

HAREFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY.

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EDITORIAL:

The Society's Second Annual General Meeting will be held in the Harefield Library on Monday, 26th April 1982, at 8.00p.m. The notice of the Annual General Meeting is attached to this Newsletter. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due and should be paid to the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

In this Newsletter further details are given on the Summer 1982 outings programme and other forthcoming events, 1982/83.

The Committee has been informed that the London Borough of Hillingdon is anxious to establish a Harefield Trail. After discussion, your Committee agreed that the walk from the Green to Breakspear House, then across the fields to St. Mary's Church, and from there proceeding up Church Hill, past the Almshouses, and The White Horse, back to The King's Arms on the Green, was an ideal route for a trail. Mrs. Cuthbertson would be requested to kindly provide a text and Mrs. Margaret Evans to kindly provide illustrations of Breakspear House, St. Mary's Church, the Almshouses and The King's Arms.

We are very pleased that Margaret Evans' publication "HAREFIELD'S OLD BUILDINGS" is now available from Hillingdon Borough Libraries, price 70p. This is the first in a series of publications to be published by Hillingdon Borough Libraries. "HAREFIELD'S OLD BUILDINGS" has been written and illustrated by Margaret with contributions from Elona Cuthbertson, Pat Ashby, Elaine Evans and several other helpful people.

The Harefield History Society wishes to congratulate Margaret on this excellent booklet and to the Borough Libraries for their efforts to provide residents and visitors with information, presented in an interesting and attractive manner. We support them in all they do to make people more aware of our local heritage in the Borough.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:1982 OUTINGS PROGRAMME:

Sunday  
 March 28th  
 2p.m.

"A STROLL THROUGH PINNER"

To be conducted by Mr.W. Frankum of Pinner History Society. Meet at the car park Love Lane, Pinner (near Electricity Show Rooms). Please do not be embarrassed about asking for a lift. We would enjoy helping you.

Sunday,  
 May 22nd,  
 9.30a.m.

"VISIT TO PENSHURST PLACE, NR.TUNBRIDGE WELLS"

We had hoped to visit Lamberhurst Priory Vineyard, and Leeds Castle, on this day but unfortunately this has not been possible. Nevertheless, I am quite sure you will find Penshurst Place interesting and enjoyable.

Situated in the village of Penshurst, some seven miles south of Sevenoaks, Penshurst Place stands in magnificent parkland grounds on the rivers Medway and Eden.

The original 14th Century Manor - or see all of it that matters - stands in the centre of the present house. The Great Hall dates from 1340 and has a good art collection and a Minstrels' Gallery. The house and gardens are beautifully maintained and it has become known as one vast garden-house.

In Penshurst Village is the original Leicester Square, named after the Elizabethan Earl of Leicester. There is fine walking country round the village, with hills, woods and good fishing.

We intend to visit Royal Tunbridge Wells, one of the most elegant towns in the country, before we arrive at Penshurst. It was a rival to Bath as a spa in Regency days, when it was often visited by Beau Nash. The Pantiles, an 18th century shopping walk shaded by lime trees, looks almost unchanged today. You may wish to bring your own lunch and picnic or obtain lunch in the town.

The coach will depart from Harefield Common on 9.30a.m. and we expect to arrive back in Harefield at 5.30p.m. Cost of coach fare will be £3.00 (payable to Mrs. Valerie Woodwards by May 2nd), plus entrance fee to Penshurst Place, £1.55 per head; to be collected on the coach.

Saturday,  
June 12th  
10a.m.

"VISIT TO GREENWICH BY RIVER BOAT"

Meet at Charing Cross Pier 10a.m, Greenwich, which is on the South Bank of the River Thames; is famous for it's Naval history and was once the home of Henry VIII. There are many places of interest to visit and some of these are given here for guidance.

The Cutty Sark,  
Greenwich Pier.

Last of the famous tea clippers containing a fine collection of figureheads and seafaring relics.  
Admission charge, Adults 70p. Children 35p.

Gipsy Moth IV  
Greenwich Pier

The boat in which Sir Francis Chichester sailed single-handed around the world in 1966.  
Admission charge, Adults 20p. Children 10p.

National Maritime  
Museum,  
Romney Road.

Britain's maritime history illustrated by craft and contemporary models, paintings and navigational instruments. Relics and portraits of Nelson and the uniform he wore at Trafalgar.  
Admission free.

Old Royal Observatory  
Greenwich Park.

Designed by Sir Christopher Wren for Charles II, this historic observatory is situated at the top of Greenwich Park. The Greenwich Meridian passes through the observatory and a mast on the turret carries a famous time ball which falls precisely at 1p.m. daily.  
Admission free.

The Royal Naval  
College,  
King William Walk.

Former Naval hospital designed by St. Christopher Wren, now a Naval College. Painted hall and chapel.  
Open 2.30-5.p.m. Admission free.

We shall be taking the 10.30a.m. boat down to Greenwich from Charing Cross Pier. The cost of this will be £2.00 return. (Payable to Mrs. Valérie Woodward by May 12th) You may wish to bring your own lunch or obtain lunch during your visit to Greenwich.

