

Leatherhead and District Local History Society

Newsletter 1/80

February 1980

Dear Member,

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the Society will take place in the Council Chamber of the Council Offices, Bull Hill, Leatherhead, on 14th March 1980 at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m., to amend Rule 12 with the addition of the words:

"No amendment shall be made to the Rules which will cause the Society to cease to be a charity at law."

This amendment is necessary to comply with a request from the Inland Revenue in order for the Society, as a charity, to be able to claim certain exemption from tax.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting will immediately be followed by the Thirty third Annual General Meeting of the Society, with the following Agenda:

1. Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting (copy enclosed).
2. Matters arising.
3. Presentation of the Executive Committee's Report (copy enclosed).
4. Presentation of the Accounts to 31st December 1979 (copy enclosed).
5. Election of officers for 1980.
6. Raising of the Subscription Rate (See Executive Committee Report)
7. Any other business.

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Committee members and officers retire at the A.G.M. and, with the exception of Mrs Rice-Oxley, are willing to stand for re-election. We also wish to fill the vacant position of Assistant Secretary and Public Relations Secretary. For the former, we need someone (m or f) willing to take an active part on the Committee and help out with some of the rather mundane secretarial work, which nevertheless has to be done. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. Nominations for the Committee should reach me not later than 12th March 1980 stating (a) the name of the nominee, (b) the names of the proposer and seconder, (c) the office for which he/she is nominated, and (d) that the nominee has expressed his or her willingness to serve if elected.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mr Barnwell has kindly detailed our Programme for Spring and Summer 1980 on the attached sheet.

We would like to welcome the following new members:

<u>Leatherhead</u>	Mr M.V. Richardson	Mrs Gray
	Mrs T. Warburg	Mrs J.C. Jones
	Mr D.T. Scofield	
<u>Bookham</u>	Mr N.S. Child	
<u>Fetcham</u>	Mrs Hawkes	
<u>Ashtead</u>	Lady Aukland	
<u>Effingham</u>	Mr S. Rice-Oxley	
<u>West Ewell</u>	Miss H. Taylor	
<u>London</u>	Mr J.W. Dixon	

We also have a few honorary members, several of whom were founder members of the Society. One of these was Mr W. Millar, who died last year, and we are pleased to say that his place has now been taken by Mr C.W. Phillips, a member of long standing, who has the distinction of directing the excavations at Sutton Hoo in 1939. We hope he will long remain among the elite of our Society.

I have received a query from Mr Claude Haskins of Bookham, regarding Public Transport (motor buses, coaches etc.). He writes that he understands that prior to the building of bus garages buses were kept at 'Outstations', these being the car parks of public houses or inns. He wonders where the buses were kept in the Leatherhead area before the opening of the Leatherhead bus garage in 1925. He would also appreciate hearing anything of interest to add to his knowledge of the running of services before 1925.

Members might like to know that the Modern History Group at Surrey University, Guildford, hold Seminars from time to time (in Room 1, Teaching Block, at 2 p.m.) at which visitors are welcome. Briefly, the programme for the remainder of this term is:
Wednesday, 20th February - Catastrophe Theory: War & Peace - Dr David Pitt
Wednesday, 27th February - Road Research 1898-1933 - Iain Paterson
Wednesday, 5th March - The Poetry of War and Its Aftermath - Morag Morris.
I can supply fuller details, if required.

Our thanks are due to Mr F.B. Bengier (who incidentally does admirable work on the Proceedings every year) for his gift of a copy of a 1924 limited edition of the Poems of John Skelton (in which one can find 'The Tunning of Eleanor Rumming'). The book will eventually be on view at the Museum.

We have available some copies of past Proceedings and are making a special offer of the years 1972-78 (excluding 1976) i.e. six numbers, for £4. The normal price is £1 per copy.

