



Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

Our Centenary Year 1920 to 2020

Winter 2020 Newsletter

As 2020 with all its difficulties is drawing to a close we have much to look forward to. Of the over 55,000 who have gone before us we are survivors. Something truly to celebrate! As we move into the festive season and the New Year we must give thanks for what we have, ENJOY IT and look forward to when we meet again.

Seasons Greetings and every best wish,

Bev. Shew



Carshalton Ponds by Linda Wood

A Message from the Programmes Committee

Winter Programme January and February 2021

It has been decided that we will not hold the January and February meetings. We feel that it is unlikely that the Covid restrictions will be sufficiently eased by then for us to meet as a group of more than 30.

The Programmes Committee understand what a disappointment the cancellation of all this year's Winter Programme has been. We hope however that



The Greyhound by Linda Wood

the Spring and the development of vaccines will mean that we can soon hold our activities in the usual way. Despite having to cancel so much, the Programmes Committee continues to plan in the hope that we can at least have some summer activities, and possibly the March and April meetings in the Milton Hall. We will keep you up to date by means of the Newsletter, so watch for emails and posts.

May Weekend 8th-10th May 2021

John Thornton has accommodation booked at Yeovil, Somerset for the weekend, but has not been able to book and organize the coach transport or the visits to places of interest, which are currently closed. He will update the membership about this as soon as he has made progress.

Membership subscriptions for 2021

In view of the current Covid situation, and the fact that there have been no Society meetings or outings since March 2020, and will not be any until March 2021 at the earliest, the Executive Committee has decided to waive members' subscriptions for 2021. Any member who paid a subscription for 2020 will be deemed to have subscribed for 2021.

If you normally pay your subscription by cash or cheque, you need to do nothing.

If you normally pay by Standing Order, then you may either request a refund from the Treasurer, or you may regard your payment as a donation. This will avoid the need for you to cancel your Standing Order for one year and then reinstate it, which can be problematic.

St Mary's Church and Carew Manor By Marc Corrance



The Anniversary and the Website

The web site

The new page giving links our occasional papers and the new series of local history notes is, at the time of writing, almost finished and it should be launched on 27 November.

Most of the occasional papers will be downloadable as pdf files. The exceptions are due to copyright issues. Each occasional paper also has a link to Lulu so people can buy copies on line. Lulu will print these orders and ship them directly to the customer. They will also collect the money and pay the society a proportion. We have kept prices as low as possible as we feel that it is the Society's function as a charity to distribute information rather than make profits. We will nonetheless make a small margin on sales.

The Local history notes are too short for Lulu so they are just available for download. We will also be selling paper copies at meetings when they can be restarted.

New occasional papers and notes will be added as they become available. Several are currently in preparation and should be out next year.

We hope this will increase the use of our publication and raise the profile of the Society's work.

John Phillips



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The Society's Aims

The Carshalton and District History and Archaeology Society, originally called the "Carshalton Historical Society" and later called the "Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Society" was founded in 1920.

"... for the purpose of extending knowledge of local history; preserving objects of beauty and interest, whether natural or structural; placing archaeological finds in safe keeping; visiting places of interest and providing instructive lectures."*

**This refers to working with the authorities to preserve scenic or architectural beauty. The society does not have its own conservation facilities.*

These remain the aims of the Society.

What We Do Now

Local Excavations - Excavations are periodically carried out Carew Manor and its Gardens (under the direction of John Phillips) and St Philomena's School and All Saints Church (directed by Andrew Skelton, previously a member).

Conservation and Preservation - The Society's Research and Preservation Committee works to ensure the preservation of buildings of local interest and historical value and areas of scenic beauty. This committee has a representative on CAAGS (Conservation Areas Advisory Consultative Group Sutton) set up by the London Borough of Sutton. Planning applications within conservation areas are considered and recommendations made.