

# *Account of Purley on Thames*

## Project Purley Meetings 1985

### **11 Jan 1985**

The Natural History Group talk about their work.

### **8 February 1985**

Jean Debney on Purley Magna

### **8 March 1985**

This was the Annual General Meeting which was followed by two separate slide shows of Purley Past and Present. John Chapman showed aerial views taken during a helicopter trip last year. This was followed by slides taken about 1960 by Ian Nash when he lived in the village. They were fascinating views of Purley, many of which can no longer be seen.

### **12 April 1985**

John Chapman continued the History of Purley Church with part 2. This time he talked about the period between the 12th and 17th centuries and some biographies of the various vicars and rectors who served Purley during this time. He illustrated his talk with diagrams on the overhead projector.

### **10 May 1985**

Peter Southerton, a probation officer from the Crown Court gave a fascinating talk on Crime and Punishment in Berkshire. He ranged from the Anglo-Saxon justice system of ordeal by fire and water, to the transportation of young men and women to the colonies for crimes such as petty larceny in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Peter has also made a study of the history of the different sites of Reading Gaol.

### **14 Jun 1985**

Walkabout to Lock

### **12th July 1985**

This was an evening walk from Beech Road through Harry Jaws wood looking at the area that Barbara Mercer had studied over a period of a year as her Natural History project.

### **13th September 1985**

George Fielder, the lock keeper showed more of his slides on the Thames, talking about the river, its people and their history.

### **11th October 1985**

At short notice because of Jean's unavailability, Pat Deane stepped in to describe the BBC Domesday project and the way in which the children of Long Lane School were taking part.

### **8th November 1985**

John Titterton gave a summary of his Local History dissertation on the Rise and Fall of Reginald Malyns. The Malyns family were Lords of the Manor of Purley Parva between 1302 and 1431. John brought to light the history of a family who lived against the background of such events as the Black Death, The Peasants Revolt and the Hundred Years War and who were acquainted with the Black Prince.

**13th. December 1985**

A Social Evening, following the successful pattern of previous years with food, drink, chat, more drink and some amusement.