Finally, I am sure Mr Mears and Mrs Barrett would like me to remind all members that, if they have not already paid, their subscriptions for 1980 are now due. As announced in the Report of the Executive Committee, it is proposed to raise the subscription next year to £3. For 1980 it is still only £2, but anything extra you may care to contribute will be most gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,
Rosemary Vracas
Hon. Secretary

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Leatherhead 74808

OUR PROGRAMME FOR SPRING & SUMMER 1980.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LECTURE ON "POMPEII & HERCULAENIUM" WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 28th MARCH - A WEEK LATER THAN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. STILL AT THE RED CROSS HALL AT 8 pm.

FRIDAY 18th APRIL. At the Red Cross Hall at 8 pm, an illustrated talk on OLD INN SIGNS with particular reference to Surrey by Mr R.J. Webber of the Brewers Society.

SATURDAY 17th MAY. Whole day visit to ROCHESTER, TEMPLE MANOR STROOD & UPNOR CASTLE under the guidance of Derek Renn F.S.A. returning via Cobham(Kent). Leaving Leatherhead at 8.15 am. The cost will be £3.00 each.

SATURDAY 14th JUNE. Afternoon visit to Woodlands Park, Woodlands Road, Stoke D'Abernon by kind permission of the Warden Mr N.F. Day B.A. Woodlands Park (originally built for a Mr Bryant of Bryant & May) is a residential Adult Education College owned by the London Borough of Haringey. It can be reached from Leatherhead along Randalls Road and is just past the Queen Elizabeth Training College. Meet in front of the Building at 2.30 pm. Afterwards we hope to make a long awaited return visit to Stoke D'Abernon Church.

SATURDAY 12th JULY. All day visit to DORCHESTER under the guidance of Mrs R. Vracas, via TOLPUDDLE, visiting MAIDEN CASTLE and MORETON (the Church there has remarkable engraved glass windows. There will be time available to have a good look round Dorchester and to visit the Museum. Leaving Leatherhead at 7.40 am. The cost will be £4.50 each.

SATURDAY 26th JULY. Walk round the Bookhams under the guidance of Stephen Fortescue. Meet 2.30 pm outside Little Bookham Church.

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST. Visit to Crossways Farmhouse, Abinger Hammer. At junction of A25 with Hollow Raikes Lane. Limited to first 30 applicants. Meet at Farmhouse 2.30 pm. As parking space is extremely limited pooling of transport is advisable.

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER. Tour of Leatherhead's Bridges (all sorts) under the guidance of Derek Renn. Meet outside Leatherhead Station (upside) at 2.30 pm. Expected duration about 1½ hours and two gentle miles approx.

DALLAWAY LECTURE. Mr Robin McDowall C.B.E. M.A. F.S.A. President of the Surrey Archaeological Society has kindly consented to give our 1980 Lecture. Full details in the next News Letter.

BOOKING SLIPS. Please return to E.S. Barnwell. 16, Eastwick Park Avenue, Great Bookham. KT 23 3ND. Tel. Bookham 54947.

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST. Afternoon visit to Crossways Farmhouse, Abinger Hammer.

I would like to be included in this visit. I can give Lifts/Require Transport.

NAME..... Tel. No.
ADDRESS.....
N.B. Members will only be advised if their application cannot be accepted.

SATURDAY 12th JULY. Whole day visit to DORCHESTER and district.

Please book Seats @ £4.50 per person.

I enclose cheque value..... (payable to L.D.L.H.S.) and stamped addressed (preferably foolscap) envelope)

NAME..... Tel. No.
ADDRESS.....

SATURDAY 17th MAY. Whole day visit to ROCHESTER and district.

Please book..... Seats @ £3.00 per person.

I enclose cheque value..... (payable to L.D.L.H.S.) and stamped addressed (preferably foolscap) envelope.

NAME..... Tel. No.
ADDRESS.....

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY HELD ON 16th MARCH 1979 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BULL HILL, LEATHERHEAD.

Mr J. G. W. Lewarne, President, took the chair and the meeting began at 8.15 p.m. Fortythree members attended, and Mr Lewarne remarked that the bad weather had certainly reduced the numbers.

