

# Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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## Spring 2018 Newsletter

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

### **Sutton Heritage Action Zone**

Central Sutton - the area immediately around the High Street - is likely to change a great deal in the next couple of decades. It is one of 11 centres identified for major development in the London Plan. There are 50 sites mostly within St Nicholas Way - Throwley Way ring road which are marked for development to provide over 5,000 new homes and some additional retail and commercial space. There is a tendency to write off the heritage of Central Sutton as irrevocably lost to past development. There is a certain element of truth in this - Sutton is not Carshalton and the High Street has lost almost all of its pre-Victorian buildings. However, a good deal of the Victorian street has survived including some very fine structures such as Barclay's Bank at the Cock Cross Roads. It would be a great pity to lose these and if we do the High Street is likely to become a somewhat clinical space of rather overwhelming modern buildings. Sutton's Victorian history may well be of more than local significance. It was distinctive enough, or perhaps trendy enough, to be gently satirised in George and Weedon Grossmith's *Diary of a Nobody* first published in 1892.

**Historic England** have created a scheme of Heritage Action Zones to try to improve the outcomes in situations where rapid development or economic is likely. Sutton Council put in a successful bid with the support of CADHAS for Sutton to become one of the first action zones. Consultants have been appointed and are carrying out a very thorough review of the building and landscape in and around the High Street which will inform future decision making. Another consultant is drawing an archaeological assessment of the area. A huge part of the archaeology of Central Sutton has already been destroyed and the main aim of the survey is to identify areas of likely survival and their possible significance. This should make it much easier to ensure key areas are archaeologically investigated before further development takes place. CADHAS has contributed local knowledge and help with surveying and data collecting. Cheryl Bailey and myself have also been researching the rather ill explored history of Sutton. The programme will continue until 2020 and will hopefully help reconcile development and conservation.

### **Saturday 3rd March Annual General Meeting**

(Starting at 2:45 p.m.)

Following the AGM John Phillips will give us a report on local issues in Sutton Area. John Thornton will then show photos of the 2017 May weekend and the outings we enjoyed last summer.

**Saturday 7 April 2018 (Talk Starting at 3 p.m.)**

## "Archaeology at Knole" by Nathalie Cohen

Nathalie is MOLA's (Museum of London Archaeology) Head of Community Archaeology and leads the award-winning Thames Discovery Programme. She has over twenty years experience in archaeology, working on projects including the Monuments at Risk Survey in the East Midlands, the Grimes London Archive Project and the Thames Archaeology Survey.

## **Thursday 7 June 2018 - Coach trip to Knole House**

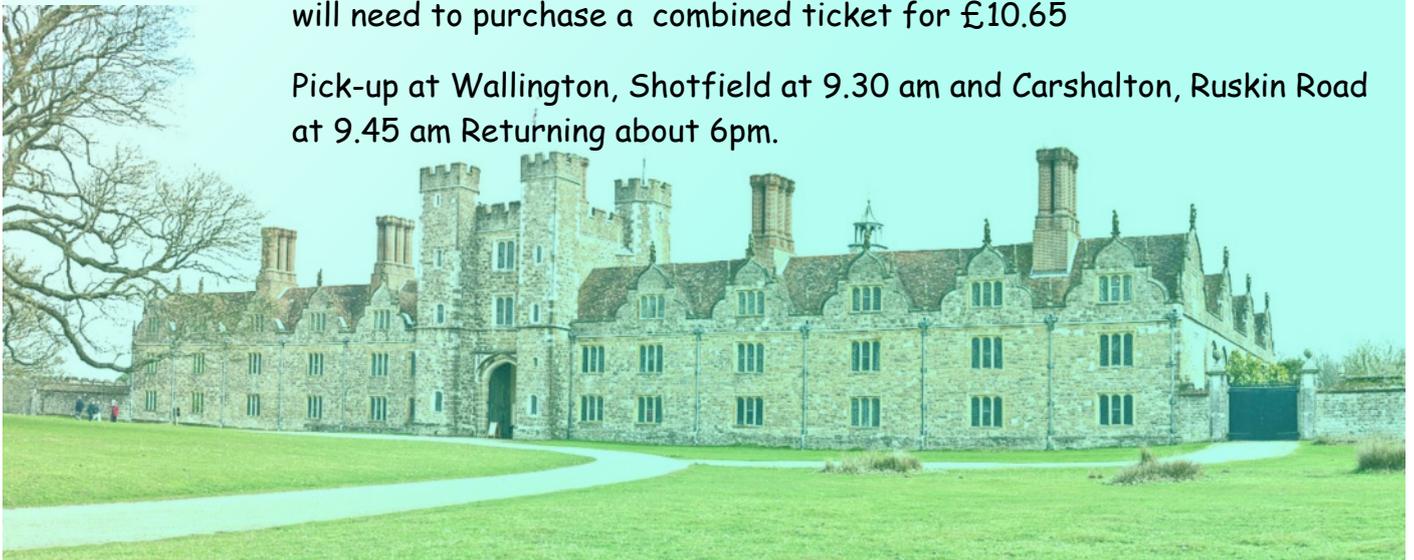
Leader: Jean Kirby. Mobile phone: 07748781810 on the day only.

