

Monthly Lectures 2019

Wednesday evenings in the Kings Chapel.

Coffee / tea is served at 7.30pm, lectures start at 8.00pm.

January 30th

The Destruction of Shardeloes

Edward Copisarow will tell the story of how Shardeloes narrowly avoided being pulled down in the 1950s.

February 27th

Desert Island Pictures

A talk by Art Lecturer Joan Greening about the eight pictures she would most like to have on a desert island.

March 27th

Cliveden, Power Politics and Scandal

Historian, Peter Hague, returns to tell us about scandal in the history of this famous stately home.

April 24th

Moats, Mottes and Castles

Archaeologist Michael Farley will discuss the evidence available for conflict in Buckinghamshire from the Viking Period to the Civil War.

May 29th

The London Cage

Historian Helen Fry will talk about the Secret History of Britain's World War II interrogation centre.

June 13th

Society Visit to St Mary's Church, Fairford, Gloucestershire and Buscot Park National Trust Property in Oxfordshire.

NB the outing this year will be on a Thursday

September 25th

The Ascent of Everest

Physicist and Mountaineer Dr. Melanie Windridge, will tell us the story of her summit attempt in 2018.

October 30th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed by a talk by Kamran Irani about Emergency Rider Volunteers who deliver blood and emergency supplies to hospitals.

November 27th

The Forgotten River

Discovering the wildlife and history of the tranquil River Thames, an illustrated talk by naturalist John Tyler

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2019 PROGRAMME

The Amersham Society

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The Amersham Society

The Society aims to foster a greater awareness of the amenities and heritage of the Old Town of Amersham and to encourage conservation and sensitive enhancement. As the future of such small market towns comes under an increasing variety of threats, it acts as a watchdog, a forum for discussion and an advocate on behalf of its members. It is a non-political organisation, with membership open to everyone who shares our desire to make the town attractive to residents and visitors.

During the winter months the Society organises lectures at present in the Kings Chapel, often on subjects of local interest, and also an annual summer outing.

The Society is a founder member of the HS2 Action Alliance and with the Alliance has been active in campaigning against the High Speed Train project which will disrupt the life and environment of Old Amersham and the Misbourne Valley.

Members receive copies of our Newsletter in January, May and September. This includes articles of interest about local people and historic buildings, as well as reports of Committee activities, lectures and Society visits. The Editor always welcomes additional articles and features for inclusion in the Newsletter.

If any member is unable to make his/her way to Society meetings and would like transport to be arranged, please contact Geraldine Marshall-Andrew on 01494 433735.

Annual subscriptions are at present £17 double and £11.50 single. They are due on the 1st of January each year, preferably paid by Direct Debit using our agent GoCardless.

More information about the Society is on the web at: www.amershamsociety.org

Amersham Museum

Amersham Museum works closely with the Amersham Society, which was instrumental in its establishment. The Museum at 49 High Street is part of a late medieval hall house and in 2017 completed an expansion into the neighbouring building 51 High Street. The museum now includes a temporary exhibition and activity space, a new glass reception and a complete redisplay of the collection. See our website for our wide-ranging programme of activities for people of all ages.

Town walks start from the museum and will recommence in April. Tudor walks are on the last Saturday of the month starting in the spring. Pre-booked groups and schools are welcome throughout the year. Talks and workshops can be delivered off site and we also run reminiscence sessions, using our handling collection.

Volunteers help behind the scenes on a wide range of projects and welcome visitors to the Museum. Friends of the Museum meet together socially and are entitled to free entry to the museum and discounted rates for talks and special events. For further information contact Emily Toettcher: 01494 723700 or emily@amershammuseum.org

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