

SOBERTON AND NEWTOWN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our aim is to enjoy learning about the history of this area through regular meetings and visits, and to enjoy each other's company. The society is open to all with connections to our two linked villages. Our society is well established, being over 30 years old.

Organising committee:-

Life President and co-founder:	Mrs Mary Burgess
Archivist and co-founder:	Mrs Ann Pendred ☎ 01329 833211
Chairman:	Prof Duncan Colin-Jones ☎ 01489 877237
Secretary:	Mrs Jane Salmon ☎ 01489 878659
Treasurer:	Mr Geoff Sharp
Committee members:	Mrs Jill Woodacre
	Mr Larry Dally
	Dr John Grunstein
	Dr Lyndon Palmer

Meetings

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm (except August and December) in the Church Rooms at the back of St Peter's Church, Soberton (parking is on the adjacent green). In June we have an outing as a day trip to a site of historic interest, sometimes by charabanc, sometimes by car sharing. In July we usually visit a local village or building with a guide in the afternoon or early evening.

In the late spring (end April) our indefatigable secretary arranges a wider ranging visit over 3 days, staying in a small hotel/pub and using that as a base to visit areas and buildings of special interest. These have been much enjoyed, we share cars and enjoy the whole experience.

Membership and subscription

Currently we have 53 members, and on average have an attendance of around 35 to our talks. The annual subscription is only £10 each. The outings are extra, of course, but it has to be the bargain of the Meon Valley!

Archivist

The society is very fortunate to have Mrs Ann Pendred as our archivist; she has lived in the village for many years accumulating many photos and documents relating to our local history and the people who lived here in the past. She wrote the book on the history of our villages, especially the people who lived here, and kindly, she is willing to help enquirers: contact ☎ 01329 833211 – and often we learn more about our villages from such enquirers.

Digitising our archives

The society is concerned to preserve the archived material accumulated by Ann and to make it more widely available, so we have set up a 'Digitising' project under the skilled direction of Peter Woodacre. A group of 5 members under Peter's leadership are converting photos and

records into digital format and labelling them. It is going well, and in due course we hope to be able to make the records available to interested groups. If anyone has a photo or document of interest, we should be pleased to hear from them.

Programme

Each autumn, the committee prepares the programme for the coming year, which is detailed below – do join us, you will be very welcome. And if you have any ideas, please contact one of us.

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Programme for 2017

Thursday 9th February
AGM with three short talks about
Houses In our Locality
“Porch House”
“Manor Farm Cottage”
“Yew Tree Cottage”
St Peter’s Church Room 7:30pm

Thursday 9th March
“History of Hampshire Constabulary”
Peter Stoddard
St Peter’s Church Room 7:30pm

Thursday 13th April
“History of Salisbury” Part 2
Andrew Negus
St Peter’s Church Room 7:30pm

Tues 2nd May – Thursday 4th May
“Three Day Outing to South Wales”
Details to be advised

Thursday 11th May
The Grace Dieu
Henry 5th Warship
Ian Friel
St Peter’s Church Room 7:30pm

Saturday 10th June
“Outing to Apsley House and Wellington Arch”
No 1 London
Home of Duke of Wellington, Details TBA

Thursday 13th July
“Outing to Odiham”

Guided walking tour with a member
of Odiham History Society, Details TBA

Thursday 14th September
“King Canute and the Anglo Saxons”
Dr Lyndon Palmer
St Peter’s Church Room 7:30pm

Thursday 12th October
“LIDAR: Secrets of the High Woods”
Revelations of the Archaeology of the South Downs
Mark Seaman
St Peter’s Church Room 7:30pm

Thursday 9th November
“Elizabeth 1st Procession around the South of England”
Caroline Adams
St Peter’s Church Room 7:30pm

Thursday 12th January 2018 ***Annual Lunch, Details TBA***