact Mr. Hayward, who will  
endeavour to obtain seats for them. A donation of  
2/6d. should be made to the Society's funds by those  
availing themselves of transport.

Saturday August 16th. Leatherhead Walk. Meet at 2.30 p.m. in  
the Leatherhead Council Offices forecourt.

Saturday September 20th. Visit to Porchester Castle and  
Fishbourne Roman Palace. Any member who has not already  
notified his/her intention to join the party, which leaves  
Ashted 9.45 a.m., Leatherhead 10.0 a.m. and Bookham 10.15 a.m.  
should notify the undersigned and enclose remittance of  
17/- per head. Their names will then be placed on the  
waiting list. The expected time of return to Leatherhead  
is 8.0 p.m. Those members who have already stated their  
intention of joining the party will receive an itinerary  
enclosed with this newsletter. The price stated includes  
entry fees and gratuity to drivers.

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The following lectures will take place at the Leatherhead  
Institute 8.0 p.m. for 8.15 p.m.

Thursday October 9th. Dr. R. Richens on  
"Trees, Hedges and History"

Friday November 7th. B. Neyland, Esq. on  
"City Churches" Illustrated with slides.

Friday December 5th. Leatherhead Miscellany.  
Illustrated with slides.

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Mr. John H. Harvey, F.S.A., has drawn attention to a  
series of letters from Great Bookham about the culture of a wide  
variety of plants, printed in The Floricultural Cabinet, vols.  
2 - 6, over the initials J.W.D. - ranging in date from  
13 April 1834 to August 1838 (when the writer had moved to  
Hackney), about a dozen in all.

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It would be a matter of much interest to local historians if the identity of the writer could be determined, and any member who is able to provide a clue is asked to inform the Honorary Secretary.

It may be noted that the well-known firm of Conrad Loddiges & Sons, Nurserymen, flourished at Hackney from 1771 until the middle of the 19th century. This might suggest that the writer of the letters was perhaps a head-gardener at one of the Bookham mansions who later joined Loddiges, though the style of the letters is superior to that which one would expect from such a person at that time.

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The Leatherhead & District Countryside Protection Society is holding its 40th Anniversary Annual General Meeting at the Leatherhead Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Leatherhead on Friday 6th June 1969 at 7.45 p.m. for 8.15 p.m.

A coloured sound film "In Search of an English Garden" will be shewn.

Members of the Local History Society are cordially welcome to attend this meeting and learn of the important work done by our parent Society.

J.G.W. Lewarne,  
Honorary Secretary

69 Cobham Road,  
Fetcham,  
Leatherhead, Surrey.

*Mr. Mrs. Bruce*

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The projected visit to Porchester & Fishbourne has been well received and the following arrangements have been finalised with Messrs. Richmond Coaches.

Saturday September 20th, 1969.

Pick-up points	Ashtead, High Street, Bus Stop	9.45 a.m.
	Leatherhead <i>Outside Crescent Travel</i>	10.00 a.m.
	Bookham, 408 Bus Stop on <i>Churchill</i>	
	Guildford Road at top of	
	High St. (opposite Rayleigh House)	10.15 a.m.

A stop will be made at Hindhead, where time will be available for members to purchase coffee, etc.

Arrive Porchester 12.30 p.m. Picnic lunches should be brought. There is an Inn at Porchester for drinks. Organised guided tour of Porchester Castle will take place.

Leave Porchester 2.00 p.m.  
 Arrive Fishbourne,  
 Roman Palace 2.45 p.m.  
 Leave Fishbourne 4.15 p.m.  
 Arrive Chichester 4.30 p.m.  
 1½ hours will be available as free time  
 providing an opportunity to purchase tea  
 if required.  
 Leave Chichester 6.00 p.m.  
 Arrive Bookham 7.45 p.m.  
 Arrive Leatherhead 8.0 p.m.  
 Arrive Ashtead 8.15 p.m.

IT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED THAT MEMBERS WILL BE AT THE PICK-UP POINTS NOT LATER THAN THE TIME STATED ABOVE.

It is expected that the other times shown will be maintained.

The cost will be 17/- per head, which includes entry fee to Porchester and Fishbourne and gratuities to drivers. It does not include refreshments.

Your remittance for the above amount per head should be forwarded to the undersigned NOT LATER THAN 28th JUNE 1969 in order that the seats may be reserved. Kindly complete the attached form. Tickets will be issued.

J.G.W. Lewarne,  
Honorary Secretary.

69 Cobham Road,  
Fetcham,  
Leatherhead, Surrey.

Herewith £ *2/11s - 0d* in respect of seats for *3* persons for the Porchester and Fishbourne visit on 20th September, 1969.

Pick-up point desired *BOOKHAM*.....

Signed ..... *Doris Bruce*

Date ..... *10/6/69*.....

At FISHBOURNE (near Chichester), seven years of excavation have revealed the largest Roman palace yet found in Britain, covering a quarter of a million square feet. It was built for the legate Cogidubnus, and its decoration included many mosaic pavements and elaborate gardens which have been painstakingly reconstructed. One of the mosaics is illustrated in the current issue of 'Third Rail' (British Railways).

At PORTCHESTER (near Portsmouth), are the most complete remains of a Roman fort in Britain, with a stone wall 20 feet high strengthened with 20 bastions enclosing 7 acres. In one corner is a gem of a Norman church, and in another a medieval castle, with a splendid view from the 100 feet high tower. Recent excavations have exposed a number of Saxon buildings as well.