



THE LEATHERHEAD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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We formed in 1946 to study the history and natural history of Ashted, the Bookhams, Fetcham, Leatherhead and the surrounding area. Since then we have been a major organisation involved not only with archaeological excavations but also in researching and documenting local people, properties, land and events.

We hold evening meetings on the third **Friday** of the month, **7.30pm for 8pm**, in Sep-Nov, Jan-May, at the Leatherhead **Institute** at the top of Leatherhead High Street where lectures are given by members and visiting speakers on a great variety of local history topics. In early December we hold a social event.

Our substantial illustrated **quarterly Newsletter** provides details of events, other Society news and articles submitted by members about their particular areas of interest.

Our **Proceedings**, made up of more extensive papers, are available to members via the Internet. A printed reference copy is placed in local libraries including the Society's library in the Leatherhead Institute. Members can purchase a printed copy.

Publication is an essential part of the Society's activities and copies of **books written by members and others** are available from the Society's Museum, Publications Secretary or local bookshops.

We have an **extensive website** (see top of page) with growing access to on-line archives for members.

The Society owns Hampton Cottage at 64 Church Street, Leatherhead. This houses the LEATHERHEAD MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, an Accredited Museum funded by the Society.

This much-altered 17th Century cottage was opened to visitors in 1980 after very extensive restoration. It showcases some of the Society's large collection of artefacts. These displays change from time to time, covering local history, domestic activity, food preparation and cleaning, defunct local businesses such as Ronson and Goblin. There are special exhibitions, for example about WWI.

On sale are the Society's & other publications and souvenirs. Items in the small paved garden include the original Swan from Leatherhead's old *Swan Hotel*, a 1920s petrol pump and a disused well over 30ft deep.

Unseen by visitors is the work by Society volunteers on preparing and mounting displays. They maintain the Collection, involving not only conservation but moving artefacts to and from storage, receiving new items and meeting all the recording requirements of the Society and Accreditation Standards.

Admission is free but donations are welcome to help run the Museum. School & private visits by arrangement. Step-free access is available into the garden and the rear of the building but internally there are narrow passages and a steep staircase. Every effort will be made to aid access but advance notice is desirable.

The Museum is open Thursdays & Fridays 1300-1600, Saturdays 1000-1600, April to mid-December.

The Friends of Leatherhead Museum

Volunteers from the Friends help in many ways, practically and financially, with the operation of the Museum.

They organise and arrange the rota of Stewards who are on duty whilst the Museum is open for visitors. On other occasions they undertake outreach activities when the "Museum" goes out to schools when invited.

They help with publicity and have regularly organised and run the very successful "Craft Days" specifically for children (and parents!) at holiday times.

The Friends help with such matters as providing advice and finance to purchase special display equipment or other items that enhance the visitor's experience at the Museum.

Some people join just to keep in touch and follow progress. A Friends' Bulletin is published.

To join the Friends, or renew your Friends' subscription, you may use the attached form. The 'Friends of the Museum' does not have charitable status and so L&DLHS's Gift Aid claim excludes FoLM subscriptions.

Have you considered leaving a lasting bequest, a gift or legacy to our History Society in your memory from your personal estate? If you or your representative would like to discuss this please contact the Chairman.

We hope you will support us and the Leatherhead Museum by joining us. Please keep this page for reference and complete and return the detachable application form with your payment.

The Leatherhead & District Local History Society
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