

# Programme 2024

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in The Catholic Church Hall, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham. Meetings start at 7.30pm

## 15 February The Society's Annual General Meeting

Our usual Annual General Meeting will be followed by cheese and wine and a short talk by Nick Whitehead from The Bishop's Waltham Museum Trust on "How we belong: Society and Community".

## 14 March "Sutton Hoo and its Saxon Mysteries"

An illustrated talk by Lyndon Palmer, one of our regular contributors.

## 18 April "Victorian Humour"

Alan Brindle from the Magic Lantern Society will be showing slides from the early Victorian period; including rotating slides, slip slides and comic series, which represented cutting-edge technology of that period. This show includes the most famous moving slide ever produced, 'The Rat Swallower'.

## 16 May "Bishops, Buildings and Bones Part II"

An illustrated talk by Historian, Blue Badge Guide and a regular contributor to our talks, Andrew Negus.

## 20 June Frances Liardet

Frances is an acclaimed author and a translator of Arabic literature. Her two most recent books (both WWII related) are We Must Be Brave (2019) and Think of Me (2022).

## 18 July "British Prisoners of War in France 1803 – 1814"

Paul Chamberlain, a regular contributor to our meetings, and a writer and lecturer on the Napoleonic period, will talk about what life was like for British prisoners of war in the early 19th century.

## 19 September "Philip Beale of Phoenicia Expeditions"

Philip is an adventurer, explorer, author and speaker. He has led 3 Kon Tiki type expeditions and is passionate about the history of the Phoenicians, a subject he has spoken about at many events, both across the UK and internationally.

## 17 October "Who was Henri de Blois?"

A talk by Tony Kippenberger, need we say more? (Current II Presidente and lately Chairman of BWS)

## 21 November "Chalk Streams"

Dr Dave Rumble, the CEO of Wessex Rivers Trust, will deliver a talk on chalk streams (chalk springs form the source of the River Hamble).

## 19 December The Society's Christmas Party

Our own Christmas Party – members and guests only. Further details nearer the time.

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