

## The Dulwich Society

Minutes of the 166<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Local History Sub-Committee: 12 December 2023.

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

**Apologies:** Patrick Darby, Bernard Nurse

*Minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2023 were approved.*

- 1. Matters arising:** none. Ian circulated photos of a house on the corner of Thurlow Park Rd and Alleykn Pk, sent by a descendant of a former resident.
- 2. Sub-committee members: notification of interests:** none notified.
- 3. 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary audio post unveiling on Cox's Walk:** went well. Sharon will check the usage stats.
- 4. Enquiries received:** see below. We received a history of the Baily family, who owned much of East Dulwich in the early/middle C19. Sharon will circulate and add it to the website. Gavin found [The Gander](#), St John's Goose Green parish magazine, which has useful history of East Dulwich. Julia kindly volunteered to add our enquiries to the website so that anyone can access them; we will ask the enquirer's permission beforehand. Sharon and Julia will discuss ways and means. Sharon will add Southwark News to the publicity for our history talks.
- 5. Talks:** January: East Dulwich Pubs (Ian); February: More Dulwich Then & Now (Brian) March & April: TBC. Duncan suggested we add talk beneficiaries to the YouTube recordings: Sharon will do this. David proposed a talk on Shakespeare in Dulwich: Sharon will speak to Peter Jolly and Freddie Witts.
- 6. Journal articles, forthcoming publications:** great feedback on the history insert. Journal articles are now much shorter; to publish our longer research we could have an occasional local history online publication: Sharon will mock one up. We could publicise it in the eNews but also in the Journal because not all members receive the eNews. Articles on food manufacturers and on brewers would be very welcome if anyone is interested in researching.
- 7. Members' research/outcomes of current research:** Jeremy Prescott is researching Court Farm and may well write an article; Gavin sent him the tithe map and the 1813 sales particulars. Ian is working on East Dulwich pubs for his next talk. The Kingswood House booklet could be updated given the revival of activities there: Ian and Sharon to speak to Jack who runs Kingswood Arts and Patrick who did the original research. Julia has come across several beerhouses in her East Dulwich research: Ian will send her info on 'The Gladstone' (corner of Jennings Road).
- 8. Information boards:** Dulwich Battalion war memorial: Southwark have agreed to pay for it, Brian will compile his research. The war memorial is looking a bit shabby, perhaps the CO of Highwood Barracks could take it under the wing of the cadets. Lockup sign: to be left with Sue Badman.
- 9. Prospective database of local history images:** Ian and Sharon to discuss next steps with Calista.
- 10. Festival:** we will book the upstairs room at the C&G for a talk. A History of Dulwich in 10 Objects would make a good talk with different people to cover different objects. It would also work as a walk or online talk later. Draft list below – please add/annotate. Ian could talk on pubs. Walks: Duncan could offer Social Radicals or Ian the pubs of East Dulwich or West Dulwich.
- 11. Any other business:** Duncan's talk elicited more Dulwich MPs: Alf Morris at 20 Hitherwood Drive; Tom Williams - we don't have an address; James Callaghan was said to be in Carver Rd for 3 years but we believe it was only 3 weeks. We need three outline histories on East, West and Dulwich Village: Gavin has written on East Dulwich, Sharon on Dulwich Village. Sharon will circulate them.

**12. Meeting dates:** 2024: 12 March, 11 June, 10 September, 10 December

**List of enquiries received since last meeting:**

- any info on 10 Elsie Road
- Where did actor Peter Cushing live in Dulwich as a boy – 10 Druce Road
- Listed building query re old stables behind 4 Beauval Road
- Occupiers of 103 Woodwarde Road
- Occupiers of 143 Woodwarde Road

**A History of Dulwich in Ten Objects**

Potential objects	Covering	Period
<a href="#">The Platt or Plot of the Seven Deadly Sins</a>	Foundation of Alleyn’s charity in Dulwich	16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> C
Plague victims	Burial ground, health	17 <sup>th</sup> C
Georgian houses	Growth of Dulwich	18 <sup>th</sup> C
Richard Shawe’s tomb	Law & order, slavery, Casino Estate	18 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>
Stinkpipe	Industrial revolution	19 <sup>th</sup> C
Ballot petition	Politics	19 <sup>th</sup> C
Playing fields	Growth of leisure	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> C
Postal cart	Communications	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> C
WW2 plaques	War, ordinary life	20 <sup>th</sup> C
Shawcross/Hepworth statues	Culture, the Park	20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> C
Street art	Culture, Gallery	21 <sup>st</sup> C
Fingerposts/red post		all
<a href="#">Boundary markers</a>		all
Tollgate	Transport	all
Dulwich oaks	Trees, nature	all