



Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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Spring 2017 Newsletter

Meetings are held in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL

Saturday 4th March Annual General Meeting (Starting at 2:45 p.m.)

Following the AGM John Phillips will give us a report on the excavation in Beddington Park last summer. John Thornton will then show photos of the 2016 May weekend and the outings we enjoyed last summer.

Saturday 1st April (Starting at 3 p.m.)

"The Crystal Palace" by Michael Gilbert

Michael describes himself as a "Social Historian - Bringing Old London to Life". He has a particular passion for the Crystal Palace and has co-authored a book about the prehistoric models in Crystal Palace Park. He talked to us two years ago on this subject, but covered only part of the available information and would like to tell us more



Wednesday 14 June 2017 - Coach trip to Blenheim Palace

Leader: John Nutley. Mobile phone: 07857 500452 on the day only.

One of the great treasure houses of England, Blenheim Palace was a gift from a grateful Queen Anne to John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough for his victory at the Battle of Blenheim in 1704. A descendant of the Duke was Winston Churchill, who was born in a small room near the grandiose main entry. An exhibit tells the story of Churchill's life and times. The interiors are truly magnificent: one of the most ebullient expressions of Baroque style in England. Designed by John Vanbrugh, and completed by Nicholas Hawksmoor, with grounds by Capability Brown. Take your time, there's a lot to take in.



Cost: £35 per person which includes entry to Palace, Park and Gardens, and driver's tip.

Pick up Shotfield at 9.15 am, Ruskin Road 9.30 am. Return home around 6.30pm.



May Weekend: Cardiff, Saturday 13th to Monday 15th

There are still places remaining for this year's weekend, which is based in Cardiff, and will include visits to Lacock Abbey, Castell Coch, St Fagan's Welsh National History Museum, Dyffryn Gardens, Tredegar House and Tintern Abbey. The cost will be in the region of £295 per person



Contact John Thornton 020 8647 2574

Wednesday 12 July 2017 - Coach trip to Chiddingstone Castle, Kent

Leaders Jacky Oliver (020 8642 3875) and Phil Groves (07710 549 268).

Chiddingstone Castle is a historic house with Tudor origins. It was rebuilt in Victorian times to resemble a medieval castle. It contains a fascinating museum collection of art, artefacts and antiquities from ancient Egypt, Japanese art and craft, Buddhist artefacts and Stuart and Jacobean memorabilia, all amassed by the last owner of the property, Denys Eyre Bower. The newly opened Library houses an exhibition telling the history of the house and its former owners, the Streatfield family. You can also visit the usual domestic offices and servants' quarters. A must is to take a brief stroll across the wooden bridge over the lake to the adjacent Chiddingstone hamlet, with its row of Tudor houses and St Mary's Church. In the

grounds you can find the Grade II Orangery and the rose garden. There is a Tea Room in the old Buttery.



Pick-up Wallington, Shotfield, at 12 noon or Carshalton, Ruskin Road, at 12.15 p.m. Return approximately 6 p.m.

Cost: members £23, non-members £24.

Thursday 3 August 2017 - Coach trip to Arundel Castle

Founded in 1067, but extensively rebuilt and remodelled in the 18th and 19th centuries by the Dukes of Norfolk, the castle stands on a hill overlooking the town and the river Arun. The interiors feature rich furnishings and paintings, and in the grounds are the Fitzalan Chapel and a number of differently-themed garden areas. The entry price includes admission to the Arundel Museum, opposite the Castle Gate.

Pick-up at Shotfield, Wallington at 9.30 am and at Ruskin Road, Carshalton at 9.45 am. Return to Wallington/Carshalton at about 6 p.m.

Cost, including admission to the Castle, £35 (£36 for non-members and guests).



Monday 11 September 2017 - Coach trip to Polesden Lacey, Surrey

Leader Anne Darrington (020 8641 3446)

Pickup Shotfield 12.00, Ruskin Rd 12.15
arrive 1 p.m. Return around 6 p.m.

This opulent Edwardian house has much to offer, beautiful paintings, furniture, ceramics and jewellery. The Queen Mother spent her honeymoon there. Did she enjoy rolling down the big sloping lawns, walking the long grassy terrace overlooking the marvellous view over the valley or exploring the walled rose garden, orchard and borders?

There are lots to see here inside and out.

Cafe and shop. Wheelchairs available but must be booked in advance.

Cost CADHAS & NT members £15 Non-members CADHAS £16. Non-members NT add £10 entrance.



Booking Form For 2017 Coach Trips

To:- Phil Groves, 2 Hilliard Court, Demesne Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 8EE

My name is

Phone No

Please state whether you will be boarding the coach at Shotfield, Wallington or Ruskin Road, Carshalton.

I will be boarding the coach at Shotfield/Ruskin Road.

I will be bringing a guest(s). Please show name(s) of guest(s).

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Please reserve place(s) for me on the following outing(s):-

14th June Blenheim Palace (place/s)

12th July Chiddingstone Castle (place/s)

3rd August Arundel (place/s)

11th September Polsden Lacey (place/s)

I enclose cheque payable to CADHAS and stamped addressed envelope for return of receipt.

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Phone No