



Look Around

*A look at historical & archaeological issues in
Andover*

and the surrounding villages.

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From the Chair September 2018

We have all enjoyed a wonderful summer this year and we had a lovely evening for the Society’s visit to see the ancient trees at Littleton Manor. The statisticians have been constantly comparing this summer with the record breaking summer of 1976 and that made me cast my mind back to that year when I had only been living in Andover for a short time.

The town was post-redevelopment and was no longer the Borough of Andover but it was still very different from the Andover of today. So many things have gone, not just a lot of the shops but also things like the smell of roasting coffee from Shaw’s and the Andover Country Market in the Guildhall on a Friday morning. And some things, such as Hundred Acre Corner, are so changed it’s hard to remember what was there before.

Over those years, our ideas about the past have changed too as we have gained the benefit of new discoveries and new science. I am looking forward to attending 60th Anniversary Conference of CBA Wessex on 3 November to learn about how those things are changing our understanding of our early ancestors. Perhaps you responded to the flier and are going to the event yourself, taking advantage of our corporate membership – it certainly has a stellar cast of speakers.

For the first meeting of our new season on 28 September we also have an excellent speaker whom you will know because he has been with us several times before. He is Alan Turton and this time he will be talking about *Jane Austen and the Military*. I know you will enjoy the evening and please do remember to come with £4.50 in your pocket to buy a copy of this year’s *Lookback*. It is a bit more expensive than last year, partly because of printing costs, but is also rather bigger with 28 more pages of excellent reading.

Erica

The members of the Committee are:

Erica Tinsley	Chair	David Borrett (Lookback Editor)
June Harris	{Joint	Felicity Coldicott
Heather Needham	{Vice Chair	Lesley Hind
Christopher Coffin	Treasurer	Brenda Mole
Jane Flambert	Correspondence Secretary	Clifford Williams
Lois Allender	Membership Secretary	

At the last committee meeting Erica welcomed Andrew Hobley and Sue McPartlan as co-opted members of the committee and thanked them for expressing their willingness to stand for election, as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, at the next AGM.

AHAS Programme 2018/19 All meetings start at 7.30 unless noted otherwise

28 September 2018 Venue: Andover Guildhall

Alan Turton

Jane Austen and the military

26 October 2018 Venue: Andover Guildhall

Martin Gregory

Mills and milling in Hampshire

30th November 2018 Venue: Andover Guildhall

David Swindell

In the footsteps of Francis Frith

14 December 2018 Christmas Party Venue: Andover Guildhall

Greg Gregory

Blink and you missed it!

Phil Farlow

More musical notes

25 January 2019 Venue: Andover Guildhall

Dave Walton

More about the History of British Coinage

22 February 2019 Venue: Andover Guildhall

Martin Coppen

An evening in the studio with Edith Howard

22 March 2019 Annual General Meeting Venue: Andover Guildhall

Bob Clark

The False Messiah of Overton

26 April 2019 The Dacre Lecture Venue: Fairground Hall Weyhill

Andrew Manning

Recent local archaeological studies and their significance

24 May 2019 Venue: Andover Guildhall

Stephen Whelan

King Alfred and his war against the Great Heathen Army

28 June Village Walk, Stockbridge. Details to be announced

Members' Contribution

Andover's most prolific historian, John Spaul, died on 17th June aged 91. After two degrees at the University of Durham, he became a history teacher and unusually in mid-career took a conversion course also to teach science. But English history was his first love and on moving with his family to Longparish in the 1960s he taught for some years at what is now Winton Academy, then Andover Boys Secondary Modern. Discovering Andover's rich archives, now at the Hampshire Record Office in Winchester, his good Latin skills led him to join the Andover Local Archives Committee, the predecessor to AHAS. John quickly became a leading member and from 1968, was both editor and an author of ALAC's home produced publications priced at 1/6d (15p) which later blossomed into 14 Test Valley & Border Anthologies. He followed this in 1977 by writing *Andover an Historical Portrait* the first complete history of our town, although earlier historians had had unfulfilled plans to do so. John had by then already also self-published *A Short History of Andover* aimed at children. He was a strong believer that local historical events linked to national ones would engage pupils' interest more than lists of dates, battles and kings and queens.

