

The Wherwell History Group

Dear Members,

There has been a lot going on this Autumn. Our programme of Illustrated Talks, has been a great success, and has regularly attracted audiences of well over 30. Your committee is very pleased that so many of you have come to these meetings and given us lots of good feedback.

Our speaker in October was Dr. Frances Hurd from the Churches Conservation Trust. Several people present asked for more information about the work of the CCT, and there is a separate flyer attached to this Newsletter. Unfortunately, I am abysmally late in telling you about the Itchen Stoke Conservation Day on Thursday 19th November. Can members interested in similar events in 2010, please contact Frances direct.

Our next talk is **this week**:

The Chalk Buildings of Hampshire

Gordon Pearson will be our speaker on Friday 20th November. Gordon is a well known expert on Chalk and Cob buildings, after working for many years at the Hampshire County Council Historic Buildings Department. He will talk about the chalks of Wessex, and how they have been used for building purposes, showing examples of 20th Century work. Gordon is author of the book "Conservation of Clay and Chalk Buildings"

Our 'End of Term' report says that our finances are healthy and we have 48 paid-up members. David Walton, a member living in Chilbolton, has enthusiastically accepted the task of Programme Secretary. The feedback to the questionnaire distributed at our October meeting was extremely helpful with planning our programme. These are the talks which have been arranged for the first part of 2010 :-

January 15 th	Tony Raper	Weyhill Fair
February 19 th		t.b.a.
March 19 th	Sarah Lynes	River Anton Conservation Project
April 16 th	Rosemary Wyeth	Stonehenge – Journey through Time, Myth & Mystery
May 21 st		AGM

Membership Cards will be distributed before 31st December. We would like to remind you that subscriptions are not due for renewal until 31st May 2010; giving you another five talks 'for free'.

Scrapbook 2010

We are working hard to get this launched on 1st December. We have had an enthusiastic response to our invitation letters. The following organisations have agreed to submit material during the coming year. We expect the final list of Contributors to have nearly doubled. In early December we will invite members to view our Showcase Month (November 2009). We hope that letting people experience 'the look and feel' of the Scrapbook will encourage maximum participation.

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SCRAPBOOK

Do you have a special event, celebration or achievement which you would like to record for future generations?



We invite you to contribute to our new local History Group project:

It is an all-inclusive collection of photographs and documents reflecting life

in our Hampshire village in the early 21st century

It will be archived in digital format and as a commemorative album.

Starting on 1st December 2009 through to 31st December 2010

Please contact Judith Herridge 860652 or email: wherwellhistory@gmail.com

Ruth Harris – Wednesday Evening Yoga
Suzanne Horne – Wherwell Calendar
Claire Henderson – Church Fete
Stuart Cary-Hodges – Youth Football
Gill Granger – Wives Group
Glynne Evans – BTO & Wildlife
Susan Ansell – Midday Mums
Antony Ansell – Bible Study Group
Claire Hogg – Wherwell Priory & Stables
Stephen Tucker – Andover Model Engineering
Marquess of Camden – Wherwell Estate
Janet Marsh – Artist
Stuart Rason – Sunday School
Mary Grey – Author
William Stewart – Hair Design
Sean Hutton – Human Capital Development
Lizzie Broadbent – Book Club
Shaun Lugg – White Lion Inn
Jo Baughen – Church Flowers
Claire Pigott – School Woodland Project
James Liddell – Cottonworth Farms Winery

Wanted – Members who like taking photos

Part of the Scrapbook is a set of photographs taken from the same ten locations in the Parish at monthly intervals. These photos will be presented as a simple slideshow and as an animated morph, both showing how the seasons change during a whole year. The ten proposed locations can be viewed on the Internet at :-

<http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/wherwellscrapbook/FourSeasons#>

Alternatively, go to Google Photos and search “Wherwell Seasons”

We are looking for one person to take all ten photos, or two people to take five photos each. ‘Holiday cover’ can be arranged for any months which have to be missed. Please volunteer; this should be a fun and easy way to make a lasting contribution to the Scrapbook.

Finally a reminder of the members on your Committee:

Chairman	Andrew Flanagan	860 560
Secretary	Brenda Bryant	860 541
Treasurer	Judith Herridge	860 652
Programme	David Walton (co-opted)	861 475
	Mike Gee	860 592
	Pam Prince	860 441

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Hope to see you on the 20th. Best wishes, Andrew Flanagan.