

REVIEW OF LAST SEASON'S PROGRAMME

2016

11th October: **"The Peoples Republic of Hythe: The Town in the 17th Century"**

Anne Petrie, local historian and leader of Hythe History Group, told us that, during the seventeenth century, Hythe rejected the Royalist cause and supported Oliver Cromwell's Puritans, but the Restoration brought a nasty backlash.

25th October: **"Dickens in Kent"**

A light-hearted tour of the places in Kent where Dickens lived and worked by **Christoph Bull** BA hons, MCLIP, ALA, historian of north Kent.

8th November: **"Grey Owl: The Hastings Indian"**

Geoff Hutchinson told us about Archie Belany, the boy from Hastings who went to Canada, lived with the Ojibwe indians there, became a 'trapper' and found fame as a conservationist, writer and lecturer.

22nd November: **"The History of the RH&D Railway"**

By **Danny Martin**, Managing Director of the RHDR. Who better to tell us about the best public railway in the country (it is always on time!).



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10th January: **"Pluckley - the Most Haunted Village in Kent?"**

An account of legends of the supernatural in this secluded Kent village by **Dennis Chambers**.

24th January: **"War Artists, Spies and the Art of Deception"**

Nicholas Reed, whose father was "the man who never was", told us about an official war artist who ran double agents in WWII and of two women artists who painted vivid pictures of life on the home front.

4th February: **"History from the Air"**

Rod LeGear MAAIS, AIFA, a vice-president of the Kent Archaeological Society and qualified pilot, showed us how he has used aerial photography to aid his surveys and took us on an aerial trip around Kent, looking at familiar landmarks.

28th February: **"From Rugby Pitch to Business Pitch"**

A personal account of achievement by Hythe girl **Catherine Spencer**, ex-captain of the England Ladies