ALAC could only be joined by invitation and when other members wanted it to be reformed into what is now AHAS, John was alone in resisting this. Sadly, he never joined the new society, nor when it merged with the old Andover

Archaeology Society, led by another very talented man, Max Dacre. But John's enthusiasm for local history continued and in retirement some AHAS members and others much enjoyed his adult classes held at the museum. They culminated in his third history *Andover 950-1974* published in 2004. Even after this he chaired another group of enthusiasts who met regularly at the museum and self-published, entirely through his energy and drive, an extraordinary 58 more pamphlets on a wide variety of Andover and district historical topics. Almost all were researched or translated from original documents, often with his own introductions. They will provide some excellent starting points for budding historians in the future. Only declining health ended his leadership of the group, but it continues to meet. John could sometimes have controversial and stubbornly held views on some interpretations of history, but his exceptional sustained enthusiasm for the rich original records of our town, now mostly kept at the Hampshire Record Office in Winchester, deserve our lasting admiration and gratitude.

John Isherwood

Recent Meetings



Tree Walk, 2018 Littleton Manor, Fyfield

On 22nd June Hugh Flambert led a walk round the trees, old and new, of Littleton Manor. Over twenty five members and visitors attended and we were very lucky with the weather. Many thanks to Tom Johnson, our visitor, who helped with gates and who took photographs, including the one above.

Tithes talk

Geraldine Beech, a map archive expert, gave a most illuminating talk at the Andover History and Archaeology Society meeting on Friday 25th May in the Guildhall. The audience heard a very clear explanation of the development of tithes and how they passed from Judaism into Christianity. Tithes basically represented a tenth of all produce and were given originally to the church. There is reference to tithes being paid in Andover in 959 when King Edgar held an assembly of wise men in the town.

The tithes often represented a cumbersome burden on the poorer parts of society and the Swing Riots in Hampshire in the 1830s were partly directed against tithes. Tithe barns were looted and then burnt down.

A whole scale reform of tithes followed with the 1836 Tithe Commutation Act. This replaced the payment in goods and produce by the payment by monetary value according to land owned. Tithe maps were drawn up in great detail and tithes reassessed. In Andover the tithe maps were particularly detailed and given the status of 1st Class. Three copies of the tithe map for each area were made; one for the Tithe Commissioners office in London, a second for the Diocese, and the third for local administrators. Sometimes the three copies were not exact and could lead to boundary disputes (even to this day). Part 1 of the Andover map held in the National Archives was produced by Charles Sharp of Ringwood, and part 2 by John Waters of Salisbury. A local firm, Phillips and Westbury of Andover, produced the maps for Abbots Ann, Penton Mewsey, Hurstbourne Priors and Longparish. They may be examined in the Hampshire Record Office in Winchester.

The money collected in Andover by the tithes went to Winchester College or the vicar of Andover St Mary's. This system continued into the twentieth century. Even today some tithe payments can still be claimed under Chancel Repair Liability.

Dr Clifford Williams

Lookback at Andover 2018

Watch out for the 2018 edition of *Lookback at Andover* ! This will be available on 28th September at Waterstones, Andover Museum, and also at our 28th September meeting (Alan Turton; Jane Austen and the military)

Articles in *Lookback at Andover 2018* include:

Penton Lodge, its Owners and some Tenants, 1758-2017 by John Isherwood.

A Bevin Boy from Andover by Ken Yates.

The History of the Chapel at Picket Piece, 1908-2001 by Roger Ottewill.

Frederick Ellen, Auctioneer of Andover (1825-1880) by David Borrett.

Andover Vision - Gales Schools by Martin Coppen.

James Paine, Architect (1717-1789) by Diana Coldicott.

The History of Andover's Cenotaph by Craig Fisher.

This edition will cost £4.50, but as you can see it has more articles than last year! The cost of postage to our postal subscribers will stay the same, £1.50

Help Please!

Lookback at Andover 2019

David Borrett is looking for articles for the 2019 edition of *Lookback*. The articles need to be Andover and district based of course, but David is very flexible about what is suitable. If you have an idea, please contact David at d.borrett@ntlworld.com or via the AHAS website www.andover-history.org.uk

Events of Interest

News from Andover Museum & Museum of the Iron Age

For current activities at Andover Museum please contact the museum Phone: 01264 366283. All activities must be booked direct with the museum.

