

The Dulwich Society

Minutes of the 158th meeting of the Local History Sub-Committee: 12 October 2021, online via Zoom.

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

Apologies: Patrick Darby, Pat Reynolds

Minutes of the meeting on 9 June 2021 were approved.

- 1. Matters arising:** Ian McInnes is now Chair of this group.
- 2. Sub-committee members: notification of interests:** Sharon is a trustee of Bell House.
- 3. Enquiries received and Twitter responses:** a Charter School teacher asked about Richard Shawe. Sharon also sent him Duncan's article on Creech Jones and Michael Baron on the slave trade. Sharon is answering an enquiry about a WW2 shelter on Fountain Drive.
- 4. Local list of historic buildings, monuments and boundary markers:** David wrote a good article on boundary markers and another Camberwell marker subsequently came to light in Carson Rd.
- 5. Audio post:** the post was unveiled today and went well with about 70 attendees including Mary Boast's niece and nephew. We thanked Sharon for her work on the project.
- 6. Postal cart:** following minor repairs the cart will move to just inside the Alleyn Park Delivery Office.
- 7. Zoom talks:** Duncan will talk on Dulwich Communists on 7 November. Further talks are needed. The next talks would be 7 December and 4 January; streets and world wars are popular subjects. Possibly we could offer talks on nature or trees – the Herne Hill tree experts are very good and David will get their names. Margy Newens asked if Ian would be willing to repeat the Sunray Estate talk and walk, perhaps next Spring. Duncan's book is being proofread and may be published before Christmas.
- 8. Stretcher railings:** the sign is being made. Albrighton Centre offered to host tea for the unveiling and asked if we could give a talk - Brian agreed. We will need time to organise and publicise the event.
- 9. Society Archives:** we will retain the last 10 years of our records and pass anything older to Southwark Local Studies. Sharon will speak to Sue and Heather about the other sub-committees.
- 10. Stocks sign:** Brian suggested it could be fixed into the burial ground wall.
- 11. Library foundation stone:** we submitted a £500 CGS bid to re-carve the now illegible stone, decision to come by year-end. Sharon found the original inscription. It may need listed building consent.
- 12. Journal articles, forthcoming publications:** Brian has a good stock of articles including three from Gavin on East Dulwich, Sharon on Khalid Sheldrake, Duncan on Jimmy Thomas and Ian on Dulwich Wood Avenue and Lordship Lane. Brian would like more on Dulwich's peripheral areas, eg the fields opposite the Horniman, Elliot Bank, and the area where the Fox on the Hill is now.
- 13. Court rolls:** Patrick has delivered more translations of the court rolls, we thanked him for his work.
- 14. Any other business:** we gave Southwark News an image of Francis Peek who has been nominated for a blue plaque. Society assets: the chair could go to Rosebery Lodge or the Cuming Museum.

15. Next meeting: 8 February 2022.