

11th—14th May 2018 HLHS Weekend - Derbyshire

We plan staying at the Hallmark Hotel Mickleover, Derby. A provisional programme including excursions to Calke Abbey, Cromford Mill, Hardwick Hall and Chatsworth has been circulated by email or is available direct from Rosemary Smith (rosemarysnotes@gmail.com or 01480-350127). In order to secure the best hotel deal we need early booking, so provisional booking including a £50 deposit is being requested by **30 September 2017**.

Thursday 17th May [provisional date] **Huntingdon Town Hall**
Annual General Meeting and Excursions Preview.

Records of Huntingdonshire *The editor writes:* I apologise for the long delay with the appearance of the next issue, but I expect to have it ready for distribution at the November meeting and mailing out to anyone not there afterwards. I am delighted to announce that Richard Halliday, who has substantial editorial experience, has agreed to take over as editor from the following issue. If you are thinking of submitting an article do contact him at an early stage (richardhalliday@yahoo.com, 01480-445669).

New subscriptions during the Autumn cover all 2018. Otherwise renewals are due on 1st January, £10 single, £15 double. Please renew promptly through our membership secretary, Mrs Jean Burbidge, Wild Goose Leys, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon, PE28 2LB (01487 773349; gosingwing@gmail.com). If you are a UK taxpayer, Jean can arrange a Gift Aid declaration, thereby increasing the society's income. Please tell her too if you have made a declaration in the past but no longer earn enough (£10,000) to pay income tax.

Goodliff Awards -. Information about the 2018 applications is available on the website or can be obtained by emailing goodliff.awards@gmail.com. We are looking for a variety of historical projects to support. Applications from individuals, especially members of the society, are particularly welcome so if you have a piece of historical research you would like some financial help with, by all means speak to a member of the Goodliff committee (Kate Hadley, Bridget Flanagan, Jean Burbidge, the Treasurer and the Chairman) about it and in any case apply by the deadline of 31 March 2018

Would you prefer daytime meetings? The committee is considering whether to change to the winter meetings to an afternoon. It might make it easier to get speakers from a distance and encourage larger attendance. But we continue to aim at making talks accessible to those who work as well as the retired. What do you think? Would it be confusing to have some meetings in the afternoon and some in the evening? Please give members of the committee your views.

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The Newsletter of the Huntingdonshire Local History Society Autumn 2017



Inside is our programme for Autumn 2017– Spring 2018. We hope you will find the lectures varied and interesting, and that we shall see you regularly at meetings.

Do bring along your friends. There is no formal charge for non-members, but we invite them to make a donation of £3.00.

Lecture Programme 2017—2018

All lectures are held at the Methodist Church in Huntingdon High Street PE29 3TE at 7.30pm, unless otherwise specified.

The President's Lecture, the Christmas Social and the AGM will be in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon

There is limited parking at the church and at Market Hill, and a large public car park in Malthouse Close (road next to the former Waitrose, off Princes Street).

Thursday 12th October 2017 **Huntingdon Town Hall**
2017 President's Lecture and Goodliff Awards Presentation

Houses of Power: the Places that shaped the Tudor World
Simon Thurley, former Chief Executive, English Heritage

What was it like to live as a royal Tudor? Why were their residences built as they were and what went on inside their walls? Who slept where and with whom? Our President comes to talk about his new book about Tudor royal architecture and reflects on the Tudor monarchy's perambulations in Huntingdonshire. We expect an opportunity for purchases with book-signing (so bring some cash!).

Thursday 9th November 2017

John Berridge of Everton and the Evangelical Revival
Nigel Pibworth

We all know of the Wesleys, and of lay persons like Hannah More and Wilberforce. Others will know of Henry Venn and Charles Simeon, but Berridge is comparatively neglected, even in Huntingdonshire where he was vicar of Everton-cum-Tetworth. Our speaker is his biographer and has recently edited a volume of the man's letters, and will seek to enlighten us



Thursday 7th December 2017 **Huntingdon Town Hall**
Christmas Social Evening with Entertainment by the Society

This year for a change we have decided to offer the society some home-grown seasonal entertainment. The programme is under development and will be announced later. Likely items are at present: Liz Davies on Christmas customs and a pictorial interlude by David Cozens from his lantern slide collection, and others will do readings. We hope for a musical soloist. If you would like to 'do a turn' contact David on 01487-814229.

We will again be providing sandwiches, etc., as well as drinks, but members are welcome to bring additional seasonal fare. They may, of course, bring guests. *Tickets £5.00 to include food.*

Please return **booking slip** opposite to **David Smith 16 Dovehouse Close, Godmanchester PE29 2DY (01480 350127)**

Thursday 11th January 2018
The Godmanchester Stirling Crash. New Pictures and Untold Family Stories. Roger Leivers

Roger's research for the book he has now published had a Goodliff award in 2015. In this talk he will tell us how the project has become a voyage of discovery and bring us up to date



Thursday 8th February 2018
Cootes, Constables and Chickens - a History of Houghton Grange. Bridget Flanagan

Bridget will explore the chequered history of this building and show there is much of interest before its sad decline from Edwardian magnificence to a government scientific centre and the present dereliction



Thursday 8th March 2018
The Anglo-Saxons in Huntingdonshire. Dr Stephen Upex

Dr Upex is probably best known for his expertise on the Romans in the Nene Valley, but his academic range is much wider. Here he ventures later and on to a broader canvas to examine the effects of those who supplanted the Romans.

Thursday 12th April
Treading the Boards in Georgian England: Actors and Theatres in the East Midlands. Neil Wright

Mr Wright is author of a recent book on actors and the theatre in Lincolnshire, putting the spotlight on the important part that theatre made to Georgian provincial life. In this talk he will expand his scope to bring in Huntingdonshire



I /we shall be coming to the **Christmas Social** on 7th December & enclose a cheque payable to Huntingdonshire Local History Society for £ (£5.00 per person) No tickets will be issued, but an attendance list will be kept at the door.

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