Website <https://www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/andover-museum>

Exhibition

25th August-13 October

Andover Embroiderers' Guild celebrates 20 years of stitching, a century of women's suffrage and the women who shaped our world.

Many classes and activities for adults:

These include making silk necklace and earrings, felt gloves and cuffs, felt cobweb scarves, spinner rings, willow frame baskets, Dorset buttons. There are also courses on writing flash fiction and learning the ukelele.

Also there are **courses for children** during the **Autumn half term** including

28 October 5.30pm –7:30pm

Visit the Museum in the dark!

Tickets £2.00 per person (under 5's go free). No need to book- Just drop in!

For details of the other activities for children, including cost and booking, phone 01264 366283.

News from Hampshire Record Office

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/archives.htm>, Telephone 01962 846154

Archives and Local Studies news from Hampshire Record Office

(To discover lots more about all these events including cost, booking arrangements and more detail, go to the website or phone contact above)

Forthcoming events

15/09/2018 **Heritage Open Day Talks**

Much more information on the website, or via the phone contact above

18/09/2018 **House History Workshop**

Discover the history of your house

10/10/2018 **War Memorials Workshop**

Discover the history of your local war memorial

16/10/2018 and 15/11/2018 **Behind the Scenes Evening Tour**

Go behind the scenes at Hampshire Record Office.

18/10/2018 **Archive Ambassador Training Day**

Learn archival skills from the experts.

06/11/2018 **Dearest Mother: a First World War Story**

An event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War

27/11/2018 **Maps as a local history source**

Learn about the different types of maps held at Hampshire Archives

AHAS Publications These publications can be ordered via our 'Contact Us' page at

www.andover-history.org.uk, or by post from:

*Andover History & Archaeology Society,
c/o 53 Borkum Close, Andover SP10 4LE*

or purchased at our monthly meetings, from Andover Museum and from Waterstones

Andover's Norman Church

by Martin Coppin (2015) 58pp, 20pp of illustrations, mostly in colour, £7

The Archaeology of Andover, the Excavations of Andover Archaeological Society 1964-89

by Nick Stoodley (2013) 114 pp £20

A Second Andover Miscellany. This comprises four articles,
 A Portrait of Robert Tasker, and Dr George Vivian Poore and his Crusade for Natural Sanitation
 both by David Borrett, Water and Sanitation in Andover by John Isherwood, and Booksellers and Printers in Andover, 1725-1855 by Diana Coldicott.
 (2012) 114 pp £9.50

An Andover Miscellany
 by David Borrett, Andrew Jackson and Harry Paris (2008) 130 pp £8.50

Andover. An Historic Portrait
 by John Spaul (1977) 160 pp £5.00

Andover - Civil War & Interregnum
 by Anthony Raper (1994) 85 pp £3.95

Andover Priory
 by R Arnold Jones (n.d) 24 pp 50p

Andover's Wartime Years
 by June Mary Harris (2000) 119 pp £6.00

Elizabethan Andover
 by Diana Coldicott (2004) 212 pp £5

Members of Parliament for Andover 1295-1885
 by R Arnold Jones (1996) 83 pp £4.95

Samuel Best & the Hampshire labourer
 by Alastair Geddes (n.d.) £1.00

Something in the Water. The Anti-Fluoride Campaign in Andover 1955-1958
 by David Borrett (2002) 104 pp £3

Lookback at Andover is the title of the Society's journal which has been published annually since 1990.

The 2018 edition will be available, cost £4.50, from 28th September at the meetings, at Waterstones, Andover Museum and from the address above, (postage £1.50 as for all the Lookbacks)

The journal for 2000 includes a cumulative index for the first ten issues and the 2010 journal contains an index for 2000-2009. Back numbers are available as follows:-

1995-1999 cost £2.00 each
 2000-2007 cost £2.50 each
 2008-2014 cost £3.00 each
 2015-2017 cost £3.50 each

And Finally...

(and thanks to Erica and Martin for these)

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

In 1876 "The Americans have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys." Sir William Preece, chief engineer of the British Post Office.

In 1899 "Radio has no future. Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible. X-rays will prove to be a hoax." William Thomson, Lord Kelvin, British scientist.

In 1968 "But what...is it good for?" Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM commenting on the microchip.