

Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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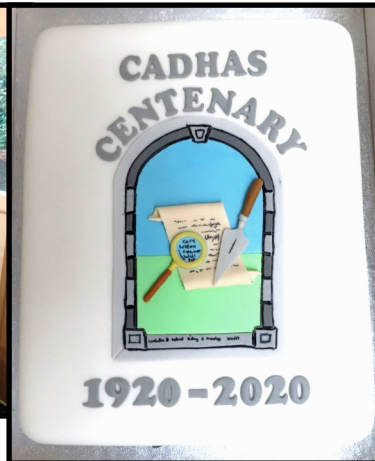
Autumn 2021 Newsletter

Centenary Tea

At last we were able to celebrate our centenary after not being able to last year because of covid.

The local Member of Parliament and Mayor of Sutton were able to join us for a very well organised event showcasing what we do and what we are planning to do.

We sat down to a delicious tea with a slice of cake expertly made for us and we toasted the future of our organisation.



Winter Programme

We are hoping that we can run the Winter Programme this year in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL. We look forward to welcoming members back for the programme of talks and the March AGM. Meetings start at 3 p.m.

Saturday 6th November Place-names in the Landscape

Speaker is Dr Judie English

The Saxon period is one often looked on as difficult to research but a large body of information is available in the thousands of place-names, most of which are derived from the Old English language. The philology of the individual names is complex and best left to experts, but use of the elements of the name to examine land use, settlement patterns, routes and, in some cases, features remaining from earlier periods can inform archaeological and local history research. These names are one of the few glimpses we get about how ordinary people saw the land around them.

Judie has had an interest in place-names for many years as part of the background to landscape studies and has published some research in the subject.

Saturday 4th December The Orphanage at Beddington

Speaker is Bev Shew current President of CADHAS.

Bev will present her extensive research and knowledge on the subject of this now gone institution that was part of the Borough for many years.

Royal Female Orphanage Project

St Mary's Church, Beddington has secured a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £209,600 for its project: *'Restoring and Celebrating the Art and Craftsmanship of St Mary's Church, Beddington'*, which aims to engage in urgent repairs on the building, and also increase community engagement with the church's rich heritage.

As part of this project, St Mary's will be collecting, sharing and preserving audio recordings of peoples' memories associated with the *Royal Female Orphanage*, located at Carew Manor from 1866 - 1939. The recordings will provide unique, personal and emotive insight into the history of the orphanage and accessible content for use in exhibitions, research and learning activities, as well as digital engagement. Updates about the project will all be publicised on our social media, and also via the church's website: <http://www.stmarysbeddington.org.uk>



Saturday 8th January 2022 at 3 pm Museum of the Home

Formerly the *Geffrey Museum*, is situated in the *Geffrye Almshouses* on Kingsland Road in Shoreditch, London. It explores home and home life from 1600 to the present day with a series of period room displays. In 2018 the museum had about 120,000 visitors annually. It has a cafe, a learning pavilion, a collections library and an events space.



Saturday 5th February 2022 at 3 pm

Roman Excavations at Flexford and Godstone The speaker is David Calow.

The area we now call Surrey was mostly rural in the Roman period but geophysics and metal detecting are shining a new light and showing wide-area, coin-rich Roman sites can be found in the countryside. David Calow, Honorary Secretary of Surrey Archaeological Society, will talk about some coin-rich Roman rural settlement sites in Surrey and South East England and suggest all may not be quite as the textbooks imply.



Silver denarius of Hadrian struck AD 119-122. One of over 900 Roman coins found in fields at Flexford near Guildford.

Saturday 5th March 2022 AGM at the slightly earlier time of 2:45

Saturday 2nd April 2022 at 3 pm.

Clandon Park

In April 2015 a fire broke out in the basement of Clandon Park, a Palladian mansion attributed to the renowned architect *Giacomo Leoni*. The fire caused catastrophic damage to a large portion of the mansion. Over the past 5 years the National Trust has been working to preserve what survived of the house and its collection, and to use this tragedy as an opportunity to discover more



The outing to Eltham Palace formerly billed as the "Mystery Trip" took place on 9th September. An unremarkable journey to the Palace in south east London. Through the Sutton suburbs to the M25 then taking the A20 through the Greenwich suburbs to the Palace. We spent a warm autumn afternoon looking at the Courtaulds Art Deco house a state of the art modern building in its time with appliances and luxurious comforts to match. Attached to the building is the Great Hall dating to medieval times. In the garden there was much to explore including well tended gardens, medieval ruins and the moat. There was of course a welcome stop in the property's Greenhouse Cafe and Garden.



Although it may seem a long time to next summer the Programmes Committee have outlined possibilities for Summer outings next year, but they may be subject to change.

June Clandon House and Hatchlands,

July Parham House near Chichester,

August Butser Ancient Farm,

September The Rural Life Living museum at Farnham and Waverley Abbey.

October Visit to the Museum of the Home.

All dates and details will be in subsequent newsletters. We are always open to suggestions from members about subjects and speakers for talks and outings.

We have two vacancies for the Programmes Committee so if anyone would like to join us you will be made welcome and receive lots of support for your ideas.

Post Winter Meeting Tea - We regret that due to lack of helpers to prepare, serve and clear away after the tea we are unable to provide refreshments after the November meeting. There is currently no Tea committee so unless we have some volunteers to help on a regular basis we will not be able to continue with this long standing tradition of the Society. We are of course keeping the situation under review



Family Event The Family Event to look forward and introduce a new generation to local history and CADHAS took place on the 5th August at Honeywood.

The theme of the event was Sutton, Past, Present and Future with an emphasis on changes over the last one hundred years. We had old maps for people to look at and find what was there before their house was built. An archaeologist on hand to identify any manmade object that might have been found in a Garden. A variety of objects from the past 100 years for people to hold and look at and a past present photo quiz. Additionally we had drawing and colouring in on the theme for the younger age group.

Unfortunately the event was not well attended. However those who did join in became very engaged with the topic and it was felt that despite the poor turn out it would be an event worth repeating at another time.