

# Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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## Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Meetings are held in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL and start at 3 p.m

The Programmes Committee have been working hard to put together a programme of interesting talks for the coming winter, focusing mainly on local projects.

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018:

***This meeting will not be at Milton Hall.*** It will be held at Holy Cross Church, 46 North Street, Carshalton, SM5 2JD, close to Carshalton Station. There is limited disabled parking at the Church but the council car park opposite the school in Denmark Road will be open and accessible by means of the EXIT gate only.

Abby Matthews project officer of 'The Past on Glass' will talk on 'The Discovery in the Basement'. In around 1978 a vast collection of around 10,000 glass plate negatives was discovered in the basement of 18 High Street, Sutton. The plates were made by local photographer David Knights-Whittome (1876-1943) who had owned shops in both Sutton and Epsom but whose clientele extended far beyond the local population and area.



### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018:

Michael Marshall of Museum of London Archaeology will talk on 'Relighting Londinium - new work on Roman ceramic lamps'.



## Saturday 5 January 2019 - Wandle Valley Regional Park



Sue Morgan of the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust will speak on 'Bringing the Wandle Valley Regional Park to life!' and our Field Officer John Phillips will speak on recent work in Beddington Park, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Wandle Valley is a vibrant and beautiful area, comprising over 40 green spaces and 12 nature reserves that cover 900 hectares of land, linked by the riverside Wandle Trail.

This is an exciting time for

the Trust and its Wandle Valley partners, having worked hard to secure £166k funding. This will provide the opportunity to explore innovative ideas and new models of partnership and realise the vision to deliver a really significant piece of green infrastructure in south London.

## Saturday 2 February 2019 - Church Meadow, Ewell

Nikki Cowlard of the Epsom and Ewell History and Archaeology Society will speak on 'Church Meadow - an insight into the everyday and ritual in Roman Ewell'.

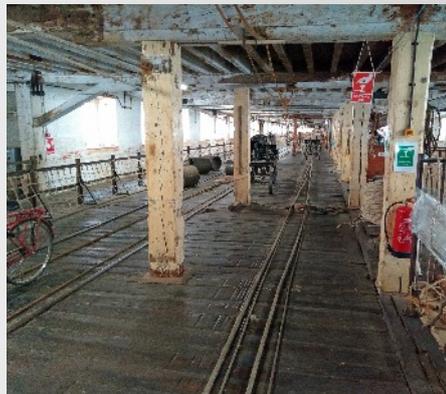
Three seasons of community excavations in Church Meadow, Ewell 2012-2014 revealed tantalising glimpses of life on the edge of the known Roman roadside settlement.



Nikki, the site director, will describe how the project came about, what was found and how it relates to what has been found previously, and since, in Ewell.

**Saturday 2 March 2019 at 2:45 p.m.**

Our AGM, which will start a little earlier than usual will be followed by slides of the May Weekend and Summer Outings 2018.



In July we visited the historic Chatham Dockyard.

The Ropery remains the oldest rope making facility in the UK. It still uses the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile long rope walk and machinery from the Victorian era, Ropes for HMS Victory, which was made at Chatham, were produced in the Chatham Dockyard.



The September visit was to see the Mary Rose at Portsmouth, this is housed in a magnificent building which brings to life what it must have been like on-board the ship before it sank on 19 July 1545.

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 3 p.m.**

Alexis Haslam of the Fulham Palace Trust will speak about recent and current work at this important site, the former residence of the Bishop of London. We hope to be able to visit the Palace in our Summer programme of 2019.



## Whitehall



Members may have heard that Whitehall, the historic house in Cheam, re-opened in June 2018 after two years of repair and refurbishment. The main effect is to make the building much more accessible to visitors, for example by means of an external lift leading to the upper floors. The displays have been enhanced to give more information about the house, its former occupants, and its more famous neighbour, Nonsuch Palace.

If you've been put off visiting by the difficulty of accessing parts of the building, now is your chance to see more of it. If you are familiar with the building, it's worth another visit to see the changes that have been made. In either case, don't forget to visit the tea room. The opening hours are now 10am to 5pm on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.



### A New Local History Publication

'The Men of The Wrythe' will be available at our winter meetings, price TBC approximately £5.

The book honours in words and pictures, local heroes from the Wrythe area in WW1, commemorated on the new Memorial recently erected on Wrythe Green.

Nearly all the 250 men came from just 4 streets of the Wrythe, where many of their families still live and were able to make contributions to the contents of the book.