

Monthly Lectures 2024

Evenings in the Kings Chapel.

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

Wednesday 31st January

The Journey to Chalgrove Field

This talk by Mike Payne is about the Battle of Chalgrove Field which took place in 1643 during the Civil War and during which John Hampden was killed.

Wednesday 28th February

Reading the Countryside

A walk in the countryside can reveal so much more about its wildlife, history and pre-history. A talk by naturalist John Tyler.

Thursday 14th March

The Czechoslovak Government in exile in Bucks during WW2

A talk by Neil Rees (this talk will be given in Old Barn, Amersham on the Hill).

Wednesday 24th April

The Bible in Translation - Part Two

A talk by David Morgan. David's first talk, given in 2021, told the story up to the time of John Wycliffe (d.1384). He will now follow this up with the story of the 15th and 16th centuries culminating in the King James Bible of 1611.

Wednesday 29th May

Bagels and Bacon

A talk by Jeff Rozelaar.

June

Annual Outing (details to be confirmed)

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Garden Party (details to be confirmed)

Wednesday 25th September

Man on the Spot

Bill Hamilton's career has been in journalism and broadcasting ending as a special correspondent for BBC TV News.

Wednesday 30th October

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Followed by a talk on the **Chapter Two Community Bookshop** by the manager Mark Jackson-Hancock.

All profits from the shop go to support the St Francis Hospice.

Wednesday 27th November

Arrietty's Diary

A talk by Dr Irving Finkel about one of the tiny people, who features in "The Borrowers", a book by Mary Norton.

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2024 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 for its members. Our website is regularly updated to inform members and residents of Amersham Society events and other local activities.

The Society 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 in the Kings Chapel, often on subjects of local interest. The Society also organises a summer outing and, when possible, a party for members to meet each other.

Now that the proposed HS2 line beyond Birmingham has been cut, the Society will remain vigilant on further action on this project, particularly the planned clear-up work that will be essential in the Amersham area around Whielden Street and Shardeloes.

Although the Society's focus is on the Old Town, many of its members live in Amersham on the Hill and Chesham Bois. We plan to continue to raise awareness of our activities among residents of both communities and our meeting in March 2024 in the Old Barn Hall, adjacent to the Lifestyle Centre, reflects that wish. During 2024 the Society is hoping to unveil two information boards (similar in style to the Town Map) on the banks of the River Misbourne, telling people about the ecology, history and geology of this rare chalk stream.

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 £17.00 double and £11.50 single. They are due on the first of January each year, preferably paid by Direct Debit using our agent GoCardless.

Amersham Museum

Amersham Museum works closely with the Amersham Society, which was instrumental in its establishment. The Museum is housed in a late medieval house and the neighbouring Victorian building, on the High Street in Old Amersham. The museum includes permanent displays about the history of the local area, a temporary exhibition and activity space and wonderful herb garden. See the Amersham Museum website for our wide-ranging programme of activities for people of all ages.

Town walks start from the museum on Sunday afternoons and will recommence in Spring 2024. Tudor walks are on the last Saturday of the month and will restart in Spring 2024. See the Amersham Museum website for further details. Pre-booked groups and school parties are welcome throughout the year.

Talks, workshops and school visits 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.

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