



Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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Sutton HAZ (Heritage Action Zone)

It is often forgotten that the south end of the High Street between the Town Square and the railway station is a conservation area which was designated some time ago. This was an attempt to make the best of the Victorian shop fronts which are more attractive than other parts of the town centre. The whole High Street is now changing rapidly with towers under construction at the north and south ends and more building planned for the back-lands behind the shop fronts and the conservation area is now on the Historic England At Risk Register. Historic England have set up a programme of Heritage Action Zones. These have a dual role of trying to preserve the heritage and to use it to enhance the quality of areas undergoing development. They invited bids and Sutton's was the only successful one in London. CADHAS was a partner in the bid. Our aim is obviously to help preserve the conservation area.



The project will involve quite a lot of new research into the history and archaeology of Sutton. This will help inform the planning process but we should also end up with a much better understanding of the old village and how it changed into a suburb in the 19th and 20th centuries. help give Sutton a fuller history for the first time.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved please contact me on

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Or tel: 020 8643 9342.

Wednesday 12 July 2017 - Coach trip to Chiddingstone Castle, Kent

Leaders Jacky Oliver (020 8642 3875) and Phil Groves (07710 549 268).

Chiddingstone Castle is a historic house with Tudor origins. It was rebuilt in Victorian times to resemble a medieval castle. It contains a fascinating museum collection of art, artefacts and antiquities from ancient Egypt, Japanese art and craft, Buddhist artefacts and Stuart and Jacobean memorabilia, all amassed by the last owner of the property, Denys Eyre Bower. The newly opened Library houses an exhibition telling the history of the house and its former owners, the Streatfield family. You can also visit the usual domestic offices and servants' quarters. A must is to take a brief stroll across the wooden bridge over the lake to the



adjacent Chiddingstone hamlet, with its row of Tudor houses and St Mary's Church. In the grounds you can find the Grade II Orangery and the rose garden. There is a Tea Room in the old Buttery.

Pick-up Wallington, Shotfield, at 12 noon or Carshalton, Ruskin Road, at 12.15 p.m. Return approximately 6 p.m.

Cost: members £23, non-members £24.

Thursday 3 August 2017 - Coach trip to Arundel Castle

Founded in 1067, but extensively rebuilt and remodelled in the 18th and 19th centuries by the Dukes of Norfolk, the castle stands on a hill overlooking the town and the river Arun. The interiors feature rich furnishings and paintings, and in the grounds are the Fitzalan Chapel and a number of differently-themed garden areas. The entry price includes admission to the Arundel Museum, opposite the Castle Gate.

Pick-up at Shotfield, Wallington at 9.30 am and at Ruskin Road, Carshalton at 9.45 am.

Return to

Wallington/Carshalton at about 6 p.m.

Cost, including admission to the Castle, £35 (£36 for non-members and guests).



Monday 11 September 2017 - Coach trip to Polesden Lacey, Surrey

Leader Anne Darrington (020 8641 3446)

Pickup Shotfield 12.00, Ruskin Rd 12.15
arrive 1 p.m. Return around 6 p.m.

This opulent Edwardian house has much to offer, beautiful paintings, furniture, ceramics and jewellery. The Queen Mother spent her honeymoon there. Did she enjoy rolling down the big sloping lawns, walking the long grassy terrace overlooking the marvellous view over the valley or exploring the walled rose garden, orchard and borders?

There are lots to see here inside and out.

Cafe and shop. Wheelchairs available but must be booked in advance.

Cost CADHAS & NT members £15 Non-members CADHAS £16. Non-members NT add £10 entrance.



The Winter Talks

The winter talks programme will kick off with two talks from members of the committee. Our talks are held in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL and start at 3 p.m.

Saturday 4 November

John Phillips and Cheryl Bailey will be talking about Local Archaeology.

New light on old Sutton

Less is known about Sutton than any of the other old villages in the Borough. The Society is helping with a project - Sutton Heritage Action Zone - which aims to preserve and make the best of the conservation area at the top of the High Street and some of the other remaining Victorian buildings. Quite a lot of new research has been done which has changed our understanding of the history of the village and how it became a town.

Saturday 2 December

Richard Fitch, our Secretary, will be telling us about the history of Kenley Airfield.



Kenley Airfield played a prominent role in WW2 but its history goes back further. It came into existence during WW1 as an Aircraft Acceptance Park assembling aircraft parts manufactured locally, when they were complete they were flown over to France for the war effort.

Kenley is still an RAF airfield but it is only used for gliding. It is the most complete WW2 Fighter airfield in existence. Richard is the Chief Flying Instructor at the Surrey Hills Gliding Club which operates out of Kenley. He has been flying at Kenley since 1995.

Booking Form For 2017 Coach Trips

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):-

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| 12th July | Chiddingstone Castle | (| place/s) |
| 3rd August | Arundel | (| place/s) |
| 11th September | Polsden Lacey | (| place/s) |

I enclose cheque payable to CADHAS and stamped addressed envelope for return of receipt.

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