



# Andover History and Archeology Society

## Newsletter



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### From the Chair

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Dear Member,

As I write, we have enjoyed a very successful Spring programme with talks on French Prisoners of War in Hampshire, Tea before Victoria and The Bank of England in Wartime. In April, the Weyhill Fairground Hall was almost filled to capacity for the Dacre Lecture by Professor Michael Wheeler. His subject was the Andover Workhouse Scandal of 1845 and

his focus was on the correspondence at the time between those involved in the administration of the Poor Law system in general and in Andover. That brought a new perspective to our understanding of the event and its impact.

Now I am looking forward to our next meeting on 27 May when Professor Chris Mulvey will be talking about The English Language in Hampshire – for me, another new perspective in my appreciation of our local culture.

That will be our last meeting before the summer break when it has become a tradition to have a guided walk around a local village. Our plans have changed and this year's walk will be a guided tour of the ancient Church of St Michel and All Angels at Knights Enham led by our own Rev Jill Bentall. It is a church well known to Jill as she started her work in Andover there in 1994 and produced a video about its history to mark the Millennium. Details are in the programme below but as always they will be on our website at <http://www.andover-history.org.uk>

You will know from my report at the AGM that, sadly, the Society was not successful in its representations to Hampshire CC to have the microfilm reader and the microfilmed archive copies of the Andover Advertiser retained in Andover Library until they are available online. I do hope that won't deter you from following or starting your own research. Local history is a fascinating hobby and you never know what you will find.

You will know that I have recently been rather poorly and have jokingly attributed my recovery to a diet heavily laced with hot cross buns. Preparing for my next *Lookback* article, I was reading *Life in Hampshire Village* written by Kathleen Innes in 1944 about St Mary Bourne. It brought a smile to my face when she talked about the old village carpenter and his wife who followed country superstitions. "On the walls of their sitting room were nailed round, mouldy objects, added to each year – hot cross buns, supposed if ground up and drunk in water to be a preventive of cholera". I prefer mine toasted with butter but I knew those buns were doing me good!

*Erica Tinsley*

## 2022 Programme

- 27 May      **The English Language in Hampshire** by Professor Chris Mulvey  
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall
- 24 June      **Visit to the Church of St Michel and All Angels at Knights Enham**  
with Rev Jill Bentall.  
7pm at the church door. Parking. Full details later.
- 23 Sept      **A History of Bells and Bellringing** by Jane Tarrant  
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall
- 28 Oct      **Red Rice** by Dianne Rawlings  
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall
- 25 Nov      **Marmalade, Spuds and a Bag of Gold – Gift giving in Tudor Hampshire**  
by Dr Cheryl Butler  
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall
- 9 Dec      **Members Talks**  
7.30pm in Andover Guildhall

## Events for Your Diary

- 26 May      British Association of Local History online talk 7pm  
**Women Hiding in Documents** by Cheryl Butler and Jackie Wilkinson  
Book at <https://www.balh.org.uk/>  
  
Discovering more about women's lives in a 16th century patriarchal society
- 30 May      Hampshire Record Office online talk 6-7pm  
**The Queen in Hampshire: A Platinum Jubilee retrospective**  
Book at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/archives>
- 22 Aug      Hampshire Record Office online talk 6-7pm  
**The Barings at Home and Abroad**  
Book at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/archives>  
  
Records of this powerful family and their Hampshire estates illustrating the leading role they played in the social and political life of the 19th century.