

PROJECT GROUPS

At the start of this season there are four active Project Groups and normally they meet once a month at a member's house. The arrangements are very flexible to meet personal commitments of members so, although the details below are correct at publication it will be best to just check by telephone before going along.

The aim of the Groups is to get members together, to discuss an aspect of their subject (or aspects), to do some work/research and occasionally prepare a display for exhibition. The chat/discussion often drifts to other subjects and there is usually a cup of coffee/tea. Existing members will tell you that there is nothing difficult and if you wish to just sit and listen, then you may do so. However I am sure you will be actively joining in before the end of the evening.

The Project Groups are :-

Historical Documents: This group will be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month starting on 18th September at 8 Hucklebury Close. The Group leader is Jean Debney, Rdg 413223. The group usually examine copies of old documents relating to Purley, e.g. wills, to read, transcribe and index them.

Maps: This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month starting on 3rd October at 8 hucklebury Close. The Group leader is Cliff Debney, Rdg 413223. The Group is transferring details from maps of Purley of different dates and scales to a set of maps of the same scale so that the changing face of Purley can be traced.

Oral History: The date of the first meeting is still to be agreed. The group leader is Tom Robinson, Pangbourne 2269. The group has recorded the recollections of past and present residents of Purley. These conversations are now being transcribed and examined. The group is also collecting old photographs of the village. Contact Tom for more details.

Natural History: This group is researching and recording the natural history of the village. The spring and summer months are the most active times for this group. No autumn meetings have yet been agreed but further details can be obtained from Barbara Mercer on Pang. 3842

