

Programme of meetings for 2022

Following the extremely successful use of Zoom for our meetings throughout 2020 and 2021, we will be returning to face-to-face meetings in the Church Hall with effect from our 21st April meeting.

20 January 2022 "Lawrence: Before and After Arabia"

Another talk by Colin van Geffen. The legend of Lawrence of Arabia is well documented in books and film, but what of his life before and after the Desert War of WWI? Described as one of the most influential Englishmen of the 20th Century – but he wasn't English! There are many myths, but the truth is far more fascinating. A man of many lives...

17 February The Society's 37th Annual General Meeting and a Talk

The Annual General Meeting will probably be held without its traditional cheese and wine but it will be followed with a talk by Tony Kippenberger on **"Taper Burn Marks"**. These are the rather mysterious flame-shaped marks burnt into wooden beams and mantelpieces – often found in timber frame buildings and pubs (like the Crown!). What are they and how and why were they made?

17 March "The Rise and Fall of Emma Hamilton"

A welcome return for speaker Bob France. He will recount the dramatic story of one of the most remarkable women in English history. From rural poverty, Emma became the most painted woman in Europe, a fashion icon and pioneer of interpretive performance art. She was a dazzling hostess, the confidante of a powerful queen, a heroine of the Napoleonic wars and the lover (some say nemesis) of Britain's greatest naval hero – Lord Nelson.

21 April "Harlots, Dung and Glory: Part 4" (postponed from 2021)

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.

19 May "Henry VIII and the Treaty of Waltham 1522"

A talk by Tony Kippenberger about the ten day meeting between Henry VIII and Emperor Charles V at Bishop's Waltham Palace that saw the signing of the Treaty of Waltham 500 years ago.

16 June "The History of Chichester Harbour"

Professor Colin Duncan-Jones will give a talk about the history of Chichester harbour, which he has explored from his dinghy over the years. Used by the invading army of Rome, Chichester's harbour has a long history.

21 July "The Napoleonic Conspirators of Odiham"

Paul Chamberlain returns with a new talk about Edouard Simon, a French General paroled at Odiham, who conspired with others to successfully smuggle French PoWs back across the Channel to France – until being betrayed. He then escaped, was recaptured and eventually locked away in Scotland.

15 September "Tudor era houses in Bishop's Waltham"

Penny Copeland, Collections Manager at Bishop's Waltham Museum, will give a talk on the many 16th and 17th century houses, mostly timber-framed, that she has visited and investigated in recent years. As a qualified surveyor, archaeologist and vernacular architecture expert Penny can explain what she has discerned in the structure and layout of these buildings and what it tells us about the past.

20 October Subject to be determined

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15 December The Society's Christmas Party

Our own Christmas Party, for members and guests only – which we hope can be held in the Church Hall again for the first time since 2019. Detail to follow.

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