

HAREFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY.

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EDITORIAL:

Since our last Newsletter in October 1980, Society Members have enjoyed a full programme of Winter meetings and a visit to the exhibition on farming in Ruislip at Ruislip Cowbyre.

In January this year we became one year old. In addition, we had a most interesting and enjoyable Cheese and Wine Party centred on an entertainment devised specially for us - "VILLAGERS": an anthology on the theme of village life in general and Harefield in particular, performed by members of the Harefield Amateur Dramatic Society. Everyone agreed this was professionally done.

The Society's first Annual General Meeting was held on April 27th in the Harefield Library. Margaret Evans our Secretary, Ivy Clark, Activities; and Bert Meads our Treasurer expressed a wish to stand down. The Society wishes to express its sincere appreciation and grateful thanks to Margaret, Ivy and Bert for their efforts and the contribution they have made in the first year of the Society's life. Without the tireless efforts of the whole Committee in this first year we would have indeed found it impossible to continue. Thank you sincerely all Committee Members.

May I remind members that 1981 subscriptions are now overdue. Subscriptions are payable not later than one month after the Annual General Meeting, i.e. 27th April 1981. Those members who have not paid their membership subscription for 1981 are requested to send it as soon as possible to Guy Allen, Treasurer, 34 Sedgwick Avenue, Hillingdon, Middlesex. Subscription rate 1981/82, £2.

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PROGRAMME OF SUMMER OUTINGS 1981.

Saturday/
Sunday
13/14 June
10.a.m. - 6p.m.

Open Days at Park Lodge Farm and Knightscode Museum,
Breakspear Road North, Harefield.

Sunday,
5th July,
2p.m.

Chiltern Open Air Museum. Meet at the site in the grounds of Newlands Park College of Education, Chalfont St. Giles. Tea and refreshments available. Route - A412 heading Rickmansworth. Turn left at Maple Cross traffic lights into Chalfont Road - as far as college gates. 50p entrance charge. If any member needs transport please telephone Tim Ashby Harefield 3322.

Please don't be embarrassed about asking for a lift. Few members without transport managed to get to the local visits last year. This was a pity because many of us would have enjoyed their company on the drive.

Saturday,
25th July,
8a.m.

Visit to Broadlands (home of Lord Mountbatten) and Romsey Abbey. Coach will depart from the Common in Harefield at 8a.m. Please be on time. In addition to the mansion at Broadlands, it is hoped that we shall see the exhibition and an audio-visual show "MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA - ONE MAN IN HIS TIME" which traces the eventful life and career of Lord Mountbatten.

The visit will not be complete without a stroll around the lawns beside the river Test. Light refreshments will be on sale near the rear of the mansion. You may wish to bring your own lunch and weather permitting - picnic on the lawns by the river.

After lunch, visit nearby Romsey - see its massive Norman abbey, interesting inns and fine shopping centre. Approximately ½-mile distance from the main entrance to Broadlands.

Cost of coach fare, £3.00. (Deposit £1.50 by 20th June 1981 to Mrs. Woodward.) plus entrance fee to Broadlands. We hope to arrive back in Harefield 6p.m.

Sunday,
9th August,
2.30p.m.

"WALK AROUND HAREFIELD" - visit by Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote local History Society, followed by a costume exhibition and refreshments at Hope Cottage. Meet on the Green at 2.30p.m. Please tell Tim Ashby (Harefield 3322) if you expect to come so that we know how many to cater for.

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SUMMER OUTINGS 1981

Saturday,
12th September
8.00a.m.

Visit to the City of Bath and Claverton Manor, Bath.
It is intended that on arrival in Bath you should have the remainder of the morning free to do as you wish - shopping and visiting places of interest in this fine City.

As well as buildings of all ages - the Roman Baths, historic Abbey and elegant Regency terraces - Bath offers several special museums including the famous Museum of Costume in the Assembly Rooms. It is still possible to take the waters in the Pump Room- the less adventurous can have Bath Buns with their coffee instead.

In the afternoon we shall visit Claverton Manor and have tea there. The house was built in the Great Revival style in 1820 in a 55-acre park above the Avon valley. Since 1961 it has contained the American Museum consisting of 18 rooms furnished in the American styles of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Aspects of immigration, sea battles, whaling and trading with China are also demonstrated.

The grounds now contain a reproduction of George Washington's formal flower garden at Mount Vernon. There is even a conestoga or "covered wagon". Special teas complete with American "cookies" are included.

Cost of coach £3,00 per person - deposit £1.50 as soon as possible to Mrs. Woodward. Depart Harefield Common 8a.m., back at approximately 7.30p.m.

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Please confirm bookings as soon as possible with the Programme Secretary, Joyce Foster, Harefield 3449.

MEETINGS 1981/1982.

All evening meetings will be in Harefield Library.

Monday,
28th September
8 p.m.

"HAMPTON COURT" - Mr.G. Heath.

Monday,
26th October,
8p.m.

"HISTORY OF HOUNSLOW" - Miss A.Cameron.

Monday,
23rd November,
8p.m.

"HAREFIELD'S HERALDRY" - Mr.K. Holmes.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Monday,
25th January '82
8p.m.

"BLENHEIM PALACE" - Mr.P.Walters.

Monday,
22nd February
8p.m.

MEMBERS EVENING OF REMINISCENCES.

If you can unearth any items of interest which could serve as a talking point, please bring them along.

Monday,
22nd March,
8p.m.

"A STROLL THROUGH PINNER, PAST AND PRESENT" - Mr. W. Frankum.

Monday,
26th April,
8p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

After the short business session, Reg Neil will present - "HAREFIELD OLD AND NEW".

Monday,
24th May
8p.m.

"TRACING ANCESTORS" - Mrs.E.Stage.

COMMITTEE FOR 1981/1982.

Chairman: Mr.T. Ashby.

Officers: Mrs.V. Woodward (Secretary),
Mr.G. Allen (Treasurer),
Mrs.J.Foster (Programme Secretary)
Mrs.G. King (Publicity Officer).

Members: Mrs.D. Whiteman; Mrs.L.Piercy;
Mr. W. Faithfull.

RESEARCH AND PROJECTS:

It is most important that we begin to work on projects and the research necessary to investigate particular aspects of Harefield's history. This can be done in small groups by members and we list a few of these which your Committee feels are appropriate to start off with:-

- a. Maps projecting the history of Harefield.
- b. The history of buildings and the people.
- c. Listed houses and buildings.
- d. The clothes people wore and where they obtained such clothes.
- e. The roads and paths in the village.
- f. Old newspapers of Uxbridge.
- g. Current cuttings from local newspapers.
- h. The lives of ordinary people; their work and their pleasures.

Please let your Committee know who the Society's research group members are to be and the particular project being undertaken.

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