This trip will take us to Knole, a National Trust property in Sevenoaks Kent, which has been owned by several generations of the Sackville family. There are a number of places to visit within the property and a combined ticket will give access to the Showrooms in the house, the Gatehouse Tower and the conservation studios; there is a cafe and shop. Members with limited mobility should be aware that the access to the first floor showroom can only be gained by 22 steps. Access to the Gatehouse Tower is by a steep and uneven spiral staircase.

Return coach - members £25.00, non members £26.00

Entry to Knole National Trust is free to NT members. Non NT members will need to purchase a combined ticket for £10.65

Pick-up at Wallington, Shotfield at 9.30 am and Carshalton, Ruskin Road at 9.45 am Returning about 6pm.



## **May Weekend: Scarborough, Saturday 12th to Monday 14th**

There are still places remaining for this May weekend holiday, which will be based in Scarborough, and will include visits to Woolaton Hall, Whitby Abbey, Castle Howard (via the North Yorks Steam Railway) and Lincoln.

The cost will be in the region of £195 per person (+£40 single room supplement).  
Contact: John Thornton 020 8647 2574.

## Wednesday 18 July 2018 - Coach trip to Chatham Dockyard

Leaders John Nutley (020 8688 3018)

Chatham Dockyard was a Royal Navy Dockyard located on the River Medway in Kent. Established in Chatham in the mid-16th century, the dockyard subsequently expanded into neighbouring Gillingham .

It came into existence at the time when, following the Reformation, relations with the Catholic countries of Europe had worsened, leading to a requirement for additional defences. For 414 years Chatham Royal Dockyard provided over 500 ships for the Royal Navy, and was at the forefront of shipbuilding, industrial and architectural technology. At its height it employed over 10,000 skilled artisans and covered 400 acres. Chatham dockyard closed in 1984.

Pick-up Wallington, Shotfield at 9:30 am or Carshalton, Ruskin Road at 9.45 am. Return approximately 6 to 6:30 pm.

Cost: members £40,



## Tuesday 7th August 2018 - Supreme Courts



The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom is the supreme court in all matters under English and Welsh law, Northern Ireland law and Scottish civil law. It is the court of last resort and the highest appellate court in the United Kingdom, although the High Court of Justiciary remains the court of last resort for criminal law in Scotland. The Supreme Court also has jurisdiction to resolve disputes relating to devolution in the United Kingdom and concerning the legal powers of the three devolved governments (in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) or laws made by the devolved legislatures. It is open for conducted tours in the summer.

Travel will be on a DIY basis and suggested routes will given in the next Newsletter.

**Cost of Tour £5 per person.**

## Monday 10th September 2018 - Coach trip to Mary Rose Museum

Leader Phil Groves (07710 549 268)

Cost £40

(£41 non-members)

Pickup Shotfield 9.30,

Ruskin Rd 9.45 .

Return around 6 to

6:30 p.m.

