

CHARING & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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CDLHS update: JANUARY 2019 issue 4

**We wish all our members and friends
A Very Happy and Healthy 2019!**

If you haven't renewed, or joined for this season, it makes a lot of sense to do it now, as we still have 4 full talks to come.



Individual: £9 Family: £16

Students: Free

payable at the meeting

(cash, or cheque payable to to CDLHS)



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(Please write surname as reference)

Committee News



For the time being, Sheila is continuing to plan talks and outings, but would actually prefer to mentor someone, or a couple of people, to take responsibility for the 19-20 programme, so she can focus her energy on organising outings.

Please email, or have a chat, if you are interested in helping with this.

More Committee News



Peter was pleased to record interesting oral history tapes of John Hosking and Hilda Sherwood, and he is compiling a list of people to record next. Please talk to him if you have ideas.

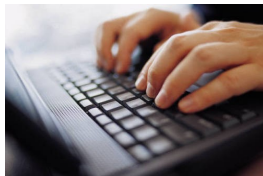


Walkabout



On a bitterly cold day Kerstin, as part of the Canterbury Festival, organised a CDLHS walkabout in Charing, incorporating the exhilarating church tower experience with Kevin. Kerstin hopes to offer a walkabout to villagers in the spring.

Digitisation Update



We now have a hard working transcription group who get together to accurately type up the annotations for the newly digitised images.



Stephen keeps careful track of progress

through our collections with a traffic light coloured system spreadsheet –we've made a very good start and the project is progressing well, but there's a very substantial amount still to do.

Membership



We currently have 93 paid-up members; 78 renewals so far, and we welcome 14 new members.

Charing Schoolchildren



Children from Charing School receiving their own complementary copies of **Charing in the First World War** from CDLHS.

Who are the current CDLHS committee?

Keith Oram Chairman

Kate McIver Treasurer

Sheila Neil Talks / Outings

Kerstin Muller Walkabouts

Sylvia Beck Digitisation

Dorothy Burdick Vice-Chairman

Valerie Yeeles Secretary

Peter Kent Oral Hist / Membership

Stephen Beck Digitisation

Pete Burton Publicity

Kevin Moon President

Things to look forward to



Our next talk; 'Spitfire Girl', January 10th

Melody, a qualified journalist, tells the story of Mary Ellis who died last year age 101. Mary flew 76 different types of plane and spent the war delivering Spitfires and Wellington bombers for the front line.

Talk starts at 8.00p.m. Parish Hall, Station Road

Cadman



Earlier this year again
Wednesday 22 May

Leave Charing by coach to Maldon, Essex for a 2 hour, '2 island' cruise. Afternoon tea is included and served on board. (Lunch can be bought in the tea room, or 2 course lunch can be pre-ordered to be served on board.)

£45 members, £48 non-members

For more details; contact Sheila Neil
email; jamshe1@btinternet.com

Ulcombe History Society Outing

Saturday 27th April

We have been invited to join a proposed outing by the Ulcombe History Society for a Guided Tour of the Churches of Romney Marsh. (We should know if the outing is going ahead by mid January.) The cost will be £43.00 per person- which includes the coach trip, morning coffee, a ploughman's lunch, afternoon tea, and the donation required by the Marsh Church. If interested please contact Sheila Neil .

email; jamshe1@btinternet.com

or telephone: 01233 713971



£10

Sales are going well, and we look forward to the book being reviewed in the next issue of the Kent History Federation magazine, on sale at CDLHS in March.

Mini-outing to Smarden

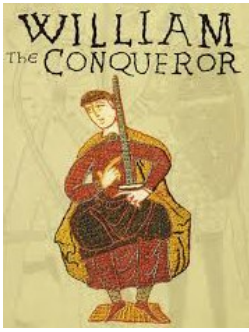
Date to be arranged



A guided tour of Smarden, including a visit to the Heritage centre, (the home of the digitisation project).

A date next month for your diary, 14th February

Talk: **William the Conqueror Justified Invader?**



by *James Dickinson*

William invaded England in 1066, but what is less well known is that William may have a justified claim to the English throne. This talk also includes the invasion, the battle of Hastings and the advance on London.

Looking back

September

BEHIND THE SCENES OF TV'S GOLDEN YEARS memorable facts

In an episode of 'The Good Life', an 18 second shot of a chicken hopping onto a bus, took 2 and a half days to film.

In 'Blue Peter', the elephant weeing incident caused the floor paint to come off.

Cadman An enjoyable trip to the Old Time music hall, BlueTown on the Isle of Sheppey.

October



Dover Bronze Age Boat

It was great to hear how contractors and archaeologists worked together to preserve, remove and save this pre-historic find, 6 metres under the new A20 road link in Dover. They managed the whole process in just 2 weeks. The free Dover museum, where it is now on display, sounds worth a visit.

November

Smarden



This talk left us wanting to know more about the flourishing wool trade which left a legacy of so many large historic houses in Smarden, and what are the stories behind them.? Hopefully our outing will tell us more.

December CDLHS Social



There was a lovely atmosphere that evening; thanks to the music from Harold, the amusing non-competitive quiz by Keith, the mulled wine by Sheila, and the great company of so many members. All this, complemented by tasty food, and a light hearted and interesting talk by Imogen Corrigan, made this a successful evening.



Over to our members.....

CDLHS endeavours to be a friendly, thriving group, aiming to promote an active interest in local History; we'd really like feedback from our members to help guide our decisions.



Charing Whispers



If you have any information about the house you live in, we'd love to hear from you. If you have memories of events, or growing up in Charing, please share them with us.

Do you wonder why your road has it's name? We might be able to help, or know someone who can –just email; Hon.Secretary@charinghistory.co.uk

Lives of the First World War



As you know the History Society did a huge amount of research into the generation that lived through the First World War. We know of 286 Charing people who served in that war, of whom 69 lost their lives. There may be others we have not been able to discover.

The Imperial War Museum website, livesofthefirstworldwar.org is aiming to record details of all WW1 service personnel. This has to be completed by mid March, so we haven't much time. Kirsten Moon is leading a project to add whatever information we have on as many Charing people as possible. Sadly, in some cases where there are several men with the same/similar names we may not have enough details to establish which is the Charing chap. If you had a friend/relative who's name is not yet included it may be that we haven't got there yet, but if you have any information, however slight, on a Charing based person that you feel the History Society might not have please contact Kate; censusgroup@charinghistory.co.uk It would be lovely to have as much detail as possible recorded for posterity on this fantastic website.



We hold contact information of members, and interested people, for no more than 3 years. We use this information only to send out society news, and information on local history. We do not share the information with third parties.

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

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