

## The Dulwich Society

Minutes of the 162<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Local History Sub-Committee: 13 December 2022, via Zoom.

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

### Apologies:

*Minutes of the meeting on 13 September 2022 were approved.*

- 1. Matters arising:** none.
- 2. Sub-committee members: notification of interests:** none notified.
- 3. Enquiries received:** Edith Frances Howie & the Covered Courts. House, 210 Peckham Rye. Thorn Villa, Birkbeck Place. Lily Payling on Sydenham Hill. Thurlow Lodge & Richard Julius Hoffmann. Is there a link between the names of Dulwich Hamlet School and Dulwich Hamlet FC.
- 4. Talks, walks, Dulwich Festival:** Zoom talks have resumed. January is Brian on WW1, February is Ian on the Grove Tavern, March is Duncan on Social Reformers and April is Julia on the gentrification of East Dulwich. Dulwich Festival: Brian will not be offering an event this year. Ian will offer a walk or talk, probably on Georgian Dulwich. Duncan on Social Reformers, which could include one or more walks and a map. David suggested a 'beating the bounds' walk on 18 May, Ascension Day, when residents traditionally get up at dawn and walk the boundary. David also asked about the whereabouts of the printed Dulwich street art trail, Ian will investigate [after the meeting Sharon found this [online map](#)]. Kenneth will arrange for the post cart to be displayed in the Village for the Festival.
- 5. Journal articles, forthcoming publications:** Brian retires as editor in March, the Society is seeking a replacement. Local history articles: two from Duncan, on Conservative MPs and Ritchie Calder, an article from Ian and articles on Eva Widdowson and Lydenhurst from Sharon. The burial ground leaflets are popular, it was good we researched when we did, many gravestones have deteriorated.
- 6. Members' research/outcomes of current research:** Duncan is researching Alan Bush and Sharon is researching gypsies, Patrick is investigating two slips which should be attached to court rolls. The next stage of writing up Patrick's research covers the transfer of the Estate from the Priory of Bermondsey by the Court of Augmentations; Brian asked David to write on this.
- 7. Additions to Southwark's Local List:** Ian has shared the current schedule. Ian will see if it's possible to add the Alleyn's Fives courts. Ian will see if Thames Water will paint the stink pipe in Gallery Rd.
- 8. Blue plaque nominations:** we nominated Mary Midgeley, philosopher who lived in East Dulwich and Joan Clarke, Bletchley Park codebreaker, who lived in West Dulwich.
- 9. Court rolls:** Patrick is up to 1805 and in the middle of a long 'common recovery', a hangover from a medieval method of barring entails, written by Charles Druce. After 1732 the Rolls are in English, so when they go online will not need translations, though Patrick will add a glossary of legal terms. Rolls have been renamed to a more logical format.
- 10. Information boards:** the Dulwich Library board is almost ready, we will have an opening ceremony, possibly during the Festival. We have some progress on the Dulwich Common board. The Tollgate board is to be refixed. Stocks sign: we don't need one. Brian proposed a WW1 memorial: one near the Charter School with a blue plaque for the nurse who left a diary to the IWM.

11. **Any other business:** we have entered The National Archives Local History competition with articles about Khalid Sheldrake and the gun site at North Dulwich. We will also submit on Homes Fit for Heroes. Audio post: Sharon will let Daniel Greenwood know we have funding.
12. **2023 meeting dates:** 14 March, 13 June, 12 September, 12 December