The Dulwich Society

Minutes of the 171st meeting of the Local History Group: 10 March 2025.

Present: Ian McInnes (Chair), Sharon O'Connor (host), Brian Green, Steven Hicks, Eric Large, David Natzler, Julia Atkins

Apologies: Gavin Bowyer, Duncan Bowie, Kenneth Wolfe

Minutes of the meeting on 17 December 2024 were approved.

1. **Matters arising**: none

2. **Sub-committee members: notification of interests:** none notified.

3. **Enquiries received**: see Appendix 1

4. **Local history talks**: January's talk by Jane Jordan on West Norwood Cemetery and February's by Brian on the Fortune Theatre were well received. Talks restart in September with 'Kicking Off: The Early Days of Dulwich Hamlet FC, 1893-1919' by Roger Deason. For his book, Sharon will tell him about Catford print on demand. Brian offered a talk on the 80th anniversary of WW2. Julia suggested we offer talks to align with any new information boards (item 7).

5. **Dulwich Festival:** see Appendix 2 for the list of events. Proceeds will be split equally between the Festival and St Christopher's Hospice. Friends of Dulwich Square may be organising an event in the Burial Ground, we will wait to hear.

6. **Members' research/outcomes of current research**: Discussion on how to collate a list of places of worship in Dulwich. David and Julia are happy to join a research group. We need to look at what we already have and take it from there.

7. **Information boards**: The battalion board was installed. We will make a CGS bid for a new board on Southwark Military Hospital/St Saviour's Infirmary/Dulwich Hospital at the Charter School East Dulwich site, near the war memorial. The LH Group was instrumental in saving the chateau part of the old hospital which is now going to be part of the school. It would be good for the pupils to know what the building contained. Ian to speak to Charter East Head Alison Harbottle about public access. We will also bid for funding for a board on Goose Green with a history of the immediate area and an online talk to go with it.

8. **Group trips:** Sharon will look into trips to the James Caird and the London Archive.

9. **Preservica database of local history images**: Brian is worried that Preservica could control and charge for use of the images. We will revisit in a year and keep an eye on unregulated usage. We will also add a note: 'If used, please acknowledge the Dulwich Society collection'.

10. **Mary Boast fund**: Roger Deason and Sharon are working on a geographical history of Dulwich Hamlet FC. Roger is giving a talk for us in September and has asked for £72 for two images from a photo agency: a rare image of the first Champion Hill ground and the only image of WW1 casualty and Dulwich Hamlet player Jack Butler. The images are for the book and our talk. We agreed to fund this.

11. **Any other business:** Dulwich Village Infants School are writing a history, they will be in touch if they need help. Sharon and Ian visited Lloyd's Register of Shipping Archives as they had a cricket club on Gallery Rd from 1901-2000. Despite appearances, its pavilion is from the 1930s and was a kit sold by Bolton & Paul. Audio posts: the chapel averages 13 plays a day, Cox's Walk averages 16 plays a day. (Chapel: 16,582, Cox's Walk: 3,377). Congrats on our showing in the membership survey.

12. **Meeting dates:** 10 June, 9 September, 9 December, 10 March

Appendix 1 Enquiries January – March 2025

An enquirer on the hunt for the history of Desenfans Road. When were the houses built and what was there before? (22.02.2025)

An enquiry as to whether anyone knows of a Plymouth Brethren meeting house in East Dulwich/Forest Hill about 100 years ago? Was it in Wastdale Rd? (21.02.2025)

An enquiry from West Lothian seeking more information about Sir William Anderson-Ogg, Sheriff of London, who lived in a house called Oakfield on College Road. (29.1.2025)

An enquiry about the location of Mayfield off Lordship Lane in SE22 (18.1.2025)

A request for information on researching the Rawlings family history. (5.1.2025)

An approach to the Dulwich Society to receive a donation of laundered items of clothing, about 100 years old, from a former textile conservator who had lived in southeast London. (3.1.2025)

An enquirer who had accessed the Local History site, asked for information on the previous occupants of 91 Goodrich Road. (9.12.2024)

Following a viewing of the webinar 'On a street where you live' a request for information on Chalford Road, SE21 (11.12. 2024)

A question about whether JAGs school girls were evacuated in World War II (27.11.2024)

An inquiry as to whether there is a link between Henry Frogley (a 'druggist') living in Deptford in 1861 and Frogley Road in East Dulwich. (24.11.2024)

Appendix 2 Dulwich Festival events

Day	Time	Walk	Start/end	Duration
10 May	11am	Duncan: Dulwich Village Social Radicals	North Dulwich station/West Dulwich station	2hr
	11am	Eric: Dulwich's Lost River: the Effra	West Dulwich station/Herne Hill station	1.5hrs
	3pm	Sharon: Dulwich Through the Ages Family Walk	Burial Ground/Dulwich Orchard	1hr
11 May	11am	Eric: Dulwich's Lost River: the Effra	West Dulwich station/Herne Hill station	1.5hrs
	2pm	Ian: Step Into the Past: Exploring High St Dulwich	North Dulwich station/Crown & Greyhound pub	1.5hrs
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17 May	11am	Duncan West Dulwich Social Radicals	West Dulwich Station/Dulwich Books, Croxted Rd	2hrs
	11am	Jane: Stories of West Norwood Cemetery's Dulwich Residents	Start and end at West Norwood Cemetery main gate, Norwood Road SE27	2hrs
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18 May	11am	Duncan: East Dulwich Social Radicals	Grove Vale Library/Dulwich Library	2hrs