



# Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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## Autumn 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter where you will find details of our winter programme of talks. We meet in Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL at 3 p.m. and finish with tea and cakes. The Programme Committee have put together another interesting series of talks. Non-members are welcome at a cost of £3.

There are a number of challenges to our continuing Summer programme of outings. There is the uncertainty about rising costs of coach travel and the dwindling numbers of members who like to participate in outings. On the plus side most of the places of interest we like to visit are fully open and keen to welcome visitors.

This summer there have been three enjoyable outings to Michelham Priory in June, Butser Ancient farm in August and a visit to the Rural Life Living Museum Farnham and Waverley Abbey in September. The July outing to Lewes Castle and Anne of Cleves House was cancelled as there were not enough people to cover the cost of coach hire.

Despite all the uncertainties the Programme committee have begun outline planning of the Summer Programme. The proposals so far are:-

**28th June 2023** Proposed visit to Lullingstone Roman Villa followed by a visit to Lullingstone Castle, Church and World Garden.

The Visit to Lullingstone Castle would include a conducted tour of both the Manor House, Church and Garden.

**July 2023** Strawberry Hill House

**August 2023** Syon House and Garden

**September 2023** West Horsley Place and Church, A Grade 1 listed medieval manor house dating from 1425 set in an estate of great beauty.

**October 2023** We are exploring options for either the Musical Museum in Brentford or the London Transport Museum Depot. A visit to Headstone Manor in Harrow is also another possibility.

**John Nutley** The Programmes Committee were saddened to hear of the death of John Nutley. John was a long standing member of the Society and a long serving member of the Programmes Committee, contributing many good ideas and helping to organize outings. His good common sense helped keep our discussions on track. He is much missed at meetings, outings and around the committee table. We will miss him.

## Winter Programme

**Saturday 5th November 2022 at 3 p.m.**

### Roman Excavations at Flexford

David Calow director of the Excavations of a Roman site at Flexford near Guildford Surrey will give a talk about the excavations there.

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.

Flexford has been excavated over a number of seasons and has produced a wealth of evidence about Roman activity there. Roman blacksmiths' hearths, pottery, flints, debris and human and animal bone fragments as well as evidence of buildings are among some of the finds.

**Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 3 p.m.**

### The Calico People



Mick Taylor of the Wandle Industrial Museum will give a talk about The Calico People of the Wandle Valley

The talk covers the history and heritage of the textile industry of the River Wandle. It looks at a selection of the people involved in the industry from the Mauvillian family to William Morris. It also explores the influence of the Huguenots in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. The talk will also cover some of the methods used in production of calico and the patterns.

The textile industry along the Wandle Valley was in existence for over 250 years. Over this period there were a number of noticeable families and

individuals involved in its growth and decline. Starting with the influx of the Huguenot refugees from France and Holland bringing with them Peter Mauvillian who established one of the first calico print works at Ravensbury.



**Wandle Industrial Museum**

**Saturday 7th January 2023 at 3 p.m.**

**The uses of Lidar in archaeology by Anne Sassin**

Lidar is a technique available to archaeologists. It uses airborne lasers to produce a 3D 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.



**Lidar Picture of Beddington Park**

**Saturday 4th February 2023 at 3 p.m.**

**Painshill The Story of a Landscape**

Graham Dash will speak about this well known attraction of the past and present situated off the A3 at Cobham. Graham will talk about the original creation of this 18th Century landscape as a visitor attraction, its decline and its restoration in the 20th century to its former glory which can be visited and appreciated today.



### **Local History Notes**

We have now published sixteen Local History Notes, and there may be more over the winter. Please come and browse them at a winter meeting, you are almost certain to find a topic or two that will interest you. You can then either download your chosen Note(s) from [cadhas.org.uk/publications](http://cadhas.org.uk/publications), or if you prefer you can order paper copies from us at the cost of printing, and collect them at the next meeting.

Clive Orton

**4th March 2023 (at the slightly earlier time of 2:45 p.m.)**

Our AGM and a look at activities of the Society over the past year.



**1st April 2023 at 3 p.m.**

**The Architecture of the Seaside -Piers,Proms,Pavilions :designing the Seafront**

Margaret Coombes, a past president of CADHAS, will give this final talk of the winter season.

As another Winter Season draws to a close Margaret will help our thoughts turn to the great British seaside and its many delights. Seaside resorts were developed around the coastal fringes and the border between land and sea was defined by an amazing array of manmade structures. Novelty was often a guiding force. Margaret will look at a variety of buildings that developed to attract visitors and ensure their enjoyment of the seaside.

## **May Weekend 2023**

As members are aware the weekend planned for May 2022 did not take place as too few people wanted to take part.

John Thornton is willing to run the tour planned for 2022 in 2023 if there is enough interest. We would like to discuss this further with the membership and plan to do so at the first meeting of the Winter season in November. We only received one communication from a member following our request for views in the last newsletter. If you wish to contact any member of the programmes or executive committees to express your view privately then we would welcome your comments about the future of the weekend away.

## **A Summers Day Outing**

A description from Jacky Oliver about the September outing she organised to Waverley Abbey and Rural Life and living Museum Farnham. It shows the content and enjoyment of a trip the Programmes Committee typically try to organize. We include it in the Newsletter to hope that it may encourage more members to join our trips.

"After a pleasant walk across fields to the spectacular remains of the 13th century Cistercian Abbey we made our way to the Rural Life and Living Museum. This has more than 30 historic structures spread across the 10 acre site. We were given clear maps of the site with good helpful notes about each building/exhibit. The buildings and their contents brought back many happy memories of yesteryear.