



Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

Our Centenary Year 1920 to 2020

Summer 2020 Newsletter

These are unprecedented times, not only for us as individuals, for each one has been affected in their own way, but as members of a Society over the one hundred years of its existence.

Never before have Committee's had to undo all the thought and effort they have undertaken on our behalf organizing the programme schedule, additionally our centenary celebrations, only to have them swept away. For all their efforts then and now, we thank them. Your Society has been here for us over the past century - we will be there for it when we can safely meet again, hopefully in the not too far distant future. Until then, go safely.

Bev Shew - President

Following the abrupt end to the 2020 Winter Programme in March the Programmes Committee has continued to work at planning ahead. We have worked not only on the inevitable changes and cancellations but are also optimistically planning for the Winter Programme 2020 and outline plans for Summer 2021. What activities we will be able to go ahead with does of course depend on health advice available at the time. It is important that we go ahead safely.

We are sorry to report that John Nutley has decided to retire from the programmes committee. John has served on the committee for a number of years and has organized some excellent trips and walks during that time. We will miss John's contribution to the committee and to the membership with his knowledge and organizational skills

We do of course hope that will continue to see him and Audrey at future CADHAS events. Thanks to John from us all for his hard work over the years.

We hope that the Winter programme 2020/2021 will go ahead as follows:

7th November Judie English Place names in the Landscape

5th December Bev Shew The Orphanage at Beddington

9th January Museum of the Home

6th February David Calow Roman excavations at Flexford and Godstone

7th March Mike Swaddlind on Clandon House Restoration

The outline of the Summer programme 2021 is the cancelled summer programme for 2020. We have yet to fix dates or to check that all the places we hope to visit will be open as usual. There will be more precise news to follow in the next newsletter. Our hope is that Summer 2021 will be as follows:

June Clandon House

July Parham House

August Battle Abbey

September Allington Castle

October The Centenary Tea

The May Weekend 2021

The trip to Yeovil cancelled in 2020 will be re-planned for 9th-11th May.

The Centenary Celebrations

One of our biggest disappointments is the cancellation of the celebrations of the Society's Centenary. After all, centenaries do not happen often! However, you will notice that although the Celebration Afternoon Tea has had to be cancelled for this year we are agreed that it will go ahead in 2021. If you have already purchased tickets we are arranging to send you a refund. We hope that, in spite of it being a 101-year celebration by then, members will feel able to support the event.

CADHAS Centenary Papers

As part of our Centenary Celebrations, the Society will launch a series of Centenary Papers at the first Winter Meeting of 2020/21. They will consist of articles on different aspects of local history and archaeology, written by members of the Society, and will be available both online and as paper copies. The online version will be downloadable from the CADHAS website; specimen copies of the paper version will be available for inspection at winter meetings, when members will be able to order them at cost and pick them up at the next meeting.

Our intention is to mark the launch with four papers, and to make more available as soon as each is ready. The first four are likely to be: *Sutton before the railway*, by John Phillips; *The Story of The Hilton (in Sutton)*, by Clive Orton [The Hilton was an old house in Sutton, demolished in the 1960s]; *Archery in Beddington Park*, by Bev Shew; and *The Ship "Carshalton Park"*, by Derek Bradford. We hope that you will enjoy reading these papers, show them to your friends, and use them as a way of encouraging them to join the Society. You may even like to write one yourself - just contact John Phillips or Clive Orton for advice.

We hope that you have all kept safe and well during the lockdown. You are no doubt missing the ability to travel widely and freely. There are online a number of attractions locally and nationally giving virtual tours and talks. These include the British Museum, The Royal Academy, English Heritage and many others. It is worth taking a look at the web sites. Download, watch and wish you were there. The website pastonglass.wordpress.com comes especially recommended by Clive Orton with stories of local people and places. So in the absence of real travel get googling or in the words of my grandson Tom whose answer to any often even a rhetorical question I pose is "you should search that up Nanny".