



Carshalton & District History & Archaeology Society

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Spring 2024 Newsletter

The talks are held in the Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, off Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL and will start at 2:30 p.m.

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Dear Friends,

We are well into enjoying our winter programme and it's a delight to see so many of you each month, and to welcome guests to Milton Hall.

Though in this chilly winter it does seem a long way ahead, your Programme Committee have compiled a varied and interesting series of summer outings, some of which tie in with the series of lectures we have already enjoyed. As ever, much thought has gone into presenting the programme and your support for these outings is not only very much appreciated but essential to maintain their viability.

We have replaced the May holiday weekend with an additional talk on our local lavender fields.

Thank you.

Bev Shew (President)

Saturday 2nd March at 2:30 p.m. AGM

This will be our Annual General Meeting where officers will be elected for the coming year. We will also look back over the last year's activities and show some pictures of the summer outings that we enjoyed.

Spring Programme

Saturday 6th April 2024 at 2:30 p.m. Smallhythe

Nathalie Cohen will present the results of the most recent season of excavation at the National Trust property Smallhythe, which lies on the Kent/Sussex border.

Over 3 weeks in August 2023 a team of over 100 volunteers working with professional archaeologists from Archaeology South East, Museum of London Archaeology and Historic England explored the Roman, Medieval and Post Medieval past of this now tiny riverside settlement. They revealed lost buildings and routeways, evidence for Medieval ship building and artefacts which will help to tell the stories of those who lived here before us.



Saturday 11th May at 2:30 p.m. Carshalton Lavender

Paula Bailey will talk about the Carshalton Heritage Lavender Project.

Carshalton Lavender is a not-for-profit community project that manages 3 acres of lavender in Carshalton Beeches, Surrey. This area was once famous as "the lavender capital of the world", and we work to keep the heritage of local lavender alive for current and future generations. Every year we open the field to the public at our annual harvest weekend in July.

Around 1900, blue fields could be seen across Wallington, Carshalton, Waddon and Sutton. The area was famous for its lavender and helped companies such as Yardley build an international reputation.



In 1996, the Local Lavender Scheme was established on the site by local environmental charity BioRegional, with the London Borough of Sutton, Downview Prison and sponsorship from several sources. The Scheme aimed to restore the world-famous lavender industry of Carshalton and Mitcham.

Summer Programme



Tuesday 4th June, a cruise along the Wey and Arun Canal

A two hour cruise along the a restored section of the Wey and Arun Canal through the Sussex countryside going through locks, starting at Loxwood near Billingshurst. A cream tea will be served during the cruise.

The Wey and Arun Canal Trust has an information Centre at the wharf where the cruise starts, and there is a toilet.

It is expected that the coach will arrive at Loxwood just after midday leaving time for a picnic or to have lunch at the Onslow Arms Pub, beside which the cruises start, before the cruise at 2pm. Please indicate on the booking form if you intend to eat at the pub. The coach will leave Loxwood at 4:30 p.m.

The coach will leave Shotfield Wallington at 10:30 am, Ruskin Road Carshalton at 10:40am and The Quadrant Sutton at 10:50am

The cost is £58 per person, which includes coach, cruise and cream tea. Group Organiser is Brenda Allen phone 01737354690 or mobile (on day only) 07731 781283

Wednesday 24th July

Smallhythe Place and Sissinghurst Castle Gardens

Smallhythe Place is a small early-16th-century house, which Natalie Cohen will tell us about at our April meeting. It was home to the Victorian actress Ellen Terry from 1899 to 1928. There is also a beautiful cottage garden, and a theatre in the 16th - century thatched barn, with Ellen Terry's theatrical collection.

Sissinghurst was a working farm until the 1930s, when it was purchased by Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicholson, who created the world-famous gardens.

The coach will leave Shotfield at 10.00am, Ruskin Road at 10.10am and The Quadrant, Sutton, at 10.20am. We plan to arrive at Smallhythe Place at 11.30am, with time for a lunch break before we leave at 1.30pm. We should arrive at Sissinghurst at 2.00pm, where we have two hours to enjoy the gardens, with a tea break before we leave at 4.30pm, returning home about 6.00pm.

The cost to members is £59 with a reduction to £32 for members of the National Trust

Group organiser is Clive Orton, tel. 020 8641 2003, mobile 07948 842485.



Thursday August 15th Amberley Museum

The site occupied by the Museum was formally the Amberley Chalk Pits with its quarries, kilns and associated building. The site is now a major open-air museum contains an amazing number of different attractions. It has a Southdown Bus Garage with vintage buses, a fire station, a garage, a print shop, a wood turning shop, a narrow gauge railway. There is a telephone exchange, a display of old televisions and radios, the Milne electrical collection, a pottery workshop and even a bag menders workshop. The on-site Limeburners café serves food and drinks.

You can ride in a vintage bus around the site and travel on the quarry railway.

The cost will be between £45 and £50 to include coach hire and entry to the museum.

We are unable to determine the exact cost at present as the museum is currently closed.

The organisers are Phil Groves 077105 49268 and Jacky Oliver 0208 642 3875



Friday September 20th Ham House

Ham House is a Stuart Mansion on the Banks of the River Thames in Richmond. It was built by the Duke and Duchess of Lauderdale who transformed the house into one of the grandest of the Stuart era. The house contains a unique collection of cabinets, artworks and textiles. The 17th century garden surrounding the House has been largely restored and includes a productive kitchen garden.

There is a cafe and shop and plenty of space to picnic in the garden if you so wish.

Cost to members of National trust is £25 and to non members of National

Trust is £39.00. The coach will leave Shotfield, Ruskin Road and The Quadrant Sutton; the times will be announced in the next newsletter.

Organiser Jean Kirby
02086695762 or mobile
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First Booking Form for 2024 Coach Trips

To:- Phil Groves, 2 Hilliard Court, Demesne Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 8EE
e-mail: phil_c_groves@yahoo.co.uk

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

I will be boarding the coach at **The Quadrant**, Sutton

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

Tuesday 4 June - Wey & Arun Canal cruise (___ place/s) @£58 £_____

Closing date for booking **7th May**

I have viewed the LUNCH menu at Onslow Arms, Loxwood (onslowarmsloxwood.com) and am interested in having a meal (this will allow us to advise the venue of potential numbers)

I will bring a PACKED LUNCH

This trip includes a **Cream Tea** – please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.

I enclose my cheque for £ _____ for this trip. Cheques will NOT be banked until w/c 27 May

Wednesday 24 July - Smallhythe Place & Sissinghurst Castle (___ place/s) @£59 _____

for **National Trust members** the cost is **£32-00** (___ place/s) @£32 _____

Closing date for booking **26th June**

I enclose my cheque for £ _____ for this trip. Cheques will NOT be banked until w/c 1 July

Thursday 15 August - Amberley Museum cost to be advised

Closing date for booking **18th July**

Friday 20 September - Ham House cost to be advised

Closing date for booking **22nd August**

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