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### Chairman's View

I am looking out on my rather sad garden, thinking will this be enough rain to help the recovery rate? I think many of us who are fortunate enough to have a garden will be doing the same currently. Winter seems a long way away at the moment. The last six months of relatively normal business has seen our members growing in confidence enough to attend the live talks again, but the zoom talks are still popular – most pleasing.

The newsletter gives me the opportunity to thank all the committee members for keeping us all going, but especially also to Liz and Alison for keeping us refreshed at the live meetings, and to Jacqui for her technical help in the visual and audio presentations at Crossways.

Gwen Wood – Chairman

### Summer outing June 2022- The Weald and Downland Living Museum

...proved a great day out for us all, partly due to great weather but mainly to the amazing volunteers of the museum who were so friendly and so generous in sharing their skills and knowledge. We all had different favourite bits – the lunches at the lovely café or personal picnics; the folk songs performed under the shade of a huge oak; different eras of life; the gardens reflecting particular eras; the amazing skills and crafts demonstrated – and of course enjoying the relaxing coach journey and scenery.






It was a bonus to see a feisty Dorking Cockerel looking after his hens too




Thank you, Garry for organising such a successful day out

### Balloon Debate – Why not join us?



## BALLOON DEBATE

*Four famous people in a hot-air balloon plummeting to earth... Who will survive? You decide!*



**Wednesday 19th October 2022 - 7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
**Betchworth Park Golf Club, Dorking RH4 1NZ**

**Tickets just £15 each, including excellent buffet supper**

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**To book tickets, please go to [www.dorkingsociety.org.uk/events](http://www.dorkingsociety.org.uk/events)**

### Lewis Carroll Walk, May 2022



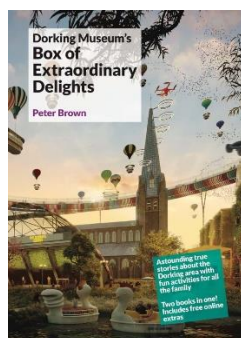
Gavin Dulley led another interesting walk for us around Guildford, on a warm, sunny May afternoon. Guildford Borough has many reminders of his work re Alice in Wonderland. He was a frequent visitor having bought a house for his sisters in Guildford.



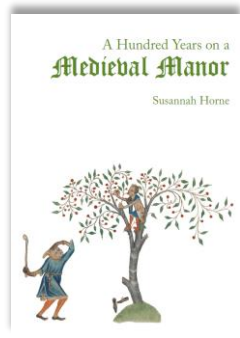
The final climb up to the Mount is where we were able to pay our respects to the author and mathematician's memory.



## Two New Brilliant Books



and



**Local Family Activities**  
**£10**

**Dorking 1280 -1380**  
**£9**

Available at Dorking Museum,  
Or online from Dorking Museum website

## Museum News

The Museum's autumn exhibition, opened on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, is presented by Surrey Wildlife Trust as part of their Heritage Lottery Funded **Hedgerow Heritage** project.

The exhibition traces the history of hedgerows in Britain and their impact on the landscape and the rural trades and practices associated with them. It includes visuals and traditional hedging tools. The project aims to prevent further decline in

hedgerows in the Surrey Hills and the loss of wildlife habitat. SWT will also host practical sessions to demonstrate hedging techniques on selected dates during the course of the exhibition.

The spring exhibition, will run from January and traces the history of the charity **Sight for Surrey** which was founded in the aftermath of the First World War with Lord Ashcombe of Denbies as its President. It will be celebrating its centenary supporting visual and hearing impaired people throughout Surrey.

## Surrey Local History Symposium

**Saturday 8 October 2022**

9.55 am to 3.30 pm

**Poverty:** "You have the poor with you always"

at Surrey History Centre  
130, Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey  
GU21 6ND

Please book online at  
[www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events/all/list](http://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events/all/list)  
Tickets at £15.00. (£18.00 on the day)

## Autumn Programme

The programme of 'real' talks and zoom talks for the next six months is enclosed with this mailing. Members will receive emails with any programme changes, 'extra' talks and zoom links. Remember to register for each ZOOM talk you wish to 'attend'.

We will welcome any comments, suggestions, or links to any speakers that you feel would make an interesting evening. Contact Garry via  
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## Membership

We welcome the following new members:

**Marion Woodward**  
**Sally & Terry Lowe**  
**Mary Holford**  
**Gill Todd**  
**Tanya Booth**

**Abigail Bok**  
**Deborah Lewis**  
**Christine Cutler**  
**Felicity Walker**  
**Pat Reynolds**

We remember those we lost this year with fondness:

**Beryl Higgins**  
**Jan Spencer**  
**Peter Watson**

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