

## **Bishop's Waltham Society**

### **Diary of Members' Meetings planned for 2020**

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in St Peter's Church Hall (at the junction of Free Street and Hoe Road). Meetings start at 7.30pm, and refreshments are served before the talk.

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

(at which only current members may vote) followed by cheese and wine. There will then be a talk by Audrey Brown of Bishop's Waltham Ramblers on the work the ramblers do to clear footpaths and repair stiles for all of us to use.

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - 'It Should Have Happened to a Vet'**

by Gillian Taylor. Gillian talks about her career as a vet, her connections with PDSA, Canine Partners and others, and discusses changes in the veterinary world. Before her recent retirement, Gillian worked at Shield Veterinary Services on Victoria Road in Bishop's Waltham.

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April - 'Saxons or Vikings - which were nastiest?'**

Society member Dr Lindon Palmer will give a talk that might make us re-appraise our initial answer to this question. Waltham was, after all, founded by the Saxons and burnt down by the Vikings!

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - 'Winchester Action on Climate Change'.**

A talk by WinACC's Treasurer Bill Gunyon on the workings of the organisation and some of the many issues with which they are involved. WinACC are dedicated to combatting climate change and inspiring sustainable living. They work collaboratively with residents, businesses and policymakers to cut the carbon footprint of the Winchester District. They were founded in 2007, when Greta Thunberg was only three...

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - 'The Civil War in the Meon Valley'**

by Professor Duncan Colin-Jones. He will take us through the various disputes between Parliament and King Charles I, and where our local aristocracy and landowners' allegiances lay during the three Civil Wars of 1642 to 1651. The south of England was split and the Meon Valley was the line between the two forces, with key sites such as Winchester Castle fought over, the battle at Cheriton and the subsequent siege at Bishops Waltham Palace, which ended in its destruction!

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 'Edward Jenner, Napoleon and Blossom the Cow'.**

Paul Chamberlain, a Fellow of the Institute of Biomedical Science, is also a historian of the Napoleonic era. He will be telling us how an English scientist, Dr Edward Jenner, was able to impress Bonaparte with his discoveries. Sadly he was not directly related to Sir William Jenner, Queen Victoria's physician, who lived in Bishop's Waltham at Palace House.

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September - 'Harlots, Dung & Glory - Part IV'.**

Andrew Negus will complete his well-known History of Portsmouth (1930 to the present day). Many members enjoyed Parts II and III, and we may have to go back to Part I in 2021 to complete the full set, since we missed the first episode!

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 'Hampshire Garden Trust'.**

Sally Miller, Chair of the Research Group of Hampshire Gardens Trust, will talk about their work and some local historic gardens they have researched. The Hampshire Gardens Trust is the only voluntary organisation in the county to identify the needs and opportunities to conserve, protect and enhance the county's rich heritage of parks, gardens and designed green spaces. They offer expert, free advice and appropriate project grants to raise awareness of the value of these special places.

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November - 'Myths and Legends of World War I'.**

A talk by Rupert Matthews who is a professional historian. He has written over 100 books and many magazine articles as well as appearing on TV and radio. His lively talks are usually packed with amusing anecdotes, gripping facts and exciting incidents. Two years on from the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war seems timely for such a talk.

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - The Society's Christmas Party**

details to be confirmed.

If you would like to join the Society and attend this year's meetings, please contact our Treasurer Keith Fry at [treasurer@bishopswalthamsociety.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@bishopswalthamsociety.org.uk) or our Secretary Eileen Rainey at [secretary@bishopswalthamsociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bishopswalthamsociety.org.uk) - we would be delighted to welcome you! Simples...