The Mary Rose was one of the largest ships in the English navy through more than three decades of

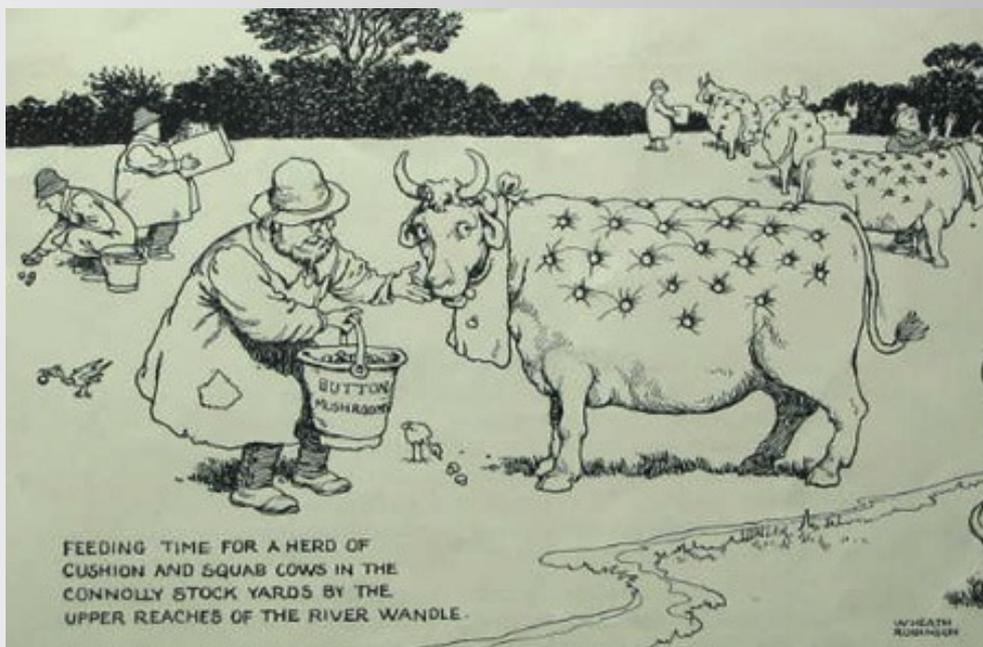


intermittent war and was one of the earliest examples of a purpose-built sailing warship. She was armed with new types of heavy guns that could fire through the recently invented gun-ports. After being substantially rebuilt in 1536, she was also one of the earliest ships that could fire a broadside, although the line of battle tactics that employed it had not yet been developed. Several theories have sought to explain the demise of the Mary Rose, based on historical records, knowledge of 16th-century shipbuilding, and modern experiments. The precise cause of her sinking is still unclear.

## Friday 19 October 2018 - Heath Robinson Museum

We will make our ways independently to the recently-opened Heath Robinson Museum in Pinner, meeting at Pinner station (Metropolitan Line) at 11 a.m., from where it is less than ten minutes' walk to the Museum. There will be details of several possible routes in the next Newsletter. Admission is £5 for over-65s. There is a café next door for coffee and lunch,

and after visiting the Museum you can enjoy the Pinner Memorial Park or visit Pinner Church in the High Street before heading for home in your own time.



FEEDING TIME FOR A HERD OF CUSHION AND SQUAB COWS IN THE CONNOLLY STOCK YARDS BY THE UPPER REACHES OF THE RIVER WANDLE.

For more information contact Clive Orton, tel. 020 8641 2003 or email [cliveorton@btinternet.com](mailto:cliveorton@btinternet.com).

# Booking Form For 2018 CADHAS Outings

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):-

7th June                      Knole                      (      place/s) @ £25 \* \*\*      \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Please add extra £1 for guests    \*\*Please add extra £10:65 for non NT members*

18th July                      Chatham Dockyard      (      place/s) @ £40 \*      \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Please add extra £1 for guests*

7th August                      Supreme Court              (      place/s) @ £5      \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*I understand this will be self-travel to London*

10<sup>th</sup> September      Mary Rose Museum      (      place/s) @ £40 \*      \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Please add extra £1 for guests*

I enclose cheque payable to CADHAS      **TOTAL**      .....      \_\_\_\_\_

If you require confirmation of your booking please provide an email contact or alternately include a stamped addressed envelope.

NEXT OF KIN: Name .....

Phone No .....