



# NEWSLETTER

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## Editor's Notes

Yet again the spectre of building on the Green Belt is raising its ugly head. Even if the council's plans weren't sacrificing the Green Belt, they would still be flawed as they make no provision for providing more schools, more doctors, or handling the increase in traffic. There is an element of greenwashing - the word 'sustainable' is used in every other paragraph, without any supporting evidence.

And what about the mess caused by construction? Thousands of new houses are planned, but building 'just' 161 on the High School playing fields caused many problems. A heavy lorry every 10 minutes of daytime for two years. Most of the damage caused to the verges, and the potholes created, have yet to be fixed. For the first six months, the groundworks contractor simply ignored the planning conditions about such things as access routes, working hours, and damping down dust. Their vans would zoom past the local primary school at well over the limit.

Can we really face more years of disruption?

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### Lecture Diary

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| March 6th                                                                                                                | The Path of Peace- Walking the Western Front : Sir Anthony Seldon, and AGM.         |
| April 3rd                                                                                                                | Brewing along the Wandle Valley : the other Alison Cousins (not the editor's wife!) |
| May 1st                                                                                                                  | TBA.                                                                                |
| Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell, KT17 2AY. |                                                                                     |
| Doors open 7.45 for 8pm start. Members free, visitors £4, includes refreshments.                                         |                                                                                     |

## **Preserving the Past for the Future - The Work of Surrey Heritage : a talk by Julian Pooley**

**Jeff Cousins**

In November 2023, Julian Pooley, the head of Public Services at the Surrey History Centre, came to give us a talk on what the centre offers. It was particularly pleasing that he had selected examples pertaining to Epsom and Ewell.

The Surrey History Centre (SHC), based at Woking, is the County Record Office and Local Studies Centre. It doesn't just store documents, but also finds from the Surrey County Archaeology Unit (SCAU). SCAU and Surrey's Finds Liaison Officer are based in the building, and the Historic Environment Officers nearby.

Resources are also available online, such as the 'Exploring Surrey's Past' and 'Surrey in the Great War' websites.

These resources, both those physically at the centre and those online, aim to make accessible historic records for family historians and local historians, and a variety of students.

The SHC was purpose built, opening in 1999 and replacing the old Surrey Record Office in and under the County Hall in Kingston. It includes a conservation laboratory, and has six miles of shelving and strongrooms.

The core of its collection are the records of Surrey County Council, but it also holds those of Surrey courts, the More family of Loseley Park, the many mental hospitals in the county, the Surrey regiments, various local societies and some companies (e.g. Dennis, the maker of fire engines), plus the papers of R. C. Sherriff (the author of 'Journey's End'), Gertrude Jekyll's garden designs and many parish registers.

Julian then gave a number of interesting examples of the records held. In 1753 there was a case of illegal gambling in Epsom involving roulette, then more commonly known as 'Roly Poly'. The parish beadle was one of those participating. John Beams' apprentice was charged with left, and the papers were signed by George Glyn. George Day was removed from Ewell back to Horley, his official place of settlement, as his family had become a burden on the ratepayers of Ewell. Betchingley has parish registers all the way back to 1538.

In 1748 two young lovers had drowned at Stoke near Guildford. The burial records of Bisley give notes on each of the deceased. The records of the More family of Loseley Park include letters from Queen Elizabeth I and Lady Jane Grey. Those of the Goulburn estate include a list of slaves owned.

The records of the Epsom Cluster of mental hospitals, which closed in the 1990s, were found in a terrible state. The records of Brookwood Hospital include John Hawkins of the King William IV in Ewell, who entered in 1893 but who died the next year following an attack by another patient. John Langdon Down, after whom Down's Syndrome was named, was the superintendent of the Royal Earlswood Hospital, then known as The Asylum for Idiots. His photographic records of patients is one of the few early collection of photos of ordinary poor people.

The first reference to the game of baseball was from 1754 in Guildford.

Many of John Hassell's watercolours are held. These are often of Surrey churches, and show how they appeared in the early 19th c, before Victorian 'restorers' altered them.

