

## The Dulwich Society

Minutes of the 161<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Local History Sub-Committee: 13 September 2022.

**Present:** Ian McInnes (Chair), Sharon O'Connor (host), Julia Atkins, Duncan Bowie, Gavin Bowyer, Brian Green, Steve Hicks, Bernard Nurse, Kenneth Wolfe.

**Apologies:** Patrick Darby, David Natzler

*Minutes of the meeting on 14 June 2022 were approved.*

- 1. Matters arising:** our mission statement was described as 'concise and reading very well'.
- 2. Sub-committee members: notification of interests:** none notified.
- 3. Enquiries received:** the audio post was featured on the manufacturer's website. A second post near Cox's Walk could cover Cox's Walk, the Dulwich Volunteer battalion, Dr Glennie's Academy & Dulwich Woods: Sharon will draft a proposal for a post to commemorate the Society's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sharon and Kenneth were interviewed by Herbie Russell of Southwark News about the post cart. Sharon was interviewed by Sidra Faroukh, a journalism student, about our Twitter account.
- 4. Talks, walks:** Zoom talks resume next month: October is Patrick Humphries on Dulwich's musical past, November is Brian on the decline of farming and the rise of sports clubs and December is Ian on Georgian Dulwich. We need to 'balance the books' to give Bell House a fairer share of our talk proceeds. Sharon will circulate a note on beneficiaries. Duncan offered talks on interwar Labour politicians, social and sexual reformers, and post war MPs. Duncan will speak on Dulwich Radicals to the Blackheath Society. Possible blue plaque nominees are George Brown (77 Court Lane); Margaret Thatcher (Hambleton Place); Stanley Watkins, instrumental in putting sound into films such as the Jazz Singer (Burbage Rd); John & Alice Harris, anti-slavery campaigners (East Dulwich Grove); Dorothy Akerele, jazz musician (Rosendale Rd); Frida Knight (Alleyn Pk). The Concrete House has been proposed for a blue plaque; the other houses along Belvoir Rd are also concrete
- 5. Journal articles, forthcoming publications:** Brian retires as editor in March, the Society is looking for a replacement. Sharon and Ian are preparing articles; Gavin will write on Dulwich geology including four deep boreholes and local fossils. Brian invited research into Barry Road and churches eg St Clement's. Brian to get a costing for 2,000 burial ground leaflets for exec committee approval.
- 6. Members' research/outcomes of current research:** Julia is halfway through researching the East Dulwich 'flatiron'. Brian is researching a criminal case featuring an East Dulwich Sri Lankan doctor.
- 7. Additions to Southwark's Local List:** we need recommendations (which can include things like boundary markers) especially in East Dulwich. The criteria and map are [here](#). Please give suggestions to Ian (current list with his additions attached), he is co-ordinating for the Society. Please vote (a 'thumbs up'), especially in East Dulwich, as only the most popular structures will be added to the list.
- 8. Court rolls:** Brian is writing more on the court rolls. LMA has parish records from 1550.
- 9. Information boards:** the Dulwich Library board is with Southwark Council for approval. We have heard nothing on the Dulwich Common board.
- 10. Any other business:** we have contributed to a plaque to Francis Peek which will be installed on the Francis Peek Centre in Dulwich Park at 11am, Saturday 15 October. All welcome to attend. Brian was asked to write more on the Dulwich Club but there isn't much material, though the club is still going.
- 11. Next meeting dates:** 13 December 2022, 14 March 2023, 13 June 2023