The President read apologies from Mrs P. M. Gillespie, L. A. Houston, Miss Dutnall, Mrs Shaljean, Mr W. Millar (who was ill in hospital), Miss S. Burrough, Miss S. Hind, F. Benger, Mrs Lewarne, Capt. M. Wilson and Mrs Wilson, Mrs W. Barnwell and Mr Hawkins.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were not read as they has been circulated with the Newsletter No. 1/79. There were no amendments to the Minutes. Under matters arising, Mr D. Bruce asked when the index to Volume 3 would be completed, and it was stated that good progress was being made and that the index could be available in 1982/3.

There was a proposal by Mr J. Bull, seconded by Mr H. J. Mears, that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. This was agreed, and they were signed by the Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr Fortescue made special mention of other work which had been carried out by individuals, for instance:

The Secretary's part in arranging the material and photographs so that the four Town Trail Leaflets could be printed; his organisation of the evening Institute History classes; his efforts in connection with fund raising, and his assistance in connection with visits by other Societies.

The Records Secretary's organisation of exhibitions and classification of records.

Mr V. Wildgoose's valuable work for the exhibitions, and art work for publicity.

Mr H. J. Mears's (Hon. Treasurer) great attention to detail in money matters.

Mr M. Fuller's efforts, which have been rewarded with an increase in sales of publications.

Mr P. How, Mr K. Beddoe, and their many assistants, who have done sterling work as restorers of Hampton Cottage.

Mrs M. Rice-Oxley, for her assistance in fund raising and publicity.

Mr F. Benger, for his valuable editorial care.

Mr E. Barnwell, for his persistence in seeking and finding good lecturers and interesting places to visit.

Mrs Vardy, for taking on the chairmanship of the Leatherhead History team and acting as editor.

Mr D. Renn, for much work behind the scenes, and, finally,

the President, for his advice and wisdom, and also his patience.

The Secretary then thanked Mr Fortescue for his kind words and said that the five years as Secretary had been pleasant ones and that but for a build-up of pressure from outside the Society he would have been happy to have continued to serve, if re-elected.

There being no further discussion, Mr J. Bull proposed that the Executive Committee's Report be accepted, and this was seconded by Mrs C. Barrett and approved by the meeting.

THE ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer, Mr H. J. Mears, reported that the accounts were in the black. There were separate items in respect of:

- (a) Museum money, kept in the History Society's account, so that cheques could be drawn to pay bills.
- (b) "Ashtead History" money.
- (c) Money held from sales of Occasional Paper No. 2, so that the loan to finance the purchase of a stock could be repaid.

The £216 shown at the foot of the accounts had been spent on the purchase of a Kodak Carousel slide projector, which should enable the Society's members to see slides at their best at future lectures.

The visits made a profit of £40 approximately. The Ashtead History was reprinted at a cost of £854 and, although this had been a severe strain on the funds at first, a profit finally arose amounting to £274.

The cost of printing the Proceedings had been £505.07.

Paid up members in 1979 numbered 263, including 30 new members.

We had cash in hand, which should not be regarded as profit, because we were building up a fund to finance the publishing of a history of Leatherhead.

Mr Mears mentioned briefly the disturbing fact of the continual renewal of subscriptions by Bankers Orders which had not been altered since the subscription rate changed from £1.25 several years before. However, he thought the Society's accounts should stay in the black if we continued to make the progress we were achieving at present.

Mrs V. Quinnell commented that those members who had not informed their Banks to alter their Bankers Orders to £2 must be regarded as liabilities. Mr Mears said that in fairness to other members, those members who had not paid their full subscriptions did not receive the Proceedings.

Mr J. Read asked whether the income of the Society could be taxed, and Mr Fortescue said that because the Society was not in existence for the purpose of making a profit, it was seeking charitable status.