## The Beauty of Stained Glass : David Rymill

St Mary's Church, Cuddington, Worcester Park, Surrey is hosting a talk by stained glass artist Philippa Martin on **Saturday 10th February at 7 pm**. St Mary's was opened in 1895 and extended in 1959, and contains stained glass windows made between 1895 and 2005. They include three windows by Lawrence Lee - best known for his work in Coventry Cathedral - notable for their dynamic quality and vibrant colours. Philippa trained at Reigate School of Art and became an assistant to Lawrence Lee, going on to become a renowned stained glass artist in her own right: her work can be seen in St Nicholas' Church, Cranleigh, Redhill Methodist Church and the MCC Museum at Lord's Cricket Ground. Her talk about the history of stained glass will include recollections of her time working with Lawrence Lee, and insights into his Cuddington windows. Lawrence Lee's son Stephen also hopes to attend and share some memories of his father. All are welcome; please book in advance (£10 including wine and canapes) by contacting Sara Tomlin at [sarablairtomlin@gmail.com](mailto:sarablairtomlin@gmail.com). St Mary's is at the top of The Avenue, postcode KT4 7HL; parking is available on site.



One of the windows at Cuddington by Lawrence Lee (photograph by Rod

## From the Amazon to Kew and beyond - The advance of rubber : a talk by Hugh Ricketts

Jeff Cousins

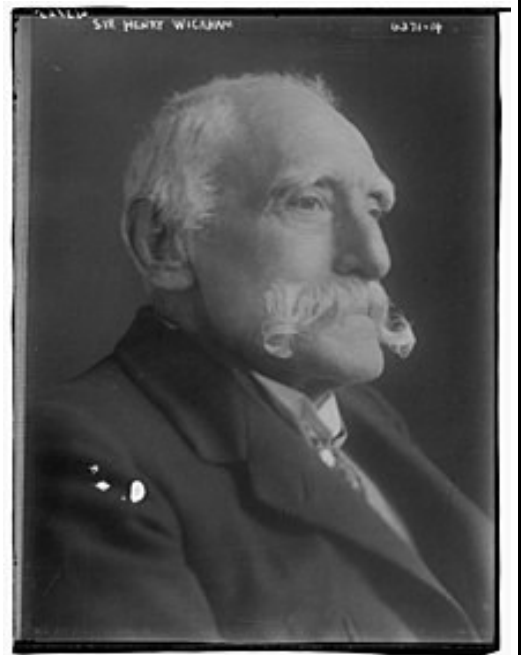
It is always good to hear a talk from one of our own members, and our December talk was by our meetings organiser, Hugh Ricketts.

Hugh had been a buyer in the London rubber market, buying on behalf of companies such as Dunlop and Pirelli.

Rubber comes primarily from Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand, but also southern India, Sri Lanka and tropical West Africa (from Liberia to Cameroon). Singapore produces some but is mostly a trading hub. It is very hot and very humid.

Rubber originally came from the Amazon basin, so how did it get to these other countries? The answer is Sir Henry Wickham, 1846-1928. His father died of cholera when he was only 4 so he had to make his own way in the world. He was a classic adventurer/explorer in the Boy's Own mould, but also a plant collector and trader. When he was still only 20 he travelled to Nicaragua, Venezuela and Colombia to trade in birds' feathers for ladies' hats. The area was rife with diseases and he suffered from two sorts of malaria plus 'jungle sores'.

He returned home and in 1871 married Violet Carter.



Sir Henry Wickham (Wikipedia)

In 1872 he travelled to Belém in Brazil then up the Amazon to Santarém, with his wife and many relatives, to attempt farming. This failed, several of his relatives died and the others (apart from his wife, who was 'toughened' by the experience) went home.

Wickham then wrote to Sir Joseph Hooker of Kew Gardens offering to collect rare samples at £10 per thousand seeds. Other collectors had sent seeds to Kew but they often went mouldy.

In the meantime Wickham managed to cut his foot with an axe and had to contend with anacondas and caimans (the South American equivalents of crocodiles).

Rubber was needed to make seals, gaskets, industrial belts then later, tyres. The trees that it came from grew deep in the jungle, far up rivers such as the Orinoco, and reaching them risked encounters with tropical diseases, caimans and hostile tribes. In 1876 Wickham voyaged up the Tapajós River and collected 70 thousand rubber tree seeds. These were washed and dried. They were allegedly smuggled past customs by declaring them as botanical samples for Queen Victoria's personal garden. This was a form of industrial espionage as Brazil didn't want other countries to compete with them in rubber production.

