

Dear Member,

Another year has come and gone, and we would like to wish everyone a
HAPPY NEW YEAR. With this newsletter is a diary of the first six months meetings
of Project Purley. We hope you will find it useful.

A VISIT TO HOME FARM

On Sunday morning, 23rd September, five members of the Natural History Group - plus two children - had a walkabout at Home Farm Purley, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs T. Metcalfe. This visit was a general inspection and it is hoped to make another in the coming year when more detailed recording can take place.

We all enjoyed investigating the plant life - spindle trees, buckthorn and holly were some of the less usual items in the hedges. The stream was full of interest and watercress, forget-me-nots, comfrey and mint were all in bloom. There were many other species to be identified and recorded later. Very little wild life about but we did see a heron and heard pheasants. The pond is rather gloomy looking.

Jean Debney studied the field boundaries and hedgerows (including the blackberries!) and then we all visited the stockyard where Tim Metcalfe showed us the calves including one which had been born that day. Altogether a most enjoyable experience.
Barbara Mercer.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

8th FEBRUARY - Jean DEBNEY - PURLEY WAGNA
44 Wintringham Way - 8.0 p.m.

The Annual General meeting of the Society will take place on Friday 8th March 1985 at 44 Wintringham Way. Please try to attend. We also require members of the Executive Committee. This is not an onerous task. One meeting bi-monthly. Ask members of the current committee for details!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

An attractive box of home-made chocolates was donated by new member Doris Millbourne. They were raffled at the Christmas Social and raised £3.95 towards the Society's funds. The winner was - dare I say it - Cliff Debney.

JEAN'S MULLED WINE

- 2 Litres Red Wine (Cheapest)
- 1 Litre pure Orange Juice
- 4 oz Granulated Sugar, dissolved in 1/8 pt of water
- 2 tbsp Lemon Juice
- Cinnamon Stick
- Ground Nutmeg
- 5 Cloves - optional

Mix together and heat gently - do not boil - serve piping hot in glasses. (Don't use the best ones in case they crack) Proportions can be increased or decreased.

SCHOOL GROUP

We meet at 7 Cecil Aldin Drive on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We are investigating the history of the village school, indexing the school registers, and we hope to transcribe the school log. There is no need to worry if your secrets will come out. There is a cut off of time so we are unable to see the post world war I log books. However those which we do have make very interesting reading.

DON'T FORGET ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.