

Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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Spring 2021 Newsletter

Another year, another new beginning but admittedly not such a good start.

It is however a beginning not without hope; hope that the new vaccines will protect us from the worst of the pandemic and allow us to get back to living a relatively normal life and allow us to meet once again.

In the meantime, please encourage anyone with an interest perhaps to go into the website to find out more about the Society, to peruse the publications learning more about the areas in which we live, and perhaps to encourage them to become members in the future. We will meet again and we would welcome them.

In the meantime, we must remain patient, safe in the knowledge that though at the moment we cannot meet face to face, your Committees are still hard at work behind the scenes working towards the sharing of common interests, of learning, seeking to protect that which is around us and perhaps yet waiting to be uncovered, and particularly of meeting in the spirit of good fellowship that are the aims of the Society. We must be patient for that little while longer but we will meet again.

Beverley Shew President

We are sorry to have to tell you that Beryl Palmier died on 16 November 2020 just as the last newsletter was being printed. She and her late husband Alex were long-standing and very active members of the Society.

Beryl was president from 1994-6 and later a vice president. She and Alex bought the Society's presidential badges. She was publications and then publicity officer for considerable periods including dealing with the web site. She spoke at several Saturday meetings on Samian ware, Bhutan and Easter Island - the last two deriving from her and Alex's extensive travels. She took an active interest in our excavations and she wrote a history of the society which was published in 2010. Beryl was a principal G P at a local practice and was a person of great energy and cheerfulness, and she will be sadly missed.



Centenary Celebrations 1920—2020

We were unable to carry out most of our Centenary Celebrations in 2020 because of the covid pandemic, but we are trying to reactivate them for 2021. If an excuse is needed, we point out that as the Beddington, Carshalton and Wallington Archaeological Society was founded in November 1920, the Centenary Year can be said to extend until October 2021. We need to stress that all these events are provisional, and are subjects to any constraints that may be imposed if the pandemic continues throughout the year.

The main celebration for the existing membership will be the Centenary Celebration Tea, to be held at 3 pm on Saturday 2nd October 2021 at Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent. As well as the tea, provided and served by Edibles of Banstead, there will be short talks, and the results of the Heritage Treasure Hunt will be announced. We invite members to bring any photos or memorabilia they have of the society to share with us all. Photographs will be taken of the afternoon as our record for future years. Tickets can be obtained from Jean Kirby, email jeanyvonne@talktalk.net or phone 07748 781810, at a price of £20 per person (cheques payable to CADHAS, please)."

The Heritage Treasure Hunt will take place from 10th July to 15th 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 (if they are open by then), and in any case will 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 A series of special papers about various fascinating aspects of local history was launched in November 2020 which are available from the Society's website. More will be added from time to time.

Family Day The future of the Society depends on our ability to attract younger members. We had hoped with the help of Honeywood and the Museum of London to hold a family day in July 2020, but the COVID 19 restrictions meant the event had to be cancelled.

The hope is that we can hold this event as part of the Centenary Celebrations. The importance of interesting the wider community in the Society remains, and we are considering ways in which this event can be reorganized and held later in 2021.

Summer Programme

We regret that both the April talk and the June visit to Clandon Park have been cancelled. We hope to be able to reschedule them for the 2022 season. It has also been necessary to cancel the May 2021 weekend.

We are making provisional plans for the following outings, and hope that we will be able to implement them, although we shall not be certain until much nearer the time. If you are interested, please check the website or contact the relevant organiser, but not more than two months before the date of the outing.

Wednesday 14 July 2021 - Parham House and Garden, Pulborough, Sussex

There are no costs yet available for this outing but admission will include unguided entry to House and Garden. The house is privately owned and no concessions other than the group rate are available. Parham is an Elizabethan Mansion built in 1577.

