

Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

Our Centenary Year 1920 to 2020

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Spring 2020 Newsletter

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

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.

Centenary Celebrations 1920 -2020

As members are aware, the year 2020 marks the centenary of the founding of the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society, which is now CADHAS. A group of members have been meeting to work out how we can mark this very significant anniversary. We feel it is important to celebrate the achievements of the society over the past 100 years, and also to look to the future by attempting to engage the wider community. A number of ideas have been put forward; in this Newsletter we can inform members of extra events that will take place this year.

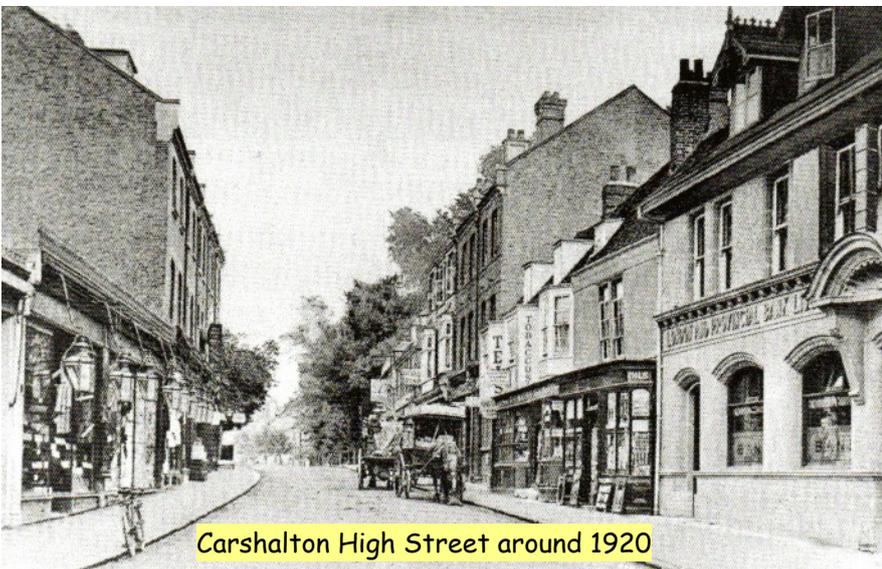
The main celebration for the existing membership will be The Celebration Centenary Tea, to be held at 3 pm on Saturday 3rd October 2020 at Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent. As well as the tea, provided and served by Edibles of Banstead, there will be short talks, and the result of the Heritage Treasure Hunt will be announced. We would like to invite members to bring any photos or memorabilia they have of the Society to share with us all. Additionally, photographs will be taken of the afternoon as our record for future years.

Tickets for the tea can be obtained from February at the monthly meeting, or directly from Jean Kirby, email jeanyvonne@talktalk.net or phone 07748781810. Tickets are £20 per person.

The Heritage Treasure Hunt will take place from 11th July to 16th August, and will be open to the general public as well as to members; the Hunt leaflet will be obtainable from Honeywood, Whitehall, or Little Holland House, and will also be available to download from the CADHAS website (www.cadhas.org.uk). Prizes will be awarded for the best entries. Please encourage friends, family and neighbours to take part.

Centenary Papers Some members are writing special papers about various fascinating aspects of local history, which will be made available to members and the public via the Society's website.

Family Day The future of the Society depends on our ability to attract younger members. To this end we are at an early stage of negotiation with the Museum of London about the



Carshalton High Street around 1920

possibilities of them providing us with some outreach work for families and children. We will give members further news about this as we get it, but the day will be towards the end of July at a venue in the borough to be agreed. So please remember this and bring your sons, daughters, and grandchildren to the event, which we want to make a lot of fun for everyone.

Saturday 4 April 2020 3 p.m. The Restoration of Clandon Park

For our last talk of the 2019/2020 season Mike Swaddlind from the National Trust 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. Mike 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.

Wednesday 10 June 2020 - Clandon Park and Hatchlands

In the morning we will visit Clandon Park, our first outing of 2020. Visiting now presents a unique opportunity to see the bare bones of this grand house in its post-fire state. You can follow two covered walkways, one into the ground floor and the other into the basement spaces where there is a small exhibition including a display of salvaged collection items. Outside there is a pictorial trail to guide you through the garden, and close to the house a timeline of the restoration project on panels.

