

# THE HISTORY OF READING SOCIETY

## News and Information

\* Adult Education Classes likely to be of interest to members:

1. Local History Project - Reading Water. Tuesdays at the University, London Road, starting on 10 October.
2. Life in Tudor Reading. Wednesdays at the University, London Road, starting on 11 October.
3. Building Materials in Reading. Fridays at the Museum, Blagrove Street, starting on 13 October.

For further details, contact Mrs. M. Cottingham, School of Education, University of Reading, London Road.

\* Highdown School, Grove House, Caversham is appealing for information or material about this building. Anyone who can help should contact the Headmaster, Mr. Andrew Clarke, Highdown School, Surley Row, Emmer Green, 'phone Reading 475022. Any documents will be photographed and originals returned immediately.

\* Mrs. E. Creedy of [REDACTED] is writing the history of Earley Railway Station and would be grateful for information.

\* Competition for measured drawings of buildings dated 1830-1920 to improve our national records. This is sponsored by Wiggins Teape (who will supply rules, paper, etc.), The Victorian Society and the Architects' Journal. First prize £750 and a further £1,000 to be divided at the judges' discretion. Closing date 31.10.78.

\* Guy Smith of [REDACTED], would like information on the Civil Defence in Reading during and after World War 2.

\* WANTED - A volunteer with skill in scale drawing to make a plan of the graveyard of St. Mary's Butts to enable the graveyard survey work to proceed.

\* 'Facelift '79 Competition' - A public <sup>appeal</sup> has been made for details of historic buildings that are in need of renovation. The Telegraph Sunday Magazine, and several other organisations in association with the Royal Institute of British Architects, are the sponsors. They are inviting ideas for low-cost renovation without structural work. Apply to Joan Dils for full details.

\* We congratulate Caversham on its Exhibition, mounted in Church House, from 29 June to 2 July, as part of its Festival. Photographs, paintings, maps, domestic treasures and archaeological remains were on view and carefully documented. The Exhibition drew a large enthusiastic crowd each day and there seemed to be something to excite the memory of many a visitor, in particular the lady who spotted the infant image of herself in a school photograph of 1920! St. Peter's Church was the focal point of musical events, historical displays and outstandingly beautiful floral decorations. There was also the opportunity for taking tea amongst the tombstones outside in a marquee erected specially for the occasion.

DON'T FORGET Sunday, 16 July: Reading walkabout led by Ken Major and Jane Wight. Meet outside the Jolly Porter (opposite Railway Station) at 2.30 p.m. The walk will take about two hours.

Enquiries to: Mrs. Joan Dils, Hon. Sec., [REDACTED]