



Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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Summer 2022 Newsletter

The May weekend 2023

As members are no doubt aware the May weekend for 2022 has been cancelled as not enough people were wanting to join the trip.

The Programmes Committee have been thinking about future weekends. We wonder whether this traditional summer activity of CADHAS will remain something in which members will wish to participate in sufficient numbers. We need a minimum of 30 people interested in the trip. Whilst we are not looking at making a profit the Society would not be able to run the weekend at a loss so there is a minimum number of people who would have to sign up. The main threats to future trips are the increased cost of coach hire, and hotel accommodation. There may also be a continuing reluctance among the membership to travel in publicly shared transport for fear of Covid infection.

These are of course uncertain times for everyone and we would welcome members views about the future of the May Weekend. We are proposing to talk about this with members at the November 2022 meeting of the Winter season. However in the meantime we would welcome views from anyone who may have ideas and opinions about the future of the May weekend. Please email Jean Kirby on jeanyvonne@talktalk.net. Or you could write an open letter to the next Newsletter for publication there. This would enable other members to see your views and possibly agree with you or form their own opinions on the subject.

The Newsletter is the main way we members can keep in touch with each other and exchange views. The Programmes Committee want to organize activities that the membership want to participate in so views of individuals are vital to us in planning the programme. We do hope that members will get in touch with the committee in a way they are comfortable with. Apart from me Jean Kirby other committee members are John Thornton, Clive Orton, Phil Groves, Brenda Allen, and Jacky Oliver.

Please let us know what you think so that we have some views with which to start the discussion in November. We look forward to hearing from you.

Summer Programme

Tuesday 21 June 2022 — Michelham Priory

Michelham Priory is set on a picturesque island surrounded by England's longest medieval moat. The priory was founded by Augustinian canons in 1229, later becoming a country house for farming families, it housed evacuees from London and the Canadian Army during WWII. The house includes an interactive Victorian kitchen, a WWII evacuee's bedroom, Tudor kitchen, Prior's room and Undercroft. In its 7 acres of grounds are cloisters, kitchen and physic gardens, a historic watermill, a forge, an Elizabethan great barn, a dovecote and a replica Bronze Age roundhouse.

The house is owned by the Sussex Archaeological Society which is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. A café is available.

The coach will leave Shotfield, Wallington at 10am and Ruskin Road, Carshalton at 10:15am, returning about 6 pm. The cost is £35 per person which includes coach, entrance and tour of the house.

Leader is Brenda Allen

Phone 01737 354690, or mobile (on day only) 07731 781283.



There is still some availability for this outing.

Please phone Phil Groves on 07710 549268 if you would like to join us.

Thursday 28 July 2022 — Lewes Castle and Anne of Cleves House

We will visit both Lewes Castle and Anne of Cleves House. There is also an archaeological museum attached to Castle. Anne of Cleves House is a 10 minute downhill walk through a Park. We plan for the coach to pick us up from Anne of Cleves House at the end of the day. Both these venues are small but there is plenty of interest to see and the town of Lewes is a short walk for refreshments. Members with mobility or underlying health issues



that effect mobility should be aware that the site is very hilly and the stairs to the top of the keep are steep. We intend to be in touch with Banstead coaches about accessibility to Anne of Cleves House for the coach to help with transfers between properties and on departure for home.

The coach will leave Shotfield, Wallington at 11am and Ruskin Road, Carshalton 11:15am. The coach will leave Lewes (Anne of Cleves House) at 4:30 returning to Carshalton /Wallington about 6pm. The cost is £35 per person including the entry cost to both attractions. Leader is Phil Groves 07710 549268, booking by 4th July.

Wednesday 17 August 2022 — Butser Ancient Farm

Butser is situated on the South Downs, a few miles outside Portsmouth. For many years archaeologists here have experimented with ancient methods of farming, raising livestock and building houses. You can visit the results of their work, relating to the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods.

The coach will leave Shotfield, Wallington at 11.30am and Ruskin Road, Carshalton at

11.45am (note change of time from previous Newsletter). We plan to arrive at 1.30pm for a Lecture Tour at 2.00pm. Tea or coffee will be served on arrival. There should be time for light refreshments in the Visitor Centre before we leave at 4.00pm, returning home about 5.30pm to 6.00pm. We recommend that you bring a packed lunch to eat on the coach.

