

HIGHWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
October 2009 Meeting Newsletter

Hello again

Welcome to the 2009-10 season of events! Here's what's happening in the coming months. We do hope that we'll see you at the meetings:

- October 26 – Mike Boyes will be talking about his book, **A Victorian Rector and Nine Old Maids***
- November 30 – **Steam on Wiltshire Roads** by Peter Donovan*
- December 14 – Our own Jo Clark will be giving a talk about **Margaret Fitzgerald – Lady of Sevenhampton***
- January 25 2010 – **Trades and Occupations of North Wiltshire** by Mike Stone of Chippenham Museum*
- February 22 – **Welsh Love Spoons** by Bob Browning*
- March 29 – **Ladies and the Vote** by Paul Booy*
- April 26 – **History of Wiltshire Police** by Paul Sample*

All the meetings are on Mondays and will start at 7.30pm.

We Need Your Help!

As you know, we have a display area in Highworth Library and we are keen to make the most of it. However, we need (a) some assistance in coming up with ideas and subjects for the displays (which are usually changed every couple of months) and (b) help with compiling the displays, the powerpoint presentations, etc. Might you be able to help? If you can, even if you think it's a small contribution, please let one of the committee members know or e-mail us. We'd be very grateful!

In addition, we want to make sure that in all of our meetings, we have speakers talking about subjects that will keep you enthralled every month, so we'd also appreciate any suggestions you have for future speakers and/or subjects. Again, talk to a committee member or e-mail us on info@highworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk.

We're starting a monthly raffle at the October meeting. We hope you'll be one of the lucky winners! If you have any items at home that you're willing to part with and you think would make a lovely future raffle prize, please may we have it?! It's all in a good cause, after all!

Another Date for Your Diary

On Monday 9th November, there will be a trip to the new Central Library in Swindon for Highworth Historical Society Members. It's a free event where we'll have a tour of the library and see what it has to offer, including the local studies area. The tour starts at 2.15pm. Please make your own way there.

Other Historical Society Events Happening Locally in November

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact us for further details:

- 2nd - "The History of the Church" - Dr Alan Dodge - Atworth History Group
2nd - "Mending the Mound - Silbury Hill" - Jim Leary - Warminster History Society
3rd - "English Folklore" - Heather Sheeley - Wiltshire Family History Society, Devizes
3rd - "Marine Archaeology in the South Coast" - Gemma Ingerson - Redlynch & District Local History Society
3rd - "1908 Salisbury Murder Retrial" (Salisbury Guildhall) - History at Large - Salisbury Local History Group
5th - "Colourful Characters of the Nadder Valley" - Rex Sawyer - Salisbury Civic Society
10th - "Wiltshire Militia & Yeomanry Before 1918" - Robert Pearson - WFHS (Chippenham/Calne)
10th - "The Stonehenge Riverside Project - Update" - Mike Parker-Pearson - Salisbury Museum Lecture (booking essential)
10th - "The Life and Times of Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon" - Norman Thorne - Tisbury Local History Society
11th - "Office of High Sheriff, Yesterday and Today" - Madeleine Wilks - Pewsey Vale History Society
12th - "The National Museum of Science and Industry" - Bob Townsend - Wootton Bassett Historical Society
17th - "Steam on Wiltshire Roads" - Peter Donovan - WFHS (Devizes)
17th - "Life and Works of Heywood Sumner" - Adrian Light - Salisbury LHG
18th - "Swords and Ploughshares - Researching Military History Through the 20th Century" - Rosemary Wyeth - WFHS Salisbury
18th - West Country Defences n World War II" - Bill King - Devizes Local History Group
18th - "Savernake Forest in WWII" - Roger Day - Chiseldon Local History Group
19th - "Antique Maps of Wiltshire" - David Webb - Atworth Historical Association (West Wilts Branch)
19th - "10000 Years on a Chalk Farm" - M Green - Whiteparish History Group
19th - The Life and Works of the Artist, Titian" - David Sweet - Purton Historical Society
24th - "A Victorian Christmas" - Marion Emery - Salisbury LHG
25th - "DNA for Family Historians" - Christopher Pomery - WFHS (Malmesbury)
26th - "Comparing Bishops' Transcripts With Parish Registers" - John Hurley - WFHS (Swindon)

That's it for this month. We're keen for you to be happy with the Society and for you to be as involved as you want to be. If you have any suggestions for us, for the meetings, the website, the newsletter or anything else, please do let us know.

Don't forget to check our fantastic website www.highworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk for news and updates over the season. If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail in future (and save trees and recycling), please contact Kay Brown on kaystracey@btinternet.com to be included on our list.