Late morning depart for nearby Hatchlands Park for lunch or picnic and an introductory talk at 2.15. Hatchlands Park was built in the 1750s for Admiral Edward Boscawen and his wife Fanny. The work of celebrated architect Robert Adam can be seen in interiors throughout the house. The house contains the Cobb Collection of paintings, fine furniture and Europe's largest collection of composer-related keyboard instruments. The 400 acres of parkland were partly landscaped by Repton.

Pick-up: 9.30 a.m. Shotfield, Wallington, or 9.45 a.m. Ruskin Road, Carshalton.

Return approximately 6.00 p.m. Cost: Members £20 + £1 for guests

Bring your National Trust card or non-NT members + £12 combined admission (for both)

Leader: Brenda Allen (01737 354690) Mobile phone: 07731 781283

Friday 10 July 2020 - Parham House Sussex

Parham is one of the country's finest Elizabethan Houses, complete with a Great Hall and Long Gallery. Its tranquillity and timeless beauty have changed little over the centuries.

The Pearsons found it in a dilapidated state of repair, and employed the architect Victor Heal to help them carry out a major renovation and conservation of the building during the 1920s and 1930s. They researched meticulously the architectural features they found, restoring them using traditional methods of craftsmanship. The Big Kitchen Restaurant will be open for visitors.

Pick-up: 11am at Shotfield, Wallington or 11-15 at Ruskin Road, Carshalton. Return 6 p.m.

Cost **£34** includes admission

Leader Jean Kirby 020 8669 5762 Mobile Phone (07748 781810)

Thursday 13 August 2020 - Battle Abbey

Battle Abbey is a partially ruined Benedictine abbey in Battle, East Sussex, England. The abbey was built on the site of the Battle of Hastings and dedicated to St Martin of Tours.

Explore the historic buildings and battlefields associated with the unprecedented events of 1066 which radically changed the history of this country.

In addition to some 11 rooms and chambers in the courtyard area, there are the Gatehouse, 16th Century Court House and St Mary's Church as well as a further 10 outdoor sites to visit.

Pick-up: 11am at Shotfield, Wallington or 11-15am at Ruskin Road, Carshalton.

Cost **£24** plus **£12** for non-English Heritage members.

Coach park is approx. 10-minutes walk from site. Return about 6 p.m.

Leader Phil Groves Mobile Phone (077100 549268)

Proposed date - Thursday 13 August 2020 - Allington Castle

John Nutley is Trip Leader

We have been unable to confirm a date as the "Kentish Lady" boat trip to Allington Castle is closed for the winter season. The boat trip is the only way to visit the castle.

The cost for the coach, boat cruise - with afternoon tea - to Allington Castle and return will be about **£60**, please indicate on the Booking Form if you will be interested - this will NOT be a commitment but only to indicate if we should continue with this proposed trip.

Website: kentishlady.co.uk/ALLINGTONCASTLE.html

Booking Form For 2020 Coach Trips

To:- Phil Groves, 2 Hilliard Court, Demesne Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 8EE
e-mail: phil_c_groves@yahoo.co.uk

My name is

'Phone No

I will be boarding the coach at **Shotfield**, Wallington..... .

I will be boarding the coach at **Ruskin Road**, Carshalton

I will be bringing a guest(s)

Guest name

Guest name

*I am interested in the indicated trips,
but do not wish to book at this time*

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

<u>10 June</u> Clandon Park & Hatchlands	(___ place/s) @£20*	£ _____	<i>Interested</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
(++) plus non National Trust members @£12		£ _____	
* please add extra £1 for any guests			

<u>10 July</u> Parham House	(___ place/s) @£34*	£ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
* please add extra £1 for any guests			

<u>13 August</u> Battle Abbey	(___ place/s) @£24* (++)	£ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
(++) plus non English Heritage members @£12			
* please add £1 for any guests			

September River Cruise to Allington Castle approximate cost £60+
I am interested in this trip YES / no

I enclose cheque payable to CADHAS TOTAL £ _____

If you require confirmation of your booking, please provide an e-mail contact

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or alternatively include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

NEXT OF KIN: Name

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