Harefield History Society Newsletter No.1, July 1980

Formation of the Society

The Society was formed at a meeting in January which was attended. We now have about 45 members and your committee is well Tim Ashby, Hope Cottage, Church Hill Margaret Evans, 4 Hall Drive 3020 Secretary: 2067 Bert Meads, 4 Countess Close Ivy Clark, 8 Countess Close Gay King, Vernon Drive -Activities:

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The committee have discussed how the society should be run, and prepared a draft constitution; copies will be shown to members when evening meetings start again and we shall welcome your comments.

Meetings and Visits

We have enjoyed a varied programme of speakers so far: Ken Pearce from Uxbridge gave us some very helpful advice on forming a local history society; Mr Cornwall of Rickmansworth gave a scintillating talk about Moor Park; Mr Rowland told us of the work of the National Trust; and Mr Surman showed us his brass rubbings. Our season of visits started with Mr Cornwall showing us round Moor Park house; Reg Neil lead a walk around Harefield; and our latest visit was the coach trip to the Weald and Downland museum at Singleton, organised by Ivy Clark - much enjoyed in spite of a showery day.

Visit to St Albans

The date of this has changed - it is now fixed for Sunday 20th July. We shall meet at the Clock Tower at 2pm, the visit will include the area around this, the Abbey and the Abbey Gateway, and we hope to finish about 4.45pm. We shall not visit Verulamium this time. A map is attached to this newsletter.

Transport for Visits

The majority of members have cars and many have let the committee know of their willingness to offer a lift to those without transport. We have mentioned this in this newsletter so that noone need feel shy about asking.

Conservation

We are now represented on the Harefield Village Conservation Panel by Tim Ashby and Keith Piercy. We have objected to the proposal to build houses round three sides of the Old Workhouse, as many members feel strongly about this, and we would like more of you to tell us your feelings. We shall also keep an eye on other developments.

Programme of Events

We have now made provisional arrangements for visits and meetings up to April 1981.

Sunday 20th July Visit to St. Albans, meet at the Clock Tower at 2pm - see above.

Sunday 31st August Visit Hughendon, travel in cars and meet at Hughendon at 2.30pm (teas are available).

Monday 22nd September, 8pm in Harefield Library
Mrs. Eileen Bowlt will talk about 'Ruislip in the 18th Century', with
slides. Mrs Bowlt is a very active member of the Ruislip, Northwood
and Eastcote Local History Society and has produced several
publications about Ruislip.

Monday 27nd October, 8pm in Harefield Library Mr. G.C.Tyack will talk about 'Rural Middlesex in the 19th Century'. Mr Tyack was tutor to the WEA history class held in Harefield a few years ago and lead the production of the book 'Harefield - at that time of day'.

Friday 28th November, 8pm
A social entertainment by members of the Harefield Amateur Dramatic Society of readings about Harefield, with food.
Details are still being arranged.

Monday 26th January, 8pm in Harefield Library An evening of reminiscences about Harefield.

Monday 23rd February, 8pm in Harefield Library A speaker is being arranged.

Monday 23rd March, 8pm in Harefield Library Mr R S Amsden will talk about the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

Monday 27th April, 8pm in Harefield Library Annual General Meeting

What would you like?

Although the committee make the arrangements for meetings and visits we want to provide what you want, so please talk to us about this. If you have any special historical interest we shall see what we can arrange, especially if you are willing to lead part of an evening or can suggest a good speaker.

Some members have suggested aspects of the village which members could discuss and investigate in small groups. One of these is what people used to wear and where they got their clothing; another is notable personalities who had connections with Harefield. We would like to hear any more such ideas so that we can get things going.

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