



# Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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## Autumn 2019 Newsletter

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

### Saturday 2 November 2019 - Spitalfields by John Halligan

This talk will explore the fascinating story of the various migrant groups who have settled in Spitalfields, including the legacy left by the Huguenot silk weavers who lived and worked in the area.



The silk weavers cottages just outside the City of London in Spitalfield.

Above Fournier Street and left Princelet Street.

The Executive Committee propose raising the annual subscription from January 2020 to £12 for a single member and £18 for a couple, therefore the November 2019 meeting will begin with a short Extraordinary General Meeting where members will be able to vote on this matter.

If approved, Standing Orders will need to be revised.

## Saturday 7 December 2019 - The Roughts of the Wrythe



Margaret Thomas will give a talk about the men of the Wrythe.

This community based project researched the lives and families of men from the community at Wrythe Green who served in the 1st World War.

Additionally the project erected a permanent memorial on Wrythe Green to those men who lost their lives . The talk will be an interesting insight into the impact of war on a local neighbourhood

## Saturday 4 January 2020 - The Lavender Industries of Mitcham

Alison Cousins of the Wandle Industrial Museum

This is an illustrated talk looking at the lavender industry that was a massive part of Mitcham a hundred years ago. Lavender covered a large part of Mitcham extending into Carshalton.



## Saturday 1 February 2020 - The Mughals and the Taj Mahal

By Margaret Coombes

There can be scarcely a holiday advertisement for India that does not present a beautiful photograph of the Taj Mahal. It has become an iconic symbol of India and is often described as a 'symbol of love'. Well yes, but it is far more, because the building represents the zenith of Indo-Islamic architecture and is the most famous product of the Mughals. It is a tomb that enshrines the remains of the fifth emperor of the dynasty, Shah Jahan, and those of his



second wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The Mughal Empire flourished in India between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries. At its heart lay an effective partnership between The Muslim Mughals and the warrior nobles of India, most of whom were Hindu. The talk will look at the history of the first six emperors of the dynasty (1526-1707), known as The Great Mughals, and place the Taj Mahal into its architectural context.

## Saturday 7 March 2020 - AGM Note starting time will be 2:45 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society takes place on Saturday 7 March 2020, when the Officers are elected to the Executive Committee for the upcoming year. There are currently TWO vacancies for important roles: The Honorary Secretary is responsible for the minutiae of ensuring that the work of the ExCom is carried out in an orderly and successful manner - this is a vital role for the good operation on the Society, which requires someone with good administrative capabilities, particularly in ensuring the timely circulation of Agendas and Reports to ExCom members (the Minutes of Meetings are competently recorded and circulated by our Minutes Secretary - Joyce Brown).

The lack of someone filling the position of Hon. Secretary since the AGM in March this year has placed additional work on me as (outgoing) President and (continuing) Hon. Treasurer which situation cannot continue.

The other important vacancy is for a Programmes Secretary to co-ordinate the efforts of our very effective Programmes Team, who plan and arrange speakers for the Winter Lectures programme and also plan and run the Summer Outings programme. The vacancy in this role for the past two years has put additional strain on the Team and is a situation that needs to be resolved for the continued effective future of the Society.

Please contemplate if you - or indeed someone you know who would like to gain experience in an administrative role to improve their CV - would be prepared to consider either of these two vacancies.

Thank you.

Phil Groves: President & Hon. Treasurer CaDHAS

## Saturday 4 April 2020 The Restoration of Clandon Park

Tom Dommett will discuss Clandon Park House after the fire.

In April 2015 a fire broke out in the basement of Clandon Park House, a Palladian mansion attributed to the renowned architect Giacomo Leoni. The fire caused catastrophic damage to a large portion of the mansion. Over the past four years the National Trust has been working to



preserve what survived of the house and its collection, to use this tragedy as an opportunity to discover more about the history of the site, and to develop plans for the restoration and re-making of this magnificent building. Tom Dommett, Regional Archaeologist for the National Trust, will discuss how archaeologists, curators and conservators responded to the unique circumstances in the aftermath of the fire, how our understanding of the building has changed as a result, and what the future of Clandon Park might look like.

### Centenary Celebrations 2020

The Society will celebrate its centenary in 2020 (the exact date of its foundation is 27<sup>th</sup> November 1920), and the Executive Committee has set up a Centenary Celebration Team to plan and organise events to mark this occasion. The main event will be a special Celebration Tea, to be held in the Milton Hall at 3 p.m. on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, and other events are being planned.



I have been asked to head up this team, and would like to recruit a member of the Society, who is not already a member of one of the Society's Committees, to join it. If you are interested, or would like to discuss the possibility, please contact me, either by email ([cliveorton@btinternet.com](mailto:cliveorton@btinternet.com)) or by post (39a Benhill Wood Road, Sutton, SM1 3SL).

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