The first seeds germinated only four days after their arrival at Kew Gardens, and it wasn't too long before there were 80 million rubber trees across the British Empire. Hooker and the establishment rejected Wickham's further involvement though. So Wickham went off to Australia to try to grow coffee. Twice he lost his house due to fire, and a third time to a storm. He also had to contend with tarantulas, snakes and crocodiles.

In 1881 he found a benefactor, and went off to British Honduras (now Belize) to grow cocoa and mangoes. He was respected there and became a JP. He tried growing bananas and rubber there, but it was insufficiently profitable so he was ruined again. He then tried coconuts.

After WW1 he, rather belatedly, received some money from grateful governments, and in 1920 he was knighted.

Markets for rubber developed in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and London. London was generally cheaper, so Dunlop and Pirelli and opened buying offices there. There was all the usual wheeler-dealing of the market: brokers, dealers, 'futures'. Rubber was often bought for factories in Italy, particularly around Milan. The London market has declined since 1980 though as manufacturing using rubber has moved to the Far East, e.g. China. Singapore has boomed since 1970.

Rubber used to be transported in ribbed sheets, which looked rather like smoked salmon. These occasionally stuck together, reducing their value. These days rubber travels in blocks that look rather like large fruit cakes - these are easier to fit into rectangular containers. Container ships take them to the Italian ports of Genoa and Naples.

Rubber trees are rather spindly in appearance. It takes 4-5 years before they start producing, which lasts about 7 years. The latex comes from under the bark, and the trees are 'tapped' in the morning.

Two thirds of rubber is now synthetic, being produced from oil. So far a pro natural rubber movement hasn't emerged. Natural rubber is still preferred to synthetic for some things, such as the sidewalls of tyres, as it is more flexible.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### **Surrey Archaeological Society: Surrey Industrial History Group: People and Families of the Wandle Valley**

Thursday 15th February 2024 at 10am. Zoom talk by Mick Taylor.

### **Surrey Archaeological Society: Surrey Industrial History Group: Water, from mountain stream to sewage farm**

Thursday 29th February 2024 at 10am. Zoom talk by Doug Irvine.

### **Carshalton And District History & Archaeology Society: AGM**

Saturday 2nd March 2024 at 2.30pm, Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL.

### **Surbiton and District Historical Society: AGM and talk on Painshill Park**

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7 for 7:30pm, The cornerHOUSE Arts Centre, 116 Douglas Rd, Surbiton, KT6 7SB. A talk by Chris Woodworth. £4 for visitors.

### **Surrey Archaeological Society: Roman Studies Group : Reinvestigating Richborough: A New Story for an Old Site**

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7:30pm-9pm. Zoom talk by Philip Smither (FLO for Berkshire). RSG members only, but SyAS members can join for £5.

### **Surrey Archaeological Society: Symposium**

Saturday 9th March 2024 at 10am-5pm, East Horsley Village Hall.

### **Surrey Archaeological Society: Surrey Industrial History Group: The efficiency of stationary steam engines**

Thursday 14th March 2024 at 10am. Zoom talk by Bob Bryson.

### **Surrey Archaeological Society: Surrey Industrial History Group: Chocks away, the Royal Flying Corps in WW1**

Thursday 28th March 2024 at 10am. Zoom talk by Richard Marks.

### **Carshalton And District History & Archaeology Society: National Trust property Smallhythe**

Saturday 6th April 2024 at 2.30pm, Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL. A talk by Nathalie Cohen. £3 for visitors.

### **Surrey Archaeological Society: Surrey Industrial History Group: Sir Barnes Wallis**

Thursday 11th April 2024 at 10am. Zoom talk by Bill McNaught.

