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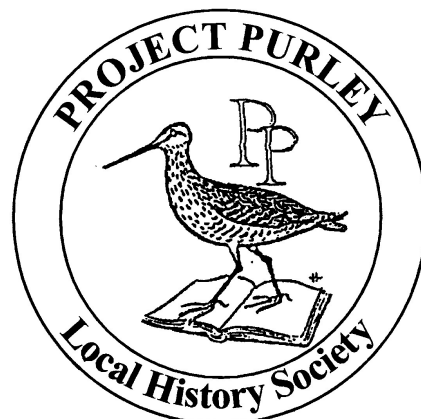
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PROJECT PURLEY

Project Purley is the name adopted by the local history society set up in 1982 to study the past and present of Purley in Berkshire. The name was chosen to indicate a wider interest in everything to do with our parish than just local history. When the Queen's Silver Jubilee was celebrated in 1977 the Parish Council organised an exhibition and invited parishioners to loan their mementos of Purley. A remarkable collection appeared but no record was kept and the objects were returned to their owners later. However it stimulated an interest in the history of our parish and a church youth group, the Pathfinders, did some research. When Jean and Cliff Debney came to live in Purley they assembled a group of family history enthusiasts and began transcribing some of the available Purley registers and reconstructing old families. Around the same time a natural history group emerged and when the church was to be extended an archaeology group was formed under the leadership of John Chapman as the professional archaeologists did not have the funding to do a proper dig. In 1982 it was agreed to merge these groups and Project Purley was born.

Old documents, maps, photos, personal reminiscences and many other sources are being used to piece together the past of the people, places and buildings of the parish. Anything from earliest times to today is of importance and interest.

There are three levels to members' activities. First there are regular monthly meetings usually with a talk, but often during the summer taking the form of a walk-about. Second there are project groups where a few members get together as a team to work on a particular subject or facet. Finally there are the individual researchers doing their own thing but able to draw on the resources and experience of other members.

Over the years a vast amount of material has been collected and Project Purley has staged many exhibitions which have been received enthusiastically by the general public of the parish and beyond. Several of its members give talks to other societies and take part in wider activities such as those of the Berkshire Local History Association, The Berkshire Family History Association and the Berkshire Archaeological Trust.

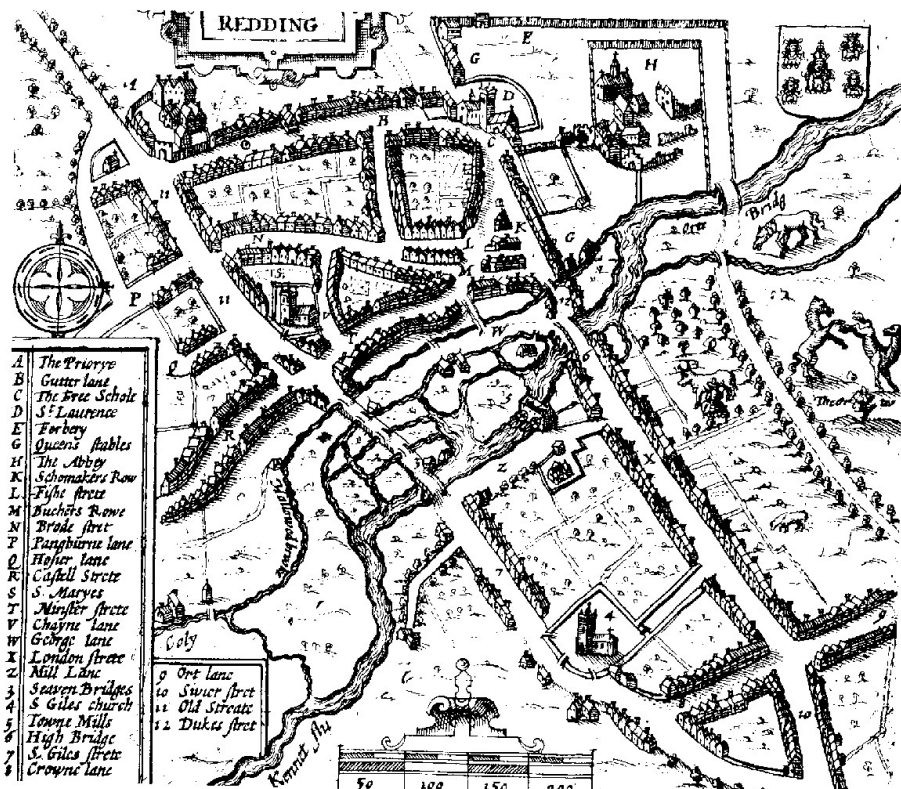
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Sonning Hill [Sunninghill, Berks?]

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