

Presidents Lecture and Goodliff Awards Presentation 2018

The President's Lecture by Dr Simon Thurley and the presentation of this year's Goodliff Awards will take place on **Thursday 15th November 2018*** at Huntingdon Town Hall.

Summary of awards

£200 to Jane Adams, for an information booklet and children's guide to St Peter and St Paul's church, Alconbury.

£500 to Jane Watson, for a printed version of her history of Barham parish.

£1,000 to the Cromwell Museum, for new signage and interpretation boards.

£500 to Beth Davis, for publishing Bert Goodwin's Second World War memoirs.

£1,500 to the Nene Valley Archaeological Trust, for magnetometry survey of site of Roman *Durobrivae* [Water Newton].

£300 to All Saints Church, Elton, for publication / display boards about stained glass and Anglo-Saxon crosses.

£300 to Peter Cooper, for development and publication of online interactive maps of Holywell-cum-Needingworth.

£1,000 to Huntingdonshire History Festival Committee, towards 'Sealed Knot' re-enactment and event liability insurance.

£1,200 to the Norris Museum, St Ives, for production of learning session materials, 'Cromwell the Man, Friend or Foe?', and *iPad* tablets.

£500 to Roger Reynolds, for publication costs of Ramsey At War' (WW2)

**Note change to date printed in the 2018 member's card.*

Change of Day for Hunts Local History Society Lectures

Due to a clash at the Huntingdon Methodist Church, the usual day of the winter lecture programme will change to the **2nd Wednesday of the month**, starting on **10th October 2018**. However, the President's lecture and Christmas social will be on **Thursdays** 15th November and 13th December respectively, in the **Town Hall**. Further information will be in the Autumn *Almanack*.

Huntingdon History Festival July 2018.

- Launch event on 30 June, including re-enactment by Sealed Knot and Market Hill stalls & Local History Fayre at Huntingdon Library
 - Historical displays within shop windows (about 20 are taking part) for month of July
 - Evening talks at the George Hotel: 12, 19, 26 July. Guided Walks
 - Privileged visits to Cromwell Museum and Huntingdonshire Archives
- Look out for further information in *About Town*, *Hunts Post*, posters, leaflets or check out the *Facebook* page at www.facebook.com/HuntsHistoryFest/

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See inside for the summer
excursion programme

*We hope you will find them interesting
and will join us on several*

AGM Thursday 17th May 7.30pm, Huntingdon Town Hall

Followed by a short presentation on the Kimbolton Coin Hoard by Liz Davies, Curator of the St Neots Museum.

Wednesday 30th May 2pm

Visit to Alconbury Weald Heritage Centre

Meet at The Club, The Boulevard, Enterprise Campus. Rebecca Britton will meet us to explain how *Urban&Civic* are incorporating the heritage of this former RAF station into the ongoing development of Alconbury Weald.

Own transport. No charge but book by Wednesday 23rd May

Thursday 21st June 11am

Visit to Westminster College, St Clement's and All Saints churches Cambridge.

Westminster College is a foundation of the United Reformed Church, incorporating the former Cheshunt College of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion. We begin our visit with a display from the College's archives, including those of famous nonconformists of the 18th century onward. Then, after coffee/tea we will be given a tour of the college by the archivist, including the Chapel (an Arts & Crafts gem) & Library with portrait collection. We shall end our visit to the college with lunch in the Hall. We shall then walk half-mile to All Saints church, Jesus Lane, via St Clement's church, both of which are being opened specially for us. St Clement's is a medieval church off the beaten tourist track that deserves to be better known; All Saints is a Victorian Gothic masterpiece by Bodley and Morris. Contact Philip Saunders (paksaunderst@talk21.com or 01954-250421) if you have queries.

Cost £16 including refreshments and lunch.

Book by 15th June. Numbers limited to 24.



Tuesday 17th July - Full Day

Coach excursion to Boston, Tattershall Castle & Church, Lincolnshire

Neil Wright (our speaker in April) will meet us at Fyde House in Boston for tea / coffee & an introductory talk & then guide us around this ancient market town. His itinerary is a 1½-hour walk before lunch & a second 1½-hour walk after lunch, looking briefly at St Botolph's church & "The Stump" 272 feet high. Some members may not wish to participate in the full walking programme. **Please write A** on the booking form for the full walking programme, **B** for the morning only, **C** for the afternoon only and **D** for no conducted tour, free time only.

We will then visit Tattershall Castle keep built of brick in 1434 by Ralph, Lord Cromwell and the adjacent Holy Trinity church built by Ralph's executor.

Depart Mill Common Huntingdon 9.00 am, arrive Boston 10.45. Morning walk 11.15 to 12.45; afternoon walk 2.00 to 3.00. Leave Boston 3.15 for Tattershall, visit castle and church 4.00 to 5.30. Return to Huntingdon 7.00 / 7.30pm.

Other pick-up points (indicate clearly on form): Somersham (Dews) 8.25; St Ives (Houghton Rd) 8.40; Hartford (Longstaff Way) 8.45; Godmanchester (Bridge Place car park) 8.50. **Cost (including morning refreshments): £35 (National Trust members £29).** Book by Thursday 5th July

Monday 13th August 1.30 p.m. Visit to March

We shall begin at St Wendreda's church, with its magnificent medieval timber roof, which Sir John Betjeman said was 'worth cycling forty miles into a head wind to see'. We then go to the classic Victorian station, opened 1847, once focus of one of the largest marshalling yards in Europe. Finally we adjourn to the town centre, where there should be time to fit in a short guided perambulation, but in any case to reassemble at the March Museum, which being opened specially for us. Our visit ends with tea and cakes provided by the Museum Society.



Own transport. Please advise if you can offer help /need help with transport.

For more information contact Kate Hadley on 01480-454154 or Jean Burbidge on

Thursday 13th September, 1.45 p.m.

Visit to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Needingworth Road, St Ives, and Privileged Visit to the Norris Museum and Library

The Catholic church has a remarkable history, starting life as St Andrew's church in Cambridge. It has been called 'Pugin's Little Gem'. After this visit we move to the Norris Museum, for a short talk, at 3.00pm, by the Director Sarah Russell on the collections and recent refurbishment, followed by tea and group guided tours of the new displays and behind the scenes.

Own transport. Please advise if you can offer help /need help with transport.

If you come by car we suggest Darwood's Pond or Cattle Market car parks for RC church and then move to Globe Place.

Cost: £3. Numbers limited to 30. Book by Friday 7th September

Booking an Excursion

Please use the accompanying form and pay in advance by cheque.

Note especially the 'Book By' date. Early booking is helpful. However do telephone if you are able to come at the last minute as outings are seldom over-subscribed.

Cancellations: If you cancel before the 'Book By' date your cheque will not be paid in. If you cancel later you may only receive a refund your place is filled

Non-member guests are very welcome. You will receive partial refunds on the coach for guest children, in respect of lower entrance fees.

The Society undertakes to make arrangements for the excursions but cannot accept liability for any mishap or loss connected with them