### **Carshalton And District History & Archaeology Society: TBA**

Saturday 11th May 2024 at 2.30pm, Milton Hall, Cooper Crescent, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, SM5 2DL. £3 for visitors.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### Obituary

We are sad to say that Peter Reed died recently. He was a long-term member of EEHAS and the power behind the Epsom and Ewell History Explorer website, which is an amazing resource for those interested in local history. A full obituary can be found at:

<https://eehe.org.uk/?p=82368>

Members making payment of their subscription please note our change of bank details:

Metro Bank (Epsom Branch), One Southampton Row, London, WC1B 5HA

Epsom and Ewell History and Archaeology Society

Sort code 23-05-80          Account no 44508680

Please make sure you use your surname as the reference.

Standing Order members must remember to cancel their payment to the former bank HSBC.

Members who pay by standing order can get a form from the Membership Secretary, details on back page.

### 2024 Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2024 became due on 1st January. Subscriptions can be paid at the monthly meetings, or by post to the Treasurer, Jane Pedler, or the Membership Secretary, Doreen Tilbury. Subs are £15 for ordinary membership, £22 for family membership, £6 for student, or £22 for corporate and school memberships. Please make cheques payable to Epsom and Ewell History and Archaeology Society. If payment is by cash please bring along the correct money. A slip is provided below:

### 2024 Subscriptions

I (we) wish to renew membership for 2024          Amount enclosed.....

Name and address.....

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E-mail address.....

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**Please send copy for the next newsletter to the Newsletter Editor by 12 March 2024.**

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**[www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk](http://www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk)**

**Gift Aid**

Just a further reminder that if you pay tax EEHAS, as a charity, can claim Gift Aid on your subscription or donations, at no cost to yourself. In order for us to do this you need to sign a Gift Aid Declaration form which is available at meetings and can also be found on the Society website on the Membership page.

You can see a colour copy of this newsletter on the Society website from mid February  
**[www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk](http://www.epsomewellhistory.org.uk)**

**Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society**  
**Annual Report for 2023**



## **INTRODUCTION**

This annual report highlights the main activities of the Society for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The well-being of the Society owes a great deal to the hard work of a core group of members, and we thank them for this.

## **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The principal officers and committee members during the year were:

|                |                                                                              |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President      | Jonathan Cotton                                                              |
| Vice President | Frank Pemberton                                                              |
| Chairman       | vacant                                                                       |
| Secretary      | Nikki Cowlard                                                                |
| Treasurer      | Jane Pedler                                                                  |
| Committee      | Rosemary Burleigh, Jeff Cousins, David Hartley, Doreen Tilbury and Ian West. |

The Committee held eleven meetings during the year.

Other functionaries are:

|                      |                 |                      |               |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Archaeology Officer  | Frank Pemberton | Conservation Officer | David Hartley |
| Membership Secretary | Doreen Tilbury  | Newsletter Editor    | Jeff Cousins  |
| Programme Secretary  | Hugh Ricketts   | Publicity Officer    | Vacant        |

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships at the end of the year in terms of subscriptions paid were 51 (-1) ordinary, 17 (+1) family and 1 student. There was a total of 69 subscriptions and the Society has 4 honorary members. The gradual decline in membership continues, and this combined with reduced involvement by existing members has implications for how the Society can function going forward.

## **LIAISON WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

EEHAS is affiliated to Surrey Archaeological Society, Surrey Record Society and the Council for British Archaeology. E-newsletters are exchanged with neighbouring local history societies. Some of our members have individual membership of Surrey Archaeological Society: our President, Jonathan Cotton is a Vice-President of the Society as is Nikki Cowlard, our Secretary. David Hartley is active in SyAS' Medieval Studies Group. Several members are also members of other local archaeological and historical societies such as Esher History Society, and Surbiton and District Historical Society.

## **PUBLICITY**

Thanks go to Nikki Cowlard for running the website and Facebook page.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

The Society has not published any Occasional Paper this year. However, members of the committee have continued work on preparing archaeological reports for publication. It is the intention of the committee to ensure that outstanding reports by the late Steve Nelson are brought to publication.

Members are encouraged to carry out local historic research and to approach the committee if they have papers for publication.



## ARCHAEOLOGY

Frank Pemberton, Archaeology Officer

### Roman Ewell reports

Back reports covering excavations in Ewell between 1977-2003 have been completed and will be made available online and in a limited number of paper copies.

