

# Programme of Speakers for 2023



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 7.30 pm so please arrive earlier to be seated.

**19 January 2023 - No meeting**

**16 February - The Society's Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by cheese and wine and a talk from Dr Roy Stainton, chairman of the Museum Trust, about Lady Jane Grey who was named by Edward VI as his successor but who ruled as Queen for just 9 days in 1553.

**16 March - "The Stephen and Matilda Wars"**

A talk by Donald Bryan, a lecturer in history and archaeology and Blue Badge Guide. He will describe the civil war that raged across England for 15 years from 1139-1153. During it a castle was built in Bishop's Waltham by Henry of Blois.

**20 April - "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"**

An informative talk by a member of Hampshire County Council's Waste Prevention Team to help us all reduce waste, save ourselves money and save the planet!

**18 May - "Winchester from the Iron Age to 1100 AD"**

Andrew Negus, who has given us a wonderful series of talks on the history of Portsmouth, starts a new series about Winchester's history starting at the beginning.

**15 June - "Saxon Detectives" (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF SPEAKER AND SUBJECT)**

Dr Lyndon Palmer will speak about the 'detective work', particularly in recent years, of archaeologists excavating Saxon sites and metal detectorists finding Saxon treasure.

**20 July - "The Infamous Ford Grey, Earl of Tankerville"**

Dr Bob France returns with a talk about the man who built Uppark. A story full of adventure, domestic scandal, politics, intrigue and rebellion and three narrow escapes from the executioner's axe! Yet he ended up as Lord Privy Seal...

**17 August - No meeting**

**21 September - "The Venerable Bede"**

A Northumbrian monk, Bede was one of the greatest teachers and writers of the Early Middle Ages and is considered by many historians to be the most important European scholar during the period 600-800 AD. Duncan Colin-Jones will talk about his life and work.

**19 October - "Who was Henry of Blois?"**

Tony Kippenberger will talk about the Bishop of Winchester who was a grandson of William the Conqueror, the brother of King Stephen and Lord of the Manor of Waltham. He built the first Palace here, and a new church on the current site and may have laid out the town. Our histories are intertwined.

**16 November - "Farmer's Field to Fruit and Flowers"**

A talk by retired Bishop's Waltham vet Gillian Taylor about her experiences, over the years, in turning a farmer's field in France into beautiful garden with roses, flowers, fruit bushes and trees. Making a dream come true!

**21 December - The Society's Christmas Party**

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

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