



DORKING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER

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I am writing this hoping that spring really is ahead. A new year of talks and research dawns for us though, after a very interesting previous year. I was particularly pleased to see that **Exploring Surrey's Past** picked up and featured Kathy Atherton's blog about the unveiling of a blue plaque on the wall of number 43 Howard Road, Dorking on Friday 14 December 2018 for Charlotte Marsh (1887-1961). This marks one of the first endeavours of Dorking Society, of which DLHG are a significant part. The full story can be found on www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk or indeed more information from Dorking Museum's website. The photo below shows Kathy and Jackie Rance, dressed appropriately for the unveiling.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the wonderful committee members - especially for their support as I found my role as a carer evolving; also, to the many members for their kind wishes. May you all have a peaceful and happy 'new year'

Gwen Wood – Chairman



Letter from the Chairman of the Dorking Society

Dear DLHG Members

Although I am writing this as from the DS to give you news of what we are doing, don't forget, I am also a member of the DLHG, which is, of course part of the Dorking Society charity.

We are planning to have the AGM of the DS on Thursday 16th May at Denbies, in the Ranmore Suite. Doors will open at 7pm, for 7.30 start of AGM. Light Refreshments will be served. This is courtesy of our (and your) President, Sir Adrian White. Yes, it is outside of Dorking, but if you need a lift, contact me, and we will see if one can be arranged for you.

As you know, the DLHG and the Museum are part of the Dorking Society charity. Currently the DS has three classes of membership for each of its parts. Some of you are members of more than one of these.

At present, only those who are ordinary members of the Dorking Society as such are able to express their voices by voting at the Society's AGM.

Both the Local History and Museum members contribute a considerable amount of time and effort to ensure the success of both of these sections. The Trustees believe that this should be acknowledged by allowing you to vote at the AGMs without having to be an ordinary member of the Society.

The first resolution that the ordinary members of the Society will be asked to vote on at the AGM will be to extend the vote to History Group and Museum members.

So please come and make your voices heard! We have been getting into order, our corporate governance requirements as demanded by law. We will be re-constituting the Planning part of the old DDPS as a section of the Society, with an updated written remit. After the AGM, speakers will tell you of what is happening across the whole of the charity. We hope it will inspire, and new ideas will be welcomed.

Jane Le Cluse

Financial Report of 2018

The accounts for the year are enclosed together with the AGM information.

You will see that our books balanced reasonably last year, with little plus surplus – just as we would ideally like as a non-profit making group. This has been helped by the generous fees offered us by Crossways which we are aware will

need to offered to us at full rates now. A review of subscriptions this year is therefore on our TO DO list.

Briefly then we have a small surplus of £36.03, though we await some GiftAid funding.

You will also see that we able to help out our 'mother' Dorking Society for a fortnight when it required an immediate significant sum to pay for work. This was paid back promptly as promised.

My thanks to June Mills for her collaboration with subscriptions monitoring & recording.

Mike Gooch, Honorary Treasurer

2019 Surrey Local History Symposium

**Saturday 30 March at Surrey History Centre
10am – 4.00 pm**

Georgian Surrey: The Age of Enlightenment

Surrey History Centre, Woking, GU21 6ND

The symposium will cover aspects of this period in Surrey.

Speakers will include Cherril Sands on Painshill; Jeremy Harte on Surrey's Spa Towns; Hilary Ely on the Cranston Library in Reigate and Carole Garrard on Surrey county maps.

The fee for the day is £15 includes tea and coffee. Refreshments will be available throughout the day but please bring your own lunch.

Please book online at <https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/events/all/list>

Spring Programme

The programme for the next six months is enclosed with this mailing. We meet at Crossways Community Baptist Church on the first Monday of each month – bank holidays permitting – 7:15pm for 7:30pm.

John Patterson is our Meetings Organiser and if you know of any speakers that you feel would make an interesting evening please let John know by contacting him on

01306 888401 or jhp3660@yahoo.co.uk

50 Years of Service



In recognition of the long membership and service that Beryl Higgins has given to the community on all aspects of local history, through her membership of the DDPS and DLHG, Jane Le Cluse presents Beryl with Honorary Membership at the 2019 March DLHG Evening.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on the first of January each year and remain at £8 for singles and £10 for two or more at the same address. Paying by standing order cuts down on our work considerably. It also eliminates the member having to remember to make out a cheque on the first of January.

Cheques can be sent to the Membership Secretary, **June Mills, at the address below.**

Membership

We welcome the following new members:

Ms Nicola Avery
Ms Judith Long and Mr Clive Bull
Ms Veronica Lawton
Mr Colin and Mrs Julia Maynard
Mr Henry and Mrs Barbara Oakley
Mr Andrew and Mrs Gillian Wells

We remember recently passed members with fondness:

Roger Maynard
Pamela Hewett
Marjorie Prior
David Shepherd

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