### Bourne Hall excavation report

Final editing is taking place on this report on excavations from 1962-65, which took place during the months up to the building of the current Bourne Hall. The draft report was the work of the late Steve Nelson and additions, including the identification and quantification of Roman pottery by Phil Stanley, Frank Pemberton and David Hartley, and editing by Jeremy Harte, will complete this publication.

**Planning applications** are scrutinised for possible impacts on archaeology in the Borough. Applications commented on include: 9 Copse Edge Avenue, Epsom; Glyn Hall, Cheam Road, Ewell; April Cottage, Ewell House Grove, Ewell; 24 High Street Ewell; new development at rear of 32 High Street, Ewell; Chamber Mead Open Space Green Lanes, West Ewell. We carry out small archaeological watching briefs at the request of the Surrey County Council Archaeological Planning Officer and in 2023 one was completed for 9 Copse Edge Avenue. Results feed into the Historic Environment Records for Surrey.

## CONSERVATION

The Society's Conservation Officer checks the Borough's planning applications regularly to highlight applications which affect listed buildings, locally listed buildings and buildings of interest within conservation areas. The Officer responds to concerns from members about conservation issues that affect the community.

As always there is pressure on built-up areas for development, whether in back gardens, knocking down buildings and redeveloping, or on brown-field or green-field sites. Whilst we cannot stop future development in our neighbourhoods we can all help reduce the negative impact by voicing our concerns and ensuring that the development that goes ahead is appropriate for its surroundings and respects our historic buildings and environs.

The Committee has liaised with the Council Planning Heritage Officer to raise issues of concern related to nationally or locally-listed buildings. Planning applications or conservation issues which we have discussed, commented on or viewed in 2023 include: 32 High Street, Ewell; 54 High Street, Ewell; 24-28 West Street, Epsom; The White House, 16 Waterloo Road, Epsom; 28 High Street, Ewell; Church House, Church Street, Epsom; 113 High Street Epsom.

We are fortunate to have the expertise of Ian West in recording buildings at risk, and to feed appropriately into planning applications.

We rely on you to let us know of any concerns you have about local buildings - we need 'eyes and ears' around the Borough to make sure problems are picked up and highlighted. You can contact us by phone, e-mail or post via the Secretary.

## BOURNE HALL MUSEUM

Members of EEHAS continue to support the Museum when circumstances allow, and Jeremy Harte, the Museum's curator, aids members' work on historical and archaeological archives.

## LECTURE PROGRAMME

Eleven monthly talks were held in 2023 at Ewell Hall. Meetings were well attended and enjoyed by participating members. The subjects were as follows: 'What the Roman did for us in Epsom and Ewell' (Richard Baker); 'The Little Woodcote Hoard' (Jon Cotton); Cheam ware: what, when and why? (Clive Orton) and 'Rhenish influences on English earthenware and early stoneware production in England' (Lyn Blackmore): a lecture in memory of Steve Nelson; 'Horton Cemetery' (Kevin McDonnell); 'Buildings in Kingston' (Ian West); 'Epsom's War Graves' (Martin Olney); 'The Art of the London Underground' (Mike Grundy); 'The Punic Wars' (Charles Blencowe); 'Ultima Thule: The Orkney Islands' (Richard Baker); 'Preserving the Past for the Future' (Julian Pooley); From the Amazon to Kew and Beyond: the story of rubber' (Hugh Ricketts).

Thanks to Hugh Ricketts for arranging the programme.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Five newsletters were produced in 2023, edited by Jeff Cousins and for this we thank him. Newsletters were printed and distributed at the meetings, by hand delivery or by post. They were also published on the website with colour photographs. Articles that have appeared in the year's newsletters include: 10,000 years of Brentford; The Cold War and its relevance today; 32 High Street, Ewell; What did the Romans ever do for us in Epsom & Ewell?; Little Woodcote: A Late Bronze Age 'Treasure' in context; The Gadesdens of Ewell Castle (Parts 3 & 4); Rhenish influences on earthenware and stoneware production in England; Cheam ware: what, when and why?; Horton Cemetery; Sean F Khan – obituary; Nonsuch Park Culvert; History on Your Doorstep; The Buildings of Kingston-upon-Thames; Epsom's War Graves; The Dramatic Art of the London Underground; Exploring authors, composers and artists in Cuddington; Epsom's War Graves; The Punic Wars; The Orkney Islands; The Case of the Fictitious Husband; A local history detective story; A Nice Derangement of Epitaphs.