Mrs M. Fuller enquired whether stock could be regarded as an asset in the accounts. Mr Mears answered this by saying that we operated a simple cash account and therefore stock did not feature in it until sold. Mr Fortescue mentioned that we did not have any idea whether or not stock would be sold at any given time for the purpose of the accounts.

Mr J. Lewarne thought that we might reach a situation of over-ordering publications, but we certainly did not have a complete run of the Proceedings.

Mrs V. Quinnell thought that our balance of stock of Proceedings should sell in the museum if put on display.

Mr Starr mentioned that there was a liability for income tax on profit, as distinct from sales.

Mr S. Poulter proposed, and Mrs V. Quinnell seconded, the motion that the Accounts be adopted, and the meeting approved.

MUSEUM FINANCE

Mr Bull said that we were spending more on materials this year as compared with last, but not so much on labour, as a result of the work of the voluntary group which took over from the builder. Electric wiring and flooring would involve us in more outgoings, but the fund had about £1,000 in hand at present. It was proposed to open a room on the ground floor shortly.

Mr Lewarne raised a query concerning the date of the accounts for the Museum fund, and it was explained that the financial year of the Museum Account was not the same as for the History Society's Account, because the Charity Commissioners required to see the authorised Accounts of the Museum fund up to a certain date, which became a convenient date for the future year end.

It was estimated that a further £2,000 would have to be spent on materials to complete the restoration, and there were also some short-term loans amounting to £2,000 to repay. Mr Mears had £151 in the History Society Account for the Museum fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1979

Mr Lewarne mentioned that proper notice of the election had been given and Mr Fortescue said that in response to the plea in the Newsletter a volunteer had come forward for the position of Hon. Secretary - Mrs R. Vracas of Givons Grove. Mr How proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary, who had been forced by business pressure and commuting trouble to ask for relief from the responsibilities. Mr How said that five years' good service had been given, and Mr Lewarne seconded the proposal.

The President then mentioned that we were fortunate in having another volunteer, Mrs P. Gillespie, who would be assisting the Society by producing the Newsletter and Minutes. Mrs M. Rice-Oxley said that her daughter would be prepared to type the Minutes. It was also suggested that a tape recorder would be useful at Committee meetings.

Mr Lewarne said that Mr Benger was willing to continue as Editor for one year. There was some difficulty in connection with the printing of the Proceedings this year which would mean that this journal would not appear so soon as in other years.

The President also mentioned the good work performed by Mr Millar, who had asked to be relieved from Committee work during the year. Mr Millar had passed his eightieth birthday and was in hospital critically ill. Mr Lewarne suggested that Mr Lever might like to be elected to the Committee instead of being co-opted.

The election then took place and the following were elected:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Chairman	S.E.D. Fortescue	J. Bull	Mr Mountain
Treasurer	H.J. Mears	D.F. Renn, F.S.A.	E. Barnwell
Asst. Treasurer	J.R. Bull	P. How	Mrs M. Fuller
Programme Secretary	E.S. Barnwell	Mrs C. Barrett	Mrs M. Rice-Oxley
Membership Secretary	Mrs C. Barrett	E.S. Barnwell	Mrs M. Rice-Oxley
Sales Secretary	Mrs M. Fuller	R.A. Lever	J. Parry
Secretary	Mrs R. Vracas, B.A.	S.E.D. Fortescue	S.R.C. Poulter
Asst. Secretary	...	no nomination	...
Editor	F.B. Benger, F.S.A.	D.F. Renn, F.S.A.	Mrs V. Parry
Records Secretary	D. Bruce	E.S. Barnwell	Mrs M. Fuller
Librarian	J.R. Gilbert	Mrs M. Fuller	D. Bruce
Committee members) S.R.C. Poulter)		
) Mrs M. Rice-Oxley)	Mrs M. Fuller	J.R. Bull
) R.A. Lever)		
Hon. Auditor	A.H. Kirkby	D. Bruce	P. How

To be co-opted at the next Committee meeting: M. Snellgrove

Mr Lewarne thanked the Committee and the many helpers for all their work.

