

Harefield History Society

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EDITORIAL

The Society's third Annual General Meeting will be held in the Harefield Library on Monday, 25 April 1983, 8.00 p.m. The notice of the Annual General Meeting is attached to this Newsletter.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1983 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 1983 outings Programme, forthcoming events and lectures 1983/84.

The Society's presentation of "Keepsakes" a collection of costume by Pat Ashby and the Social evening at the Harefield Cricket Club on Wednesday January 19 was a great success. The refreshments included Mulled wine, French bread, cheese, pate, celery and cream cheese, sausage rolls and Quich Lorraine. A very special thank you to our ladies, Pat Ashby, Gay King, Deidre Whiteman, Gwen Thomas, Eidge Kempster, Valerie Woodwards and Lorraine Piercy who, in addition, organised the evening's entertainment. The Society is grateful for the support given by Members and Friends. We shall look forwards to our next Social on January 4 1984.

Our Winter Programme continued on Monday 29 January with an interesting Talk, supported by slides, from Elona Cuthbertson on her research into "Harefield in the 17th century". The evening attracted a large number of members and this is most gratifying both for Elona and the Society.

On Monday 28 February Lorraine Piercy presented "Harefield Scrapbooks" and described how she is compiling a series of scrapbooks illustrating life in Harefield. Everyone was most interested to see her excellent work, and we look forward to further evenings on scrapbooks from Lorraine. Once again the evening attracted a large number of members which was most rewarding for Lorraine and the Society.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 1983

Monday April 25th, Third Annual General Meeting in Harefield Library.

Reception at 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Monday June 6th, A guided tour of Harefield House in the evening. Our party is limited to 25 members of the Society and you should advise Lorraine Piercy (Harefield 2371) as soon as possible if you wish to join us. Cellars and lofts to be included!

Time of meeting likely to be 7.30 p.m. but this will be confirmed.

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 June - Open days at Park Lodge Farm and Knightscode Museum, Breakspear Road, North Harefield 11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

We shall require volunteers to assist in the preparation of the exhibition and to act as stewards on the two days.

Will those members who are able to help in the preparation and/or as stewards for a limited time during the open days please telephone the secretary. Further details will be advised.

From previous experience, we are sure you will find it not only enjoyable but also most interesting.

1983 SATURDAY EXCURSIONSMay 14th

Visit to the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne on the Grand Union Canal. In the afternoon we visit Arbury Hall in North Warwickshire, the seat of the Newdegate family since they moved there from Harefield in the 16th century. A packed lunch is recommended. Coach leaves Village Green at 9.15 a.m. Price including all admission costs and home-made tea, £ 5.50 per person. Applications to Lorraine Piercy, (Harefield 2371)

July 16th

Visit to Manor Farm Museum near Witney in Oxfordshire. A museum of farming and rural life in the Edwardian period, it includes farmyard displays, farm animals and an historical trail.

Packed lunch or Manor Farm Museum cafeteria recommended.

In the afternoon we take you to Littlecote House near Hungerford in Berkshire. We shall enjoy a guided tour of this Manor House followed by a tour of the Roman Villa. Our visit to Littlecote House is timed to see the gardens at their best.

Coach leaves Village Green at 9.15 a.m. Price, including all admission costs, £ 4.50 per person.

Applications to Lorraine Piercy (Harefield 2371)

September 3rd

This will be a new departure for the Society, an afternoon and evening visit. Firstly, we visit Wycombe Chair and Local History Museum. We are fortunate in having both the curator and the founder Mr. L.J. Mayes as our guides during our visit. Our tour will illustrate Mr. Mayes recent talk on "Unlikely trades of Bucks" and will preview next winters' talk on "Chairmakers of the Chilterns". Apart from chairmaking, exhibits include lacemaking, marquetry, carving and other local crafts.

We hope to stop for a cup of tea en route from Wycombe to Milton Manor House.

In the early evening we proceed to Milton House near Abingdon. We have arranged for home-made refreshments to be served to us on arrival. The house is being opened especially for our visit. We shall be able to look round the walled garden and then enjoy a candlelit evening tour of the 17th century house. Mrs. Kockler, whose family have owned the house for some 300 years says that she will be delighted to welcome us to her home.

Coach leaves Village Green at 2.30 p.m. Price, including all admission costs and home-made refreshments, £ 4.00 per person.

Applications to Lorraine Piercy (Harefield 2371)

SPECIAL OUTING

Saturday 1st October 1983

We have arranged a guided tour of Harrow School and its Historic Buildings. In this Autumn afternoon commencing at 2.15 p.m our tour will last 2 hours and our party will be limited to 25 Society members.

We will be shown buildings that are representative of the oldest in the

school, the expansion of the nineteenth century and modern development i.e. the school yard, the fourth form room, speech room, war memorial and Shephard-Churchill Dining Hall. The Vaughan Library, chapel and old Harrovian Room, the Alex Fitch Room and the Gallery.

Our tour will begin in the school yard which is in front of the old schools and 100 yards from St.Mary's church.

Meet at 2.00 p.m in the school yard. Price of admission £ 1.80 per person. Applications to Lorraine Piercy as soon as possible if you wish to join us. Enclosing cheque for £ 1.80 payable to Harefield History Society. (Harefield 2371)

LECTURES - WINTER 1983/84

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

Monday 26 September 1983

Acton as it was.

Mr.J.N.G.Rowland

Monday 24 October 1983

Herbs, Myths, Magic and Physics in the Middle Ages

Mr. D.Tweddell

Monday 28 November 1983

Swakeleys House

Mr. D.F. Edwards

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Monday 4 January 1984

Harefield History Society's Social at the Cricket Club

Monday 23 January 1984

History of Harefield

Mr. G.C.Tyack

Monday 27 February 1984

Tracing my family History

Mrs. Valerie Woodward

Monday 26 March 1984

Chairmakers of the Chilterns

Mr. L.J.Mayes

Monday 30 April 1984

Fourth Annual General Meeting in Harefield Library.

Reception 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

After the official business members will talk about projects undertaken.

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Reception at 7.45 p.m for 8.00 p.m

S.Keepster
Secretary

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. To approve the minutes of the second Annual General Meeting held on 26th April 1982
3. To receive and adopt the Committee's report
4. To receive and adopt the Treasurers Report
5. Election of officers and members of the Committee
6. Election of Auditor(s)
7. Annual subscriptions
8. Other business

On completion of the official business Reg Neil will present slides on "WINTER IN HAREFIELD"

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