

10th-13th May 2019 Weekend Trip: Birmingham and Warwickshire

We hope to stay in Birmingham. A provisional programme including excursions to Forge Mill Needle Museum, The Jewellery Museum and Croome has been circulated by email or is available direct from Rosemary Smith (rosemarysnotes@gmail.com or 01480-350127). Numbers are limited, so if you are interested in joining us, please contact Rosemary as soon as possible.

AGM, Wednesday 15th May **Huntingdon Town Hall**

Our AGM will be followed by refreshments and a short talk as yet to be announced. Please see website for details nearer the date

Records of Huntingdonshire The editor writes: I am collecting articles for the next issue, with the aim of publication in 2019. If you are thinking of submitting an article do contact me at an early stage (richardhalliday@yahoo.com, 01480-445669).

Huntingdonshire History Festival This year's inaugural festival, with more than 40 lectures, guided walks, displays, re-enactments, and film shows, etc., was deemed a great success. The committee is planning another in July 2019, bigger and better, with earlier publicity and wider involvement, and the society will be again be involved. Look out for more information on the website and at meetings.

New subscriptions during the Autumn cover all 2019. Otherwise renewals are due on 1st January, £10 single, £15 double. Please renew promptly with our Treasurer Mr David Smith, 16 Dovehouse Close, Godmanchester, PE29 2DY. Email him (das55us@ntlworld.com) if you want to pay by direct transfer or set up a standing order, or are willing to make a Gift Aid declaration, thereby increasing the society's income. Please tell him too if you have you have made a declaration in the past but no longer earn enough (£10,000) to pay income tax.

Goodliff Awards Information about the 2019 applications is on the website or can be obtained by emailing goodliff.awards@gmail.com. We are hoping to support a variety of projects. 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, Jennifer Liddell, Jean Burbidge, the Treasurer and the Chairman) about it and in any case apply by the deadline of 31 March 2019

Please note. Our regular lectures are now held on a Wednesday evening at Huntingdon Methodist Church.

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The Newsletter of the Huntingdonshire Local History Society



Inside is our programme for Autumn 2018– Spring 2019. 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 2018—2019

Lectures are now held on a Wednesday evening at the Methodist Church, 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 but disabled parking only at Market Hill (access through High Street). However there is a large public car park in Malthouse Close (road next to the former Waitrose, off Princes Street).

Wednesday 10th October A Landscape through time:

Emma Jeffery, Senior Archaeologist at MOLA Headland Archaeology will talk about the astonishing discoveries taking place as a result of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

Thursday 15th November **Huntingdon Town Hall**

2017 President's Lecture and Goodliff Awards Presentation

Dr Simon Thurley's lecture this year is entitled 'The King, the Actress and the Cardinal; the birth of London's West End'. The King and the Cardinal one can make a fair guess at, but the Actress is more difficult. Come along if you want to know who they are. It is bound to be another revelation on the extraordinary history of our capital city.

Thursday 13th December **Huntingdon Town Hall**

Christmas Social Evening—A Tudor Christmas

This year our Christmas gathering will have a Tudor theme, with entertainment from the accomplished early music group *Hexacordia*.

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 £8.00 to include food.*

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

I /we shall be coming to the **Christmas Social** on 13th December & enclose a cheque payable to Huntingdonshire Local History Society for £ (£8.00 per person) No tickets will be issued, but an attendance list will be kept at the door.

Name..... Tel no.....

Email / Address

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Stories from Needingworth Mapping: Peter Cooper



Peter has been researching this village since 2011, trying to collect all he can about people, buildings, events, documents etc. , and to present this cartographically with the application of digital technology. This talk will be about his methods and what he has discovered.

Wednesday 13th February

Windows into a tribal World: Iron Age Coins.

Rodney Scarle

Rodney is a member of Longstanton and District Heritage Society, whose interest in early coinage and what they can tell us about the people who used it was stimulated by local archaeology. Over time he has built up a collection and considerable expertise .



Wednesday 13th March

The Changing Fields of Huntingdonshire: William Franklin



William Franklin's most recent book, *An Agricultural History of Ely* was given an award by the Cambs Association for Local History. This is however only part of his broader investigation across the county into the development of fields from Antiquity to the age of parliamentary inclosure.

Wednesday 10th April

The Curious History of Labyrinths and Mazes: Julie Bounford

Following an acclaimed book on Heffers, the Cambridge booksellers, Julie was commissioned to write one on Mazes. From prehistoric times, mazes and labyrinths worldwide have served as different symbolic, ritualistic, and practical purposes. She will tell us about her discoveries, local and further afield.

