



Andover History and Archeology Society Newsletter



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From the Chair

Dear Member,

Since March of last year, Covid has forced us to live through an extraordinary time that will certainly make its way into the history books. Modern technology has been a blessing, enabling us to keep in touch and to enjoy the Society's programme of interesting talks using zoom, but I have missed the atmosphere and opportunities to meet people that we have in our normal meetings.

Over the summer, all of us have been 'double jabbed' so your committee judged that, with precautions in place, our normal meetings should resume in September. I am very pleased that the first meeting was success. Attendance was lower than usual, perhaps in part due to apprehension about Covid, but members appreciated the opportunity to socialise and an excellent talk by Heather Needham, *From Cricket to Cookery: A Regimental Archive for All Occasions*, about the archives of the Royal Green Jackets which were deposited at Hampshire Record Office in 2012.

Our next meeting is the 2021 Dacre Lecture on Friday 22 October at the Weyhill Fairground Hall. More details about it are in this Newsletter and I do hope that you can come.

As always, your committee has been very busy on your behalf. For example, in June we sent the Society's formal response to TVBC's *Andover Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan- Consultation Draft* and have recently enquired about its progress. The latest edition of *Lookback* went on sale in September and has proved so popular that we have already had to do a reprint. You will be pleased to know that you no longer have to bring cash to meetings because AHAS can now take card payments for books and other things.

And we must congratulate John Isherwood on the success of his book *Penton Mewsey: The History of a Hampshire Chalk Downland Parish* which has sold over 300 copies since its publication in the summer.

Now I am looking forward to our talks this autumn and to the interesting programme for 2022 which our new Programme Secretary, Shirley Lodge, is putting together for us.

Erica Tinsley

Dacre Lecture – “Gold from the time of Stonehenge”

Friday 22 October at 7.30pm
Weyhill Fairground Hall

Our speaker this year is David Dawson, Director of the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes and his talk is about the spectacular treasures and remarkable craftsmanship found with the burials of chieftains, important women and priests who used Stonehenge for their ceremonies.

There will be no charge for the lecture this year. To ensure space for social distancing, we will not be doing our usual public advertising but please feel free to invite friends to come along with you as visitors

Future Programme

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| 26 Nov | Red Rice by Dianne Rawlings
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall |
| 10 Dec | A Little more about Beech Hurst by Erica Tinsley
Even more musical notes - and others by Phil Farlow
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall |
| 28 Jan | Napoleon’s Lost Soldiers & Seamen: French Prisoners of War in Hampshire by Paul Chamberlain
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall |
| 4 March | The Cup that Cheers: Tea before Victoria by Joy Pibworth
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall
<i>February meeting moved because of Guildhall availability</i> |

Hampshire Archives Trust

AHAS is a corporate member of Hampshire Archives Trust. During the year, HAT’s new website has come on stream at <https://www.hampshirearchivestrust.co.uk>

The website is worth a regular look, especially now that more events are coming on stream, because it gives updates about archives, and about what groups and individuals are doing locally.