Many thanks to all our contributors, but more articles are always welcome. Thanks, too, to Doreen Tilbury for organising distribution of the newsletter.

## **FINANCES**

The Treasurer's Report is distributed with this Annual Report and the Society's finances remain in the capable hands of Jane Pedler.

## Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society

### Annual General Meeting 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 8p.m. at Ewell Hall (opposite St. Mary's Church), 7 London Road, Ewell, KT17 2AY.

#### Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the AGM held on 1st March 2023 circulated with the April 2023 newsletter).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda.
4. To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Report (herewith).
5. To receive and adopt, if approved, the Treasurer's Report and the Account and Balance Sheet for 2023.

#### 6. Election of Officers

The following are nominated for re-election:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Jonathan Cotton |
| Vice-President | Frank Pemberton |
| Chairman       | Vacant          |
| Secretary      | Nikki Cowlard   |
| Treasurer      | Jane Pedler     |

Committee Members due for re-election are:

Rosemary Burleigh, Ian West.

Committee members not due for re-election this year are:

Jeff Cousins, David Hartley, Doreen Tilbury.

Election of independent examiner

Rod Clarke is nominated for re-election.

#### 7. Open Forum

Members of the Society are invited to ask questions about EEHAS affairs and to give their views on future activities. If anyone prefers to make a short contribution to be read out at the meeting it should be sent to be received by the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

#### 8. Any other business

# *Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society Registered Charity No 259221*

## **EEHAS REVENUE ACCOUNT**

| <b>Year Ended: 31st December</b>               | <b>2023</b>     | <b>2022</b>     |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                  |                 |                 |
| Members subscriptions                          | 1,138.60        | 1,184.00        |
| Donations                                      | 124.00          | 93.00           |
| Sale of Publications                           | 0.00            | 54.79           |
| Meeting Receipts                               | 61.00           | 24.00           |
| Social events & Activities                     | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| H M Revenue & Customs                          | 206.46          | 0.00            |
| Interest on investment                         | 4.10            | 0.44            |
|                                                | <hr/>           | <hr/>           |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>1,534.16</b> | <b>1,356.23</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                             |                 |                 |
| Printing & Stationery                          | 404.85          | 490.66          |
| Postage & Telephone                            | 134.18          | 157.84          |
| Meetings expenses                              | 580.00          | 800.00          |
| Production of publications                     | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Subscriptions to other societies               | 80.00           | 80.00           |
| Social events & activities                     | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| Insurance                                      | 252.20          | 252.20          |
| Internet Website                               | 64.66           | 64.66           |
| Archaeology                                    | 0.00            | 36.00           |
| Purchase of equipment                          | 61.78           | 0.00            |
| Depreciation of equipment                      | 28.01           | 23.18           |
| Bank Charges                                   | 0.00            | 25.60           |
|                                                | <hr/>           | <hr/>           |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>1,605.68</b> | <b>1,930.14</b> |
| <b>Excess (+) or shortfall (-) of receipts</b> | <b>-71.52</b>   | <b>-573.91</b>  |

**BALANCE SHEET**

| as at 31st December                   | 2023            | 2022            |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |                 |                 |
| General Fund as at 1st January        | 8,352.95        | 8,926.86        |
| Additions to equipment account        | 61.78           | 0.00            |
| Excess or shortfall of income         | -71.52          | -573.91         |
|                                       |                 |                 |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>8,343.21</b> | <b>8,352.95</b> |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |                 |                 |
| Equipment as valued less depreciation | 196.05          | 162.28          |
| Cash at Bank                          | 3,737.71        | 3,785.32        |
| N.S.B Investments Account             | 4,409.45        | 4,405.35        |
|                                       |                 |                 |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>8,343.21</b> | <b>8,352.95</b> |

**CME Account**

There was no movement on the CME Account in 2023 and the balance remains at £2,160.96.

**Treasurer: J Pedler**  
**Examiner: R Clarke**

**Independent Examiner's Report  
to the Committee of Epsom & Ewell History & Archaeology Society**

I report on the attached accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of the Committee and the Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the general requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with UK accounting principles have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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