

The Dulwich Society

Minutes of the 165th meeting of the Local History Sub-Committee: 5 September 2023.

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

Apologies: Patrick Darby, Steven Hicks

Minutes of the meeting on 13 June 2023 were approved.

- 1. Matters arising:** none.
- 2. Sub-committee members: notification of interests:** none notified.
- 3. Enquiries received:** see below.
- 4. Talks:** resume on 3 October with Calista Lucy on Joan Woodwarde. 7 Nov is Jon Newman on the Effra. 5 December is Duncan on Labour politicians since WW1.
- 5. Journal articles, forthcoming publications:** the 60th anniversary leaflet (6 decades of what was happening in Dulwich and the wider world) will take precedence over local history articles. Sharon got the WW2 and the burial ground leaflets reprinted.
- 6. Members' research/outcomes of current research:** we discussed whether we need an outline history for the website and agreed to add it to the next agenda. Gavin has finished researching Anthony Highmore and will split his findings into a Who Was Who and a Burial Ground article. Long form research can also be added straight to the website. Gavin is now researching the Bogle Frenches. Ian has almost finished East Dulwich pubs.
- 7. 60th anniversary audio post:** Brian has written and had recorded two local history talks: a woman tells the story of Dulwich Woods including the murder of the hermit, and a man acting as Dr Glenny tells of his academy and Lord Byron. A wildlife recording will also be made. The unveiling is at 11am on 24 September. Sharon will check the use of the existing audio post.
- 8. Plaque to doctors at the Paxton Green Medical Centre:** a member recommended a Southwark plaque but we decided not to apply for one.
- 9. Information boards:** the library board is re-fixed and the battalion board is in hand.
- 10. Any other business:** Ian circulated the draft 60th anniversary leaflet for readability: we agreed it was legible. Gavin and Sharon will reply to Kingswood Arts with suggestions on where to research for Black History month [subsequent to the meeting David let us know that we cannot tell someone's Commonwealth status from the electoral roll]. We decided not to join the East Surrey Historic Society. A Sydenham Hill boundary post has been taken down but David is speaking to the developers about its return. Sharon will organise a visit to Bell House's letterpress print studio and a viewing of their Illustrated London News collection.
- 11. Meeting dates:** 12 December. 2024: 12 March, 11 June

List of enquiries received since last meeting:

The flower beds in Court Lane

Kingswood House and black history month

Winifred Brenchley, agricultural botanist, daughter of William Brenchley, Camberwell mayor

Friern Manor farm plants