Mr G. Gollin mentioned Miss Hind's work on back numbers of the Proceedings and the great amount of storage of records and future exhibits that had taken place in her home without protest. He proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr Lever, and it was resolved that a suitable letter should be sent to Miss Hind by the Secretary.

A vote of thanks was recorded to the Auditor, and the meeting then approved the above elections.

In moving on to the next item Mr Lewarne hoped that in general discussion there would be some heckling and criticism, as he would find this stimulating.

Mr D. Bruce was then invited to talk about the Leatherhead Museum:

Thanks to the Peter How/Ken Beddoe team the restoration of Hampton Cottage was continuing. Mr Bruce referred to the handing over, on the Saturday previous to the A.G.M., of the front room so that the cleaning and decorating group could begin work. The porch was also to be decorated, and then the downstairs area could be opened to the public. It had always been endeavoured to keep Hampton Cottage from being a burden on the Society. Once the building was regularly opened to the public, heating bills etc. would be a problem. With this in mind Mr Bruce suggested that we ought to promote a Friends of the Leatherhead Museum Group at, say, £1 a year, to finance upkeep. A membership card could be issued with the objects of the Group shown on it. A list of prospective members could be prepared immediately, so that financial problems could be solved before any build-up of bills occurred. Stewards were still required - about 80 in all, and we had almost reached the half-way point. Perhaps the opening of the Museum would encourage other members to offer their services. Photos of the Museum taken by members during the restoration, or of other local scenes, would be welcomed for the archives. Mr Lewarne assumed that Friends of the Museum would have free access. He suggested a Saturday morning opening and an afternoon during the week, other than Wednesday. Mr Bruce said that the Dorking Museum opened all day Saturday. Mr Poulter said we should not copy the library in closing the Museum on Saturday afternoon. Mr Bruce referred to the steady stream of records coming in to the Society. He urged members to take photos of Leatherhead before demolition began. Mr J. Parry said that work on the Waterway Road river bridge was imminent. Mrs M. Fuller asked if the press reports about the M25 motorway were reaching our archives, and it was confirmed that Mr D.F. Renn had been attending to this. Mr Gollin mentioned the bay window which projects over the footpath outside Hampton Cottage. He thought there was a risk of the glass being damaged and suggested the use of toughened glass or a grille. Mr Bruce reported that the glass had been in for a year; grilles would look ugly and would make our window displays less effective. However, we might have to consider consider toughened glass if damage occurred. Mr A. Christian reported that there were a number of visitors to the cottage whilst the restoration work was in progress.

Mr Lewarne continued on another theme by saying that he hoped someone was writing up the changes taking place in shopping. He said that nowadays there was no service to speak of, no deliveries and no seats to rest on. When living memory faded only written reports would recall the former pattern of shopping in our daily lives.

Mrs Spencer mentioned the local excavation of Stane Street and asked if any further excavation was being organised. She thought that this was just the activity which would encourage younger persons to join the Society.

Mr Poulter did not think there would be another Stane Street excavation and referred briefly to the three local digs in recent years, i.e. the quarry in The Warren, Ashtead, Gravel Hill, Leatherhead, and Stane Street, near Highlands Farm. He said that in all these digs our Society had provided only approximately 25% of the labour force and that it was difficult to find members who would commit themselves to a regular programme of excavation. Pending major operations on the Leatherhead town centre it had been decided to confine ourselves at present to observation.

Mr Read referred to the annual accounts and the number of projects in which the Society was involved. He thought we should have an income and expenditure account with balance sheet. Mr Lewarne stated that the pattern of accounts was normal for a Society such as ours. However it would be nice to see assets and liabilities in the accounts, but he visualised problems. The matter could be referred to the Committee by Mr Mears. Mr J. Bull said that the Treasurer was an excellent worker, and it would be unfair to ask him, as a volunteer, to produce a complicated set of figures.

