

Programme of meetings for 2021

The meetings for 2021 will continue to use Zoom online until such time as it is possible to re-start public meetings at the Church Hall and members feel comfortable in doing so. We will keep members informed.

18 January The Marriage of Philip of Spain and Queen Mary I

A joint talk with Bishop's Waltham Museum Trust, on a Monday, by Don Bryan, a Blue Badge Guide, on the marriage held at Winchester Cathedral in 1554. Mary stayed at Bishop's Waltham Palace as she waited for Philip to arrive.

18 February The Society's Annual General Meeting and a Talk

The Annual General Meeting will be held without its traditional cheese and wine but it will be followed with a talk by Barry Shurlock of the Hampshire Archives Trust entitled "Stories from the Archives". His talk will show how tales from the past can be teased from the records.

18 March "The Saxons: were they really nasty?"

Society member Dr Lyndon Palmer will give a talk that might make us re-appraise our views of the Saxons' supposed barbarism and brutality. Waltham was, after all, founded by the Saxons and burnt down by the Vikings!

15 April "Prisoners, Pirates and Volcanoes"

Paul Chamberlain, writer and lecturer on the Napoleonic period, will talk about the aftermath of Waterloo in 1815, when all seemed settled... but was it? Men and nature don't normally go quietly after seismic events.

20 May "Medieval Timber Framed Buildings for Beginners"

Another joint meeting with the Bishop's Waltham Museum Trust. Penny Copeland, the Museum's Registrar, will talk about medieval timber-framed buildings, with references to some examples found in Bishop's Waltham, including the Museum Farmhouse itself.

17 June "Harlots, Dung and Glory: Part 4" (may be subject to change)

Andrew Negus, who has given us excellent talks on the history of Portsmouth in recent years, will now give us the fourth part of his series, covering 1930 to the present day.

15 July "Admiral Lord Anson, his Life and Legacy"

Professor Colin Duncan-Jones, chairman of Soberton History Society, will give a talk about Admiral George Anson, later made Baron Soberton, who successfully circumnavigated the world – at great cost to both ships and crew.

19 August No meeting

16 September "The Revolting People of Bishop's Waltham"

Tony Kippenberger will give a talk about the occasions when the people of Bishop's Waltham have been aroused to resist or rebel against the authorities (both local and national). From taking up arms to burning a curate's effigy, residents haven't always been compliant!

21 October "Deer Parks and Medieval Forests"

Dr Mandy Richardson of Chichester University will talk about landscape history, particularly deer parks and medieval forests like the Bishop's Deer Park and the Chase at Waltham, both within the original Royal Forest of Bere.

18 November "It should have happened to a Vet"

A talk by recently retired, local vet 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.

16 December The Society's Christmas Party

Our own Christmas Party – members and guests only. More detail to follow...

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