

CHARING & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

CDLHS update, February 2018 issue 1

Welcome to our first newsletter!

Digitisation has started!



iCam archival camera in use

Our considerable photographic archive has been painstakingly built up over the years. Despite having all this wonderful material, we realised that it was all vulnerable to deterioration, and not particularly easy to use.

So we have begun to build a central computer-based catalogue scanning into digital form to provide easy access to both the catalogue and the material.

Stephen Beck has now joined this Group (thank you Stephen), and is working with Hugh Cooper on the transfer of the photographic archives from hard copy to digital storage media.

* If anyone would like to help in the process of adding captions to the transferred photos, please let Dorothy, or any Committee Member know.

Membership

Our membership numbers started extremely well, and now we are within a 'whisper' of achieving our goal of 100.

What the committee have been doing

We have made two leaflet drops, (September and January) to advertise the society and talks.

Kate has been extremely busy researching the life of Fred Coppins, VC, in readiness for his memorial in August.

Sheila is busy planning our programme of talks for 2018-2019.

Planning for the AGM and the fete are now on the agenda.

Situations Vacant

Additional Committee Members: We would really like to have 1-2 additional members. Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month from September - June, in the Methodist Church Meeting Room at 7.30pm, and generally last a maximum of 2 hours. Please talk to any of the committee if you're interested and would like to find out more.

What we'd like to do

Create and maintain a scrapbook of articles about Charing

At the moment Dorothy Burdick is collecting articles that feature, or mention, Charing, but we would like someone else to step forward and take on this role of 'Scrapbook Master'!

Things to look forward to;

Next Talk, February 8th



RAGSTONE TO RICHES

By Simon Elliott

The fascinating story of how Roman London was built from Ragstone quarried in the upper Medway Valley.

Future Talks

March 8th, GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS

A brief history and a behind the scenes look at Godinton House and gardens

by Nick Sandford

April 12th, HORATIO NELSON AND EMMA HAMILTON

The more human side of Admiral Lord Nelson - through his relationship with Lady Hamilton (postponed from 2017) *by Sheila Boyd*

Next mini-outing

Winchelsea Cellars?



Sheila is currently investigating a mini outing, for the sure-footed, to Winchelsea caves with a guided tour. More to follow.

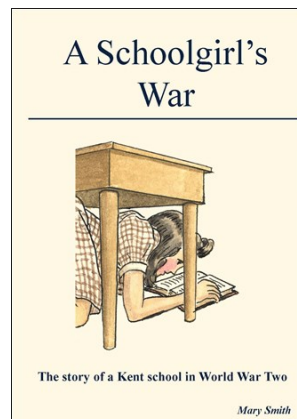
Looking back;

Christmas Social



It seems a long way in the past now, but thank you to all who attended the Christmas Social, and a big 'Thank You' to Patsy Erskine-Hill and Stephen Prickett, for their festive readings, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Last Talk



Our January talk by Mary Smith was very popular, and very well received.

The mixture of memories from 'old girls' at the school, together with the original paintings and drawings gave a unique insight into life at the school during the war.

(Mary interviewed the girl who's on the cover of the book. She remembered her teacher sketching her, whilst under the desk during an air raid. She was in fact, in the middle of an exam, and the instructions in such an event were to make sure that heads were safely under desks and not to worry about the rest!)