Mr Poulter reported that there was to be a Symposium on archaeology at the Dorking Halls on 26th May 1979 and Lady Hanworth would be talking about the Stane Street excavation. Mrs V. Quinnell asked if the Society could lay on an emergency excavation in the event of a discovery in the district. Mr Poulter said that he still had a list of supporters but thought that possibly it was dated and could do with revision.

Mr M. Snellgrove talked about the work of the Programme Sub-committee and asked members to submit suggestions at any time. Mr Lewarne thereupon suggested Outwood Mill for a visit, while Mr Barnwell reminded the meeting that many of the lectures and visits were the outcome of suggestions by members. Then followed suggestions of: Horsley Towers (several films made there), repeat visits to Surrey Record Offices at Kingston and Guildford. Mr Lewarne thought Kingston should be visited first, and he also wondered whether a visit to the new Public Record Office at Kew might be possible. Mr Gollin said a party visit would have to be outside working hours. Mr Lever was enthusiastic about the modern method at Kew of obtaining records using electronic equipment. This reduced the waiting time to a matter of twenty minutes.

Mr Lewarne then thanked those present for attending in such bad weather, and there being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Mr S.E.D. Fortescue rounded off the evening by thanking the President for his able chairmanship.

Leatherhead and District Local History Society

President: J.G.W. Lewarne
Vice-Presidents: F.B. Benger, F.S.A.
D.F. Renn, F.S.A.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Executive Committee for 1979 was:

Chairman	S.E.D. Fortescue
Treasurer	H.J. Mears
Secretary	Mrs R.M. Vracas
Assistant Treasurer	J.R. Bull
Assistant Secretary
Programme Secretary	E.S. Barnwell
Membership Secretary	Mrs C. Barrett
Sales Secretary	Mrs M. Fuller
Editor	F.B. Benger, F.S.A.
Records Secretary	D. Bruce
Librarian	J.R. Gilbert
Public Relations Secretary	<i>Aderton</i>
Committee Members	R.A. Lever, S.R.C. Poulter, Mrs M. Rice-Oxley
Co-opted	L.A. Smith, M.A. Snellgrove
Hon. Auditor	A.H. Kirkby

MEMBERSHIP As this is an active Society, membership varies almost from day to day, but the Committee is very pleased to report that our numbers are now at around the 350 figure, plus 12 honorary members.

Although subscriptions have remained the same for five years, we regret that we propose raising the subscription to £3 per annum as from 1st January 1981. Members who pay by Bankers Order particularly will be requested to ensure that the Society will be credited with the increase. We ask this as from past experience, following the previous increase, much time and money was spent trying to collect the difference.

PUBLICATIONS One of the main objects of this Society is to publish, and for 32 years without fail we have brought out our annual Proceedings. The Society has been congratulated on this achievement, and although we encountered difficulties during 1979 the Proceedings were distributed as usual, though perhaps a little later than in previous years.

Our other publication in 1979 was the 2nd impression of "ASHTED - A Village Transformed", with corrections and additions.

Research for the writing of the history of LEATHERHEAD is taking place, and the editor, Mrs E. Vardey, is very pleased with its progress. Additionally, your Committee is active in observing all changes taking place in the district, and particularly in the centre of Leatherhead.

Regarding Occasional Papers, Mr W.J. Blair is in the process of revising and making additions to Occasional Paper No. 1, "Discovering Early

Leatherhead", and material is also being collected about the Ashtead Potters to be considered for publication.

Printing costs have risen dramatically, and serious consideration always has to be given before a decision is taken on any publication. The generosity of two of our members has greatly facilitated our publications programme.

HAMPTON COTTAGE The opening of one of the rooms of the Museum to the public in June 1979 has already been fully reported, but sincere thanks must again be given to all those who were, and still are, concerned in this enterprise. The Museum, like the Society itself, has charitable status, and the Committee is pleased to advise that provision has been made to repay the existing loan within the stipulated 20 years. Running costs continue, however, and the Chairman has had to make another public appeal for funds, to which so far there has been a steady response.

