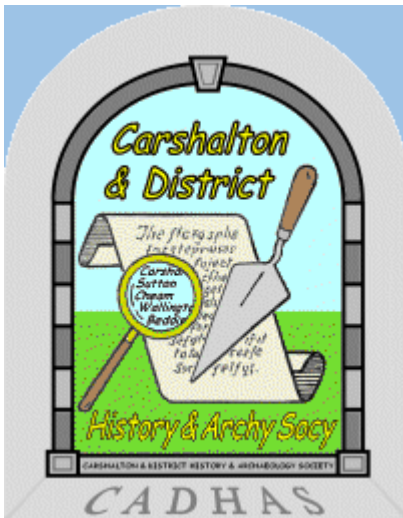




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Autumn 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter which has details of the winter talks that our Programmes Committee have put together. All talks are held at Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, Carshalton SM5 2DL and start at 2:30 p.m. Non members are most welcome to join us at a cost of £3. This includes tea and cake after the talk.

Saturday 1st November 2025

A Talk by Lydia McCutchen on The National Churches Trust:

Churches and Church building from Waterloo to the present.

The National Churches Trust in its current form was established in 2007 but its roots go back to 1818. It is the UK's leading charity for supporting church buildings of all Christian denominations and now also cathedrals. Over two centuries the organization has built or improved thousands of churches, addressing widespread church decay after WW2. Lydia will talk to us about the history of the national churches trust and how today it funds urgent repairs and improvements, advocates for public and government support to help keep churches open as essential community spaces. The trust argues that their preservation is not just a heritage issue but a national priority.



Saturday 6th December 2025

A talk by Beverley Shew

Mansions and Millionaires in Beddington in the 19th Century

Bev Shew, our immediate past president, will give this talk about the history of Beddington village in the 19th century.



Saturday 10th January 2026

The Gardens at Carshalton Park and Bromley Common

A talk given by Andrew Skelton

While working on an article about Thomas Scawen Carshalton Park and its famous Grotto, created in the 1720s the speaker came across some important new evidence which securely linked Carshalton with a forgotten garden in Bromley. Remarkably, some of this garden survives, and in this talk evidence for the two contemporary gardens are compared, allowing for a better understanding of both.



Saturday 7th February 2025

A talk by Gillian King

Recent Archaeological Discoveries in London and the South East

The Speaker Gillian King is currently Director of Archaeology at RPS-Heritage based in the City of London, spending most of her time in recent years as archaeological consultant to the Houses of Parliament.

She has over 25 years experience as managing and planning archaeologist for archaeology and built heritage projects in London. Gillian has had a long career in various roles with MOLA and with Historic England (GLASS) for various London boroughs, prior to which she had experience as a digging archaeologist in London and greater London. Thus Gillian is well placed to talk to us about a range of recent archaeological discoveries London, Surrey and the South East

Saturday 7th March 2025 Annual General Meeting



There will be a review of events and activities since the last AGM as well as an update from John Phillips about local Heritage issues.

Two of the places we visited this year. **Above** is Bentley Priory which we visited during August; and **left** is Scotney Castle in Kent when we picked a good day to visit in September.



Saturday 11th April 2026

A talk by Jacqui Pearce

Tavern Trade and Daily life in post Medieval Bermondsey

This talk focuses on a remarkably rich and varied assemblage of 17th and 18th Century artefacts excavated on a site in Tanner Street in 2012. Covering a wide spectrum of activities ,occupations and levels of society, these include ceramics ,glass ,clay tobacco pipes, pewter, copper alloy, wood, leather bone and ivory, with objects as diverse cloth seals, spoons, book mounts, wine bottles and glasses ,bird feeders and a mallet for playing pall mall and sources ranging from the English Midlands to the Far East

Saturday 9th May 2026

Details of this talk will follow when we will be able to confirm the availability of the speaker.

Summer Programme 2026

Next Summer we will be organising two outings.

June 2026

A visit to Godington House near Ashford in Kent.



July 2026

We are hoping to re arrange our visit to Dorney Court which members may recall was cancelled by the venue this year.



Please see the next newsletter for further details.