Confirmation of your reservations is required by 25th July. The cost is £40 to members, including the Lecture Tour and tea or coffee on arrival.

Leader is Clive Orton, phone 020 8641 2003 or 07948 842485.



Friday 16 September 2022 - Waverley Abbey & Rural Life Living museum Farnham



The rural life living Museum tells the story of the countryside with a unique collection of about 40 relocated historic buildings on a 10 acre site with its own arboretum. Within and around the buildings there are about 40,000 artefacts/implements/machines relating to rural life. The buildings offer plenty of shelter if it rains. Across the site are many secluded seats, a picnic area and the *Old Kiln Cafe* offering hot & cold food.

We plan to briefly visit Waverley Abbey en route to the Museum . The coach will leave Shotfield, Wallington at 10.30am & Ruskin Road, Carshalton at 10:45 am, returning at about 5:30 pm.

Confirmation of your reservations will be required by the 22 August. Cost members £31.50 .Leader Jacky Oliver 02086423875



Thursday 13 October 2022 — Museum of the Home, Hoxton

The Museum of the Home (formerly Geffrye Museum) is at Hoxton near Shoreditch, East London. We will meet at 11-15am at the Museum located directly adjacent to Hoxton station on the London Overground line. Hoxton is about 40 - 45 minutes on a 1/4-hourly service from West Croydon.

The Museum requires pre-booking for groups, and - although entrance is free - encourages a £5 donation.

If you plan to attend, please inform Phil Groves by Monday 3 October by email philcgroves@yahoo.co.uk or mobile 07710 549 268 that you plan to attend and are happy to make the £5 donation and I will make the necessary reservations and pay the accumulated donations.

After this closing date you will need to book directly with the museum
+ www.museumofthehome.org.uk

The Winter Programme 2022/3

Meeting are held in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL. The program planned so far is as follows:

5th November 2022 David Calow on the Roman Excavations at Flexford and Godstone

3rd December 2022 Mick Taylor of the Wandle Industrial Museum will talk about the Calico People of the Wandle Valley.

7th January 2023 Anne Sassin on Lidar. Lidar is a technique available to archaeologists. It uses airborne lasers to produce a 3-D map of the ground surface without any of the vegetation, such as trees. It can discover archaeological sites which would otherwise remain hidden e.g. in forests and can also highlight shallow earthworks which are very hard to see on the ground.

4th February 2023 Margaret Coombes will give a talk about The Architectural History of the Seaside.

4th March 2023 AGM and a look at activities of the Society over the past year.

1st April 2023 A talk about the history of Painshill 18th Century landscape Garden.

Local History Notes

We continue to add to our list of Local History Notes, which you can read or download from our website at cadhas.org.uk/publications. The latest additions are:

Local History Note 11: *The man who could weigh fog: John Switzer Owens of North Cheam* by Clive Orton

Local History Note 12: *The White House (in Cheam)* by Clive Orton

Local History Note 13: *The Belgian Refugees in Sutton, 1914-17* by Clive Orton.

For those who would prefer paper copies, they will be available at cost price at all our winter meetings, along with Notes 1 to 10.

Other Local History Notes are in preparation, so keep an eye open for them on our website and at the winter meetings.

Booking Form for 2022 Coach Trips

To:- Phil Groves, 2 Hilliard Court, Demesne Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 8EE

My name is

My e-mail:

Mobile Phone No (to receive text message): 07.....

Other telephone number

I will be boarding the coach at **Shotfield**, Wallington.....

I will be boarding the coach at **Ruskin Road**, Carshalton

Please book place(s) for me on the following outing(s):

** Note: there is a £1 additional administrative fee for guests who are non-Members of the Society*

21 June Mickleham Priory (___ place/s) @£35 £_____

Closing date for booking 16 May. I enclose my cheque for £_____ for this trip.
Cheques will NOT be banked until w/c 13 June

28 July Lewes Castle (___ place/s) @£35 £_____

Closing date for booking 27 June. I enclose my cheque for £_____ for this trip.
Cheques will NOT be banked until w/c 11 July

16 August Butser Ancient Farm (___ place/s) @£40 £_____

Closing date for booking 25 July. I enclose my cheque for £_____ for this trip.
Cheques will NOT be banked until w/c 15 August

16 September Waverley Abbey (___ place/s) @£31-50 £_____

Closing date for booking 22 August. I enclose my cheque for £_____ for this trip.
Cheques will NOT be banked until w/c 12 September

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