

The Dulwich Society

Minutes of the 163rd meeting of the Local History Sub-Committee: 13 June 2023.

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

Apologies: David Natzler, Patrick Darby, Stephen Hicks, Bernard Nurse

Minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2023 were approved.

- 1. Matters arising:** none.
- 2. Sub-committee members: notification of interests:** none notified.
- 3. Enquiries received:** see below.
- 4. Talks, walks, Dulwich Festival:** Duncan's walks on Social Reformers (East, West & the Village) and Ian's on Georgian Dulwich all sold out and had great feedback; Steven, Sharon, Gavin & Julia kept everybody safe. Julia suggested we might use amplification in future. Ian gave a talk to Dulwich Park Friends on 25 April. Duncan is giving a talk at Dulwich Library on Social Radicals on 20 June at 2pm - Sharon will publicise it. Ian is giving two lessons to Y6 of Harris Primary ED. We will be visiting the College Archives on 13 July to see their undigitized maps – please tell Sharon if you are coming.
- 5. Journal articles, forthcoming publications:** magazine articles need to be around 1,000 words plus images (for which you will need to get permission if needed). We discussed a potential article on ballroom dancing (could include Shirley Ballas, Marcus & Karen Hilton at The Clandons, Grafton Centre). Brian suggested an article on the social change of leisure pursuits which would also highlight various Dulwich clubs/groups still in existence. Sharon has written on the Wood family of artists, and Arthur Ewins; Duncan on Havelock Ellis; and Ian on Edith Callaway & Edith Howe, who died in a WW1 bomb at the Covered Courts, and also on the North Dulwich Triangle. For the Society's 60th anniversary Sharon is researching the history of the Society over the past decade to add to Ian's research on the first 50 years, to be displayed at the party. Sharon will get the WW2 bomb plaques and the burial ground leaflets reprinted.
- 6. Members' research/outcomes of current research:** Patrick has produced a calendar of muniments and has given a generous donation to Dulwich College to facilitate their digitisation. Gavin is researching Anthony Highmore, the lawyer, and legal author. Sharon discovered William Phillips, founder member of the LCC, whom Duncan is now researching.
- 7. BALH request for help:** we supplied Joe Saunders, head of the British Association for Local History outreach, with a series of short articles on how we do local history, the first has been published.
- 8. Information boards:** the Dulwich Library board is up and looks good. The Tollgate board has been refixed. The volunteer battalion board is outstanding. Brian has written scripts for the Cox's Walk audio post telling the story of the pub, Dulwich Grove and Byron, in the voice of Dr Glenny. A female voice will then bring the story up to date. Brian suggested we install a bench nearby – Ian will look into this. The post will be unveiled on Saturday 14 October. Sharon will chase the Wildlife Group for birdsong to add to the post.
- 9. Any other business:** Online talks: Calista on Joan Woodward & Edward Alleyn; Jon Newman on the Effra; Duncan on interwar radicals; Brian in January (subject tbc). Ian in February (subject tbc). We discussed paying for talks and agreed £100 for Jon Newman's talk as Sharon had already offered it.
- 10. Meeting dates:** 5 September, 12 December. 2024: 12 March, 11 June

List of enquiries received since last meeting

- Gentleman Baily of East Dulwich
- Francis Nichols, grocer in Dulwich village 1861-71 – is his shop still there – answer yes, it's Rocca.
- History of Oakfield School for the school to prepare a timeline - we sent a previous journal article
- Query re visiting a grave in the Burial ground – Elizabeth Bull
- Beech House, Dulwich Village – contacted re info and pictures of the house and previous owners in the 1860s and 70s. Also now have picture of Dr Edward Ray (1818-68) who lived at Woodlawn, 97 DV.
- When was the bowling green in Dulwich Park set up?
- Ian met up with lady who drove around Dulwich Park with Queen Mary in the 1930s.
- Sharon met a man who had also met Queen Mary in the park, this time in the early 1950s.
- Rosendale garden estate