

LOCAL RESEARCH FORUM SUB GROUPS

1. Documentary (lead Pete Smee):

As a first step to identify references to Woking Palace in the Tudor and Stuart periods in modern historical works (but not historical fiction) and to trace where possible the documentary source for each; comparing and correlating these with the studies already carried out on State and other papers by Phillip Arnold, Richard Christophers and Nancy Hawkins and with Simon Thurley's 'Calendar of Royal Visits', which is being made available to us by him. The aim is to create a complete listing and index of all such sources.

If possible to carry out similar studies for the earlier periods between c.1200 and 1485, including:

(a) the extant records featuring Fulk Basset and Philip Basset (a list of the deeds mentioning Alan Basset has already been published by the Pipe Roll Society)

and

(b) the records of Thomas, Duke of Clarence. Transcriptions or summaries of many of these are already available on the internet but we have no complete listing or index of them. The extent of this phase will depend on volunteers being able and willing to spend time at The National Archives, British Library and other record offices.

2. Evolution of the Deer Park and post park landscape (lead Richard Savage):

Carry out documentary and map-based research on the field and farm names of all places in and adjoining the old Deer Park, basing the work initially on the extensive but unpublished study carried out by Woking History Society some years ago. RS has access to the various terriers of the early 18th and 19th centuries and is interested in all changes of name from the 1620s through to about 1939 in order to trace the development of the post park landscape. As an additional topic the group will examine in some detail the references to features in the Park contained in the Tudor documents. If possible all of the information will be recorded in a Geographic Information System (GIS).

3. Newspapers and other local printed sources (lead Pamela Savage):

Carry out a comprehensive trawl of local newspapers, parish magazines and other local documentary sources for all years up to at least 1988. In the first instance the group will focus on searching for any references or descriptions of the excavations undertaken at Woking Palace by later Lord Iveagh between 1902 and 1912 and any references to the collections of excavated artefacts held in the vaulted building until they disappeared in World War 2.