



# The History of Reading Society

Newsletter - May 1979

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Dear Member,

We are now able to give you the full details of our summer events and the dates for you to enter in your diary up to the end of the year.

Greetings from the Committee

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Sunday, 10 June 1979

Jane Wight will be leading a walk round Reading, studying the buildings and building material, starting at Yeomanry House at 2.30 p.m. and finishing at Christchurch Road at 4.00 p.m.

Saturday, 23 June 1979 - ONE-DAY CONFERENCE AT UFTON COURT

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY:

- 10.00 a.m. Arrival and coffee
- 10.30 a.m. Dr. Michael Fulford on Silchester
- 12.00 noon → Tour of the house and garden *History of House*
- 1.00 p.m. LUNCH
- 2.15 p.m. → Howard Bush on the history of Ufton Court
- 3.30 p.m. TEA
- 4.00 p.m. Godwin Arnold on Victorian Architecture
- 5.30 p.m. Finish
- 5.45 p.m. Leave

Saturday, 7 July 1979

Evening trip on the Kennet and Avon Canal. Starting from County Lock, at Courage's Brewery at 5.00 p.m., the barge will travel down to Blake's Lock, returning via the Abbey Loop and upstream to Fobney Water Works. This will take approximately two hours. It is hoped that members of the Kennet and Avon Trust will accompany us and point out places of interest. Literature will be on sale on the boat. Refreshment will also be available on board.

\*Attached is an application form for this event. The price will be £1.50 per person.

There will be no August meeting

PLEASE NOTE that the following meeting on 20 September will also be an Extra Ordinary Meeting for the purpose of voting on an amendment to Item 4 of the Constitution:

'The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee comprising:- Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and at least three other members.'

Thursday, 20 September 1979

Dr. Christopher Durston will speak on Reading in the Civil War. Friends' Meeting House at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 25 September 1979

Leslie North will speak on Reading's Ancient Churches. This is the Millennium Lecture arranged by the Minster Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Reading, the Butts. Members are welcome to attend this lecture, which will take place in the Church. Time to be announced.

Wednesday, 3 October 1979

John Allen will give a talk on Heraldry at Reading Art Gallery at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 6 November 1979

Frank Terry, Senior History Master at Reading School, will speak to us on the history of the school. This will take place in the main hall of the school itself at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 6 December 1979

This will be a Christmas Members' Evening with Elizabethan refreshments and ten-minute talks by a few of our members and sundry other diversions (not necessarily Elizabethan). Abbey Gateway at 7.30 p.m.

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Mr. D. Lucas of 170 Whitley Wood Road (Reading 82595) is engaged on a detailed study of public transport in Reading and would be happy to meet others with similar interests.

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I/We should like to come on the Kennet and Avon Canal trip on Saturday, 7 July 1979.

I/We enclose a cheque/postal order for ..... (£1.50 per person), payable to the History of Reading Society.

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To the Hon. Treasurer:

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