

Spring 2022 No. 47

As we move into spring, I am hoping for a year that is a bit more 'normal'. Live talks are back, though we should all be sensible about our safety. I am looking forward to a couple of DLHG outings this year. First in the calendar is a walk in Guildford featuring Lewis Carroll (Charles Dodgson) in May. Then we have the coach outing to the Weald and Downland Museum in June.

Any members who pay us annually, please use bank transfer if you can. This actually saves us money now as we are charged for each cheque and any cash paid in or out!

Dorking Society History Group 40 19 22 61463837 **Thank you!**

The AGMs of the previous two years have been by email comments only. However, I am hoping we will actually have one this year – albeit hopefully brief and followed by a talk. I am so pleased that we have been able to continue through these adversities, thanks to the commitment of the committee members. Thanks also go to Liz and Alison who are back providing us with refreshments at the live meetings.

Lastly any contributions for Dorking History 2022 will be welcome – deadline end of July to Jim Docking; and if anyone wishes to join us on the committee please do say so.

Gwen Wood - Chairman

Outings of 2021

Shere - a popular film location







This popular outing resulted in two events – I went to the second one on 25th July. It proved to be a bit of a challenge as about 2/3rds of the way through the heavens opened and the walk was cut short in order to find shelter. Nevertheless, it was an interesting walk around one of the prettiest Surrey villages, albeit a very wet one! The village benefits from location fees from the very many films which use it. Of note: one of the earliest films dates 1899 – a documentary: Fire Brigade turn out in the country. Other notable films include The Reunion 1985, starring Deborah Kerr and Robert Mitchum; The Holiday (2006) with Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz, Jude Law and Jack Black; The Bridget Jones films; The Professor Brainstorm films; and on and on. Locals often star spot, and get used to artificial snow covering the village out of season.





Godalming's Links with Titanic

This walk occurred on an ideal day weatherwise in October. It was lead, as was the Shere walk, by Gavin Dulley, who always manages to raise a few laughs while giving us all excellent information.









Gavin took us through John George Phillips, known as Jack, short life ending as Senior Wireless Operator on the Titanic in 1912. We enjoyed the beautiful Phillips memorial park, which evolved under the guidance of Gertrude Jekyll and followed various venues that were key in Jack's life. We finished by having refreshments in the sun by the river Wey.

May/June 2022 Outings

We are now taking bookings for our Coach tip to the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum on Thursday 16th June (tickets £22), and also for our "Lewis Carroll" walk around Guildford on Sunday 8th May (tickets £7). If you'd like to come to either / both, please contact Garry on 07751-468948, or garrypaulbrooks@gmail.com.

Spring 2022 Programme

The programme for the next six months is enclosed with this mailing. Members will receive emails with any programme changes, 'extra' talks and zoom links. We are currently alternating live talks with a zoom each month.

Remember to register for each Zoom talk you wish to 'attend'. It is important you do this early as these talks have become very popular, but we will give members priority in attending.

Surrey Archaeological Society Annual Symposium 2022

9TH APRIL 2022 10:00 – 17:00 ASHTEAD PEACE MEMORIAL HALL Programme includes:

'Recent finds from Surrey'

'Folklore of Surrey'

'Barn Elms: going to town on an Iron Age Oppidum'

'Recent archaeological work in Southwark and a statue mystery'

'Chertsey pottery site'

'Badshot Lea Moated Site – a case for scheduling?' 'Searching for Roman rural settlements in Surrey'

Online booking is now open via the website - pay by credit card via Paypal. Price £12 per person.

www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk

Financial Report 2021

Included is a copy of the accounts for the calendar year 2021. At the time of writing, the accounts had not yet been examined by the Dorking Society's examiners Cheeld Wheeler and Co of Reigate; an update will be made at the AGM.

The accounts show a healthy surplus of £452. Whilst we returned to face-to-face meetings at Crossways, there was a credit from the previous year as there were no hall hire costs. There has been an increase in the number of membership fees and book sales. The costs of speakers, printing and postage increased.

Alan Loryman - Treasurer

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on the first of January each year and remain unchanged currently. Paying by standing order cuts down on our work considerably. It also eliminates the member having to remember to make a bank transfer in January. Bank details are on the front page.

Alternatively, cheques can be sent to the Membership Secretary, **June Mills**, **at the address below**, but we are charged for each cheques processed now.

Membership

We welcome the following new members:

Susan Goodwin
Susan O'Brien Barnard
Mike & Jackie Hulton
Rob Mitchell
Sybil Speed
Martin Grossel

We remember the following members with fondness:
Brian Cheesman
John Wickham

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