Please do not be embarrassed about asking for a lift. It is possible that some people will travel by car to Charing Cross.

Having arrived in Greenwich, you are free to do as you wish. We hope you have a most enjoyable day and find the river trip to/from Greenwich also interesting.

Saturday  
July 17th,  
2p.m.

"VISIT TO ETON COLLEGE" 2p.m.

Meet at the entrance kiosk at 2p.m. Free parking is available there. The guided tour of Eton College will commence at 2.15p.m. and is expected to last until 3.45p.m. The cost will be £1.25 per head and should be paid to Mrs. Valerie Woodward by June 16th.

Please do not be embarrassed about asking for a lift. Many of us would enjoy your company. If anyone needs transport, please ring Tim Ashby, Harefield 3322.

Please let Mrs. Woodward know as soon as possible if you are coming. We need to know this quickly.

Saturday,  
September 11th,  
8a.m. depart  
Harefield Common.

"VISIT TO SALISBURY AND WILTON HOUSE"

We had intended to visit Polesden Lacy and Clandon Park, National Trust properties, on this day. Unfortunately, both properties are only open in the afternoons at weekends, so it was felt we should visit the city of Salisbury and Wilton House instead. We shall plan to arrange half-day visit to Clandon Park and Polesden Lacy at some future date.

Firstly, we visit Salisbury, built at the meeting point of four river valleys and sheltered by downlands, is one of the most beautiful cathedral cities in Britain. The first bishops laid out the town in the 13th century on a simple grid pattern which has adapted well to the needs of modern traffic. Salisbury was founded in 1220 when Bishop Poore abandoned the norman cathedral built on the fortified hill of Old Sarum because it lacked a good water supply, and began to build a new cathedral about 2 miles south on flat, well-watered meadowland.

The cathedral is the only English mediaeval cathedral largely conceived and executed in a single style, rather than piecemeal over the centuries. The building was finished in 1280 but the magnificent spire, at 404ft., was not part of the original plan: it was added in 1334.

Salisbury is an important market town and a good touring centre, from which peaceful riverside drives radiate in every direction. The splendid Avon, which rises near Devizes, becomes navigable at Salisbury, after the waters of three other rivers have joined it.

Saturday,  
September 11th

"SALISBURY" - (continued.)

It is intended we lunch in the city of Salisbury, or picnic as you wish, before proceeding to the town of Wilton, some five miles on, for our visit to Wilton House in the afternoon.

Wilton was once the capital of Saxon Wessex. The town's Market-Place has severe yet pleasing early 18th century Market House.

Wilton House, home of Earls of Pembroke, stands on the site of an abbey founded by Alfred The Great. Much of the house was destroyed by fire in 1647 but it was reconstructed by Inigo Jones and his son-in-law John Webb. It contains a collection of paintings and furniture, as well as 7,000 19th century model soldiers. It is also noted for its elegant double-cube room, 60ft long, 30ft wide, and 30ft high. The park has some fine cedars.

The coach will depart Harefield Common at 8a.m., and we expect to arrive back at Harefield at 6p.m. Cost of coach fare £3.00 (payable to Mrs. Valerie Woodwards by August 11th) plus entrance fee to Wilton House.

Please bring a picnic if you wish.

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LECTURES - WINTER 1982/1983

All lectures commence at 8.00p.m. and are held in the Harefield Library.

Monday,  
September 27th. "AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISTORIC SITES"  
Mr. Stanley.

Monday,  
October 25th. "UNLIKELY TRADES OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE"  
Mr.L.J. MAYES.

Monday  
November 29th. "HARROW APPRENTICES".  
Mr.J.S.Golland.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Monday,  
January 24th,  
1983. "HAREFIELD IN THE 17th CENTURY".  
Mrs. Elona Cuthbertson.

Monday,  
February 28th.'83 "HAREFIELD SCRAPBOOKS."  
Mrs. Lorraine Piercy.

Monday,  
March 28th.'83 "VISIT TO G.L.C. CLERKENWELL" - TALK  
ON HAREFIELD'S DOCUMENTS.

Monday,  
April 25th.'83 THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
SOCIETY.

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

Lorraine Piercy wishes to thank Margaret Evans most sincerely for the 12 months of 1975 newspaper cuttings for the scrapbook. Cuttings/photographs are still required by Lorraine for 1976/77/78 and 1979, and earlier than 1968. If anyone can assist will they please telephone Mrs. Lorraine Piercy (Harefield 2371). Originals of cuttings/photographs can be photostated and then returned quickly.

Pat Ashby, our representative on the Conservation Panel, has applied for full grade listed status for Manor Court. Furthermore, the Conservation Panel has expressed concern about the present development on Church Hill, blocking view of the Colne Valley.

Note: REMINDERS. 8p.m. Monday, April 26th.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - followed by  
"HAREFIELD - OLD AND NEW" Mr. R. Neill.

8p.m. Monday, May 24th.  
"TRACING ANCESTORS" - Mrs.E.Stage.