

Higham Village History Group Programme Details 2011 - 2012

All meetings are at 8pm in the Memorial Hall, School Lane, Higham, ME3 7JL You do not have to be a member to come along but it is free entry for members - £2.50 for non-members.

Thursday May 19th 2011 AGM

Speaker: **Andrew Rootes**

A Higham Miscellany in Old Photographs

This new presentation celebrates the publication of volume 1 of Andrew Rootes' important new history of Higham and shows changes in the villages over the years. This event is part of the Discover Gravesham Festival running throughout the month of May.

Thursday July 21st 2011

Speaker: **Andrew Mayfield**

The Shorne Woods Archaeology Project

The archaeology spans many periods; from Stone Age flint tools scattered on the high heath, to the remains of the 20th century clay working industry, which created much of the park's contours today. A World War II RAF billet camp still lies hidden in the trees, and a grand medieval manor house with numerous outbuildings once stood looking down a slope towards the Thames. Andrew will update us on the exciting project that Lyn Palmer described to us in 2007.

Thursday September 15th 2011

Speaker: **Alan Cartwright**

History of the Port of London

Alan Cartwright, marine engineer based at PLA Gravesend, will outline the origins of the port (and London), its development through the ages, what it

does today and some future plans for sustainable development.

Thursday November 17th 2011

Speaker: **Alan Stockwell**

Harlequin to Soap Star: 300 years of English Pantomime

This seasonal talk traces the story of pantomime from its importation from Italy, through the golden periods of the Regency, Victorian/Edwardian times, right up to the present day when the shows are dominated by stars from the 'soaps'. Alan has many tales to tell, having appeared in 36 pantomimes himself.

Thursday January 19th 2012

Speaker: **Dr. Ann Kneif**

The Women's Land Army

A look at the life of those working in the Women's Land Army in WW11, the jobs they were expected to do and their own thoughts on their work and recreation.

Thursday March 15th 2012

Speaker: **Monty Parkin**

Pioneers of Flight in West Kent

This talk places local pioneers of aviation in their historical context and recalls the daredevil, and occasionally mad exploits of men trying to master a form of transport that we now take for granted.

Additional event for the Discover Gravesham Festival:

Sunday 8th May 2.30pm

3 Parishes Guided walk

Meet Chris Bull at St Mary's Church, Lower Higham, for a walk to Chalk Extra, Shorne & Higham marshes and back to St Mary's. This is a joint venture between Higham Village History Group and Chalk Parish History Group and is part of Gravesend Historical Society's programme of walks. By kind permission of the Churches Conservation Trust, the Friends of St. Mary's will provide some refreshments after the walk. No need to book, just turn up. Suitable footwear is essential. No charge but donations welcome.



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The Group also publishes and sells two books entitled "Higham in Old Photographs" Volume 1 & 2.

Both are a delightful illustrated walk down memory lane available to purchase at our meetings as well as from local shops and the library.

Proceeds are used for funding group activities and donations are made to Kent Air Ambulance.



The Higham Village History Group was formed in May, 1997, by those villagers interested in local history. We hold our bi-monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month in the Memorial Hall, School Lane, Higham ME3 7JL starting at 8pm.

Membership is for 12 months and renewable in May. This membership gives you free entry to all our meetings and talks. Membership for 2011/2012 costs £6.50 and visitors are always welcome (£2.50 per meeting/talk.) Complimentary refreshments are available for members and guests at all meetings

The Group also:

- collects photographs and other materials for the archive collection
- researches and provides information to help answer historical enquiries
- collects memories of local people as part of a Reminiscence Project
- publishes and sells local history books

Do you have any photographs you would be willing to share with us or items to donate for the **Archive**?

Would you share memories with us for the **Reminiscence Project**? Contact us via the website or telephone 01474 823906.



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