PROGRAMME Once again the Society has offered a varied programme of lectures and visits, with plans for the future. All these are regularly detailed in the Newsletter.

The enjoyment of our lectures is greatly enhanced by the performance of the new projector, purchased by the Society during the year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS The Society mounted several Exhibitions during the year; these generate continual interest in our local history and bring in new members.

Requests are constantly being received for lecturers, which are complied with to the best of our ability.

Last July we were hosts to the Surrey Local History Council, who held their Annual General Meeting in Leatherhead, followed by a conducted walk around the town.

The Society is in its last year (of a three year appointment) as a member of the Committee of the Surrey Record Society.

GRANTS We are grateful to the Surrey County Council, who have intimated that a grant of £25 is to be allocated to the Society for 1980, and to the Mole Valley District Council for their grant of £50.

The Executive Committee would like finally to thank all members for their continuing help, support and enthusiasm.

LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

From the Hon. Treasurer:

	<u>Previous Year</u> 1978	<u>Year Under</u> Report 1979
INCOME:		
Subscriptions	£746.75	£604.25 (a)
Donations to Society	53.72	95.75
Grant from Mole Valley District Council	50.00	50.00
Collections on behalf of Society	16.50	25.20
Profit on Refreshments	2.92	3.58
Donations etc. to Museum Fund	492.16	256.02
Sales of Ashtead History Book	1,027.88	612.53
Sales of other Literature	103.09	180.09
Profit from Visits	40.40	47.40
Lecture fee donated by member	5.00	3.00
Interest on Lloyds Bank Deposit a/c	35.26	243.26
Two special loans of £1,000 each	nil	2,000.00
	<u>£2,573.68</u>	<u>£4,121.08</u>
EXPENDITURE:		
Printing	1,359.07	847.79
Expenses of Administration	97.31	202.20
Insurance Premiums for Museum	40.50	47.13
General Disbursements	63.13	345.96
Transferred to Museum Fund	426.91	250.00
Hire of Hall for Lectures	18.75	10.50
Subscriptions:-		
Surrey Record Society	5.00	5.00
Surrey Archeological Society	5.00	7.50
Surrey Local History Council	2.00	2.00
	<u>£2,017.67</u>	<u>£1,718.08</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£556.01	£2,403.00
of which £700 was transferred to our Deposit a/c in June and		
£1,732 transferred back from Deposit a/c to Current a/c in December		
towards the cost of printing Proceedings and reprint of Ashtead History.		
Bank Balance B/F at beginning of year	794.92	1,350.93
Income for year	2,573.68	4,121.08
	<u>£3,368.60</u>	<u>£5,472.01</u>
Expenditure for year	2,017.67	1,718.08
Balance at Bank at end of year C/F:		
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	344.46	1,536.20
Lloyds Bank - Deposit a/c	1,006.47	2,217.73
	<u>£3,368.60</u>	<u>£5,472.01</u>
The £1,536.20 C/F in Current a/c comprises:-		
Paid in Dec. for Reprint of Ashtead History but not cleared before 31.12.79		£1,332.00
Money held on behalf of Museum	91.34	26.09
Money held owing for production Occ.No.2	36.77	4.50
Net balance of Society Funds	216.35	173.61
	<u>£344.46</u>	<u>£1,536.20</u>

I Certify that the above statement is in accordance with the Books and Records produced to me and is, in my opinion, correct.

Dated... 15th February 1980

Honorary Auditor.....
A.H. Kirkby

Honorary Treasurer.....
H.J. Mears

(a) Subscriptions:

Total received in the Year comprised :-

Back payments for 1978	75p
1979 subscriptions	£575.50
1980 paid in advance	28.00
	<u>£604.25</u>

The actual membership being:-

55 fully paid in 1978 in advance
274 " " " 1979
22 still having paid only £1.25
12 Honorary members
<u>363</u>