The House is home to a collection of rare paintings, furniture and needlework. The gardens contain a walled garden, Pleasure Grounds and Parkland for picnicking and walking. Members should be aware that there is limited access to the House for wheelchair users and those with other mobility issues may be unable to access

the the upper floors of the House. There is reasonable access to the Garden areas.

Organiser: Jean Kirby, email jeanyvonne@talktalk.net or phone 07748 781810.



Battle Abbey (Date to be announced) August 2021



The Battle of Hastings, fought on 14 October 1066, is one of the best-known events in England's history, when William of Normandy defeated the army of King Harold of England. The battlefield owes its survival to William the Conqueror, who founded Battle Abbey on the exact spot where Harold died as penance for the bloodshed of the Norman Conquest. The abbey thrived as a Benedictine monastery for over 400 years, and after its suppression in 1538 the abbot's lodging was transformed into a grand country house.

Phil Groves, email phil_c_groves@yahoo.co.uk or phone 077100 549268.

Allington Castle and River Medway Cruise Mid September. This will be a river cruise from Maidstone followed by a guided tour of Allington Castle.

The castle is a 13th century medieval castle with an impressive Great Hall, surrounded by a moat and fronted by two lakes and set in beautiful gardens with formal ponds. Details of costs and times are not possible at present because of the lockdown but we expect a start time around 10:30 and a cost of about £60. The boat trip is the only way to visit the castle.

Brenda Allen, phone 01737 354690 or mobile 07731 781283



(Further details of these coach trips will be in the Summer Newsletter)

The programme Committee is looking for two new members to help with the planning and organisation of the winter programme of talks and the summer programme of outings. They would help by suggesting and discussing possible speakers venues, and (with help) organising one outing a year. This is an excellent way to contribute to the life of the Society. If you are interested, or would like to discuss the role, please contact Jean Kirby (jeanyvonne@talktalk.net or phone 07748 781810).

New publications and the website (www.cadhas.org.uk)

The new publications page on the website was completed at the end of November. The lockdown has had one good effect - I have found time to clear a backlog which has resulted in the completion of four archaeological reports as Occasional Papers. Derek Bradford has also finished his massive study of the mills of the upper Wandle. These are now on the web site along with nine local history notes which are all new. The Occasional papers are:

The Dovecote at Carew Manor, Beddington by John Phillips

The Mills of the Upper Wandle by Derek Bradford

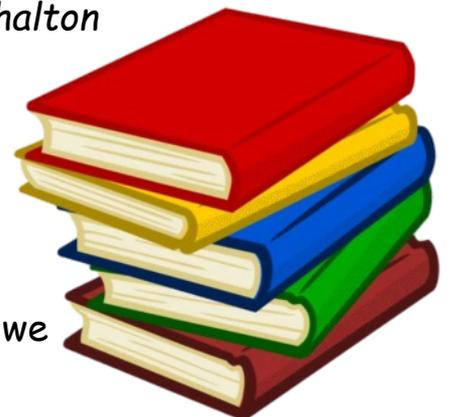
Honeywood, Carshalton: the site, the building and its owners by John Phillips

The Portioner's House, Beddington Park by John Phillips

Beddington Park and The Grange by John Phillips

The local history notes are:

1. *Sutton Before the Railway* by John Phillips
2. *The Story of The Hilton (in Sutton)* by Clive Orton
3. *Archery in Beddington Park* by Beverly Shew
4. *'Carshalton Park', West Indiaman, 1811 - 1853* by Derek Bradford
5. *The Chapel of our Lady St. Mary of Bullen, Carshalton Church* by Derek Bradford
6. *The Culvers: a lost Carshalton mansion* by Derek Bradford
7. *The Limes: a lost Carshalton mansion* by Derek Bradford
8. *Wallington Cottage, later Culverside: a lost Carshalton mansion* by Derek Bradford
9. *Family home, Hospital, School; the Story of Benhill House (later Benfleet Hall) in Sutton.*
Clive Orton.



Copies of all of these will be on sale at meetings when we are able to restart them.

John Phillips