

CHARING & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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CDLHS update: SEPTEMBER 2018 issue 3

As our new season of talks begins,
membership fees are due again, so it's a good time
to renew, or to join.

Individual: £9 Family: £16 Students: Free

Payable at the meeting (cash, or cheque payable to CDLHS)

or by BACS no. 08.92.99 65490477

(Please write surname as reference)

Our new book is now on sale: £10



The 64 illustrated exhibition panels researched by CDLHS, designed by Jim Wire and illustrated by Frances Wire, have been converted into an A4 book.





Committee News

What we've been doing

Keith worked extremely hard with Jim Wire to bring our new book to print, while Sarah, Kate and Dorothy helped with decision making and proof reading. The committee is thrilled with the result.

The book launch on August 11th went very well, selling 120 copies on the day. Sales are continuing to go well, and we are pleased it is proving very popular.



Kate has spent a huge amount of energy and time over the year, researching the life of Fred Coppins, our Charing V.C.

Kate and Sheila have continued the work Sarah began in writing the Charing WW1 Diary entry for the Parish magazine each month for the last four years.

Stephen, with Hugh Cooper, have continued their visits to Smarden to digitise our photo collection and a group have begun to transcribe.



If ever you've thought: I do wish they'd have more talks about ...

We will need to think about choosing speakers and lecturers for our 2019-2020 programme, soon. So, we really do need a volunteer to join the committee a.s.a.p. to work with Sheila to become our lecture secretary.

For further info, please email: lectures@charinghistory.co.uk

GDPR



We ask for contact information from members, so that we can contact them: if bad weather causes a cancellation, to update them with society news, and to inform them of local history events that might be of interest.

This information is not shared with anyone outside the committee, or available to anyone else.

We ask those who have not already filled out a new contact form to do so ; either using the email attached, or at a talk.



The Vanguard System camera set up, owned by Smarden History Society, that we use to convert 'hard copy' prints into digital files.

Digitisation: Why we're doing it.

Our aim is to preserve our 4,000 photos and documents before the originals deteriorate beyond use.

We can then make the collection available for research & general interest.

We also hope to make it available to a wider audience by uploading images on to the society's website.

To date 734 items have been converted.

Things to look forward to

A great season of talks for 2018-2019

beginning on September 20th.

A reminder that this one is, unusually, the third Thursday of the month.

'BEHIND THE SCENES OF TV'S GOLDEN YEARS'

Speaker: Wilf Lower



Wilf will give us an insight into how these were made: along with music from Top of the Pops to Last Night of the Proms, Pageantry of Royal events, and many other great programmes, as well as the hilarious situations and characters involved.

Never has 'you wouldn't believe it' been more appropriate!

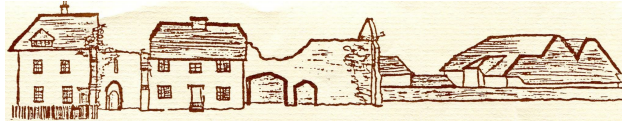
September 20th, 2018

Doors open at 7.30. Please join us for a glass of wine, before the talk starts at 8.00 p.m.



and more dates for your diary

- 11 OCT 18** DOVER'S BRONZE AGE BOAT
- 8 NOV 18** SMARDEN, A VILLAGE IN KENT
- 13 DEC 18** CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING: the usual buffet with mulled wine and our quiz followed by a talk **THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT** telling of some of the many Christmas traditions and rituals.
- 10 JAN 19** A SPITFIRE GIRL
- 14 FEB 19** WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR, JUSTIFIED INVADER?
- 14 MAR 19** ROMNEY HYTHE AND DYMCHURCH RAILWAY
- 11 APR 19** AND SO TO TED A HISTORY OF TEDDIES AND OTHER BEARS
- 16 MAY 19** AGM



Talks are held on the second Thursday of the month
at The Parish Hall, Station Road, TN27 0JA.
Doors open at 7.30 for a complimentary drink with talks starting
at 8.00 pm
Annual membership includes all 7 talks
Individual: £9 Family: £16 Students: Free
Visitors very welcome: each talk £3

Outings



CADMAN: Wednesday September 19th

“THE GOOD OLDE DAYS”

The timing of our annual Cadman outing is a bit different this year. We've chosen midweek in September, rather than a Saturday in May. Hopefully, this will suit more people.



'Mini-outings'

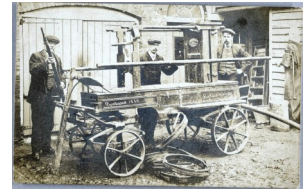
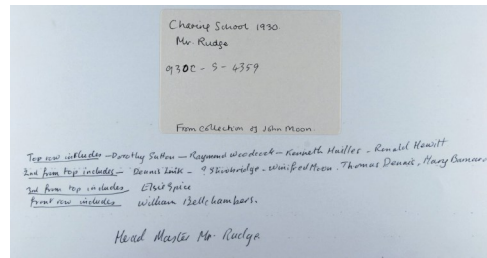
Sheila is planning more small outings for later in the season.



She's enquiring about a guided tour of Smarden, RHDR and 5 churches .
We'll keep you posted!

Looking back

The AGM The members appreciated an informative presentation on the Digitisation Project, by Stephen Beck.



Examples

He explained that there are four stages to the process.

1. Photograph, not scan, the images at Smarden.
2. Transfer the important information that is on the back of each photo.
3. Then the digital photo + information is loaded into a bespoke retrieval system ("ArcAngel").
4. Make it available by our CDLHS website.



Help is needed: particularly, to transcribe the valuable information on the reverse of each photo, to extract dates and keywords, and to type up and transfer the information.



Fred Coppins Memorial



The Market Place, without cars, but with the scaffolding, was the setting for the VIPs attending the unveiling of the Commemoration Stone. The short, thoughtful ceremony

was well attended, despite the rain, and well worth the year's planning and preparation.



Summer Fete 2018

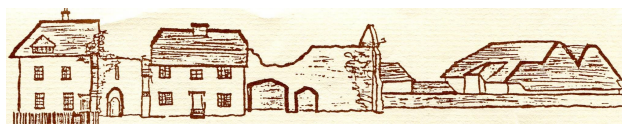


Thank you for visiting us at the fete and reading our displays on the 'Women of Charing', to mark the centenary of women's suffrage.



Feedback /Ideas

We'd like to hear from members about what they think about the society, as well as ideas for the future.



If you would rather not receive emails from us in future, please email

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