

Programme for Spring Meeting 2017

CHEZ TURNEYS

The village of Cross Aulton in Surrey was twelve miles from Hyde Park Corner as the coach drove; but ten by way of the London, Epsom and Dorking Railway. The parish comprised nearly three thousand acres, of which four hundred were meadow land, twenty-four were water - being the river and its many tributary springs and rillets breaking out of the chalky subsoil - and the remainder occupied by railways, public roads, and market gardens.

The Dark Lantern, opening of Chapter 3

Friday 19th May

At Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton

If you arrive early you can find several coffee shops in Carshalton village, and you might like to have a look at All Saints church which overlooks the ponds.

6.30 onwards - drinks in the bar

7.30 Dinner

8.45 "Parish notices" and travel arrangements for Saturday's excursion.

An illustrated talk entitled 'Henry's Carshalton' by Will Harris.

Saturday 20th May

After breakfast:

10.00 Meet at the hotel entrance for the trip to St Mary's church, Carew Manor and Beddington Park. The short journey will take us along the road to Croydon travelled by Hugh Turney driving the turnout with his passengers Sarah and Hetty; they will have passed the lovely St Mary's Church and Carew Manor, both of which we shall visit. We are hoping to travel by car or public transport as it is only a few minutes drive away. We can stroll in the beautiful park and take refreshments in the Pavilion café.

12.30 Return to Carshalton. Lunch can be taken at cafés and bars along Carshalton High Street.

After lunch our Chairman will take us on a guided walk around the village of Carshalton, with appropriate readings. We will also visit the Honeywood Museum which was the Edwardian home of a former resident, perhaps not unlike Thomas Turney's Maybury Lodge. Afternoon tea and cake can be purchased.

5.00 p.m. approx - return to Greyhound Hotel

6.30 onwards - drinks in the bar

7.30 Dinner to be followed by a talk by John Monks about the life and work of the poet James Farrar, who lived locally and whom Henry championed.

Sunday 21th May

After breakfast, for those not travelling home immediately, there will be an opportunity for a short drive to Oaks Park, from which there are splendid views as far as London, such as Henry described in the *Chronicle*, and a lavender field, a potent reminder of the once flourishing local industry. A buffet lunch will be available at Will and Janet's house at a cost of £6 per person, to include a glass of something delightful.

Health and Safety (as advised by our insurance company)

Members are reminded that it is their personal responsibility to decide on the level of their capability and whether they should participate in any of the Society's activities. Much of the Greyhound hotel is very old, and it stands beside a busy and narrow main road. Those who offer lifts in private cars should ensure they have insurance cover for passengers. It would be helpful if those members with mobile phones bring them to facilitate communications, especially in the event of an emergency.

Any queries to Janet Harris: 020 8395 9978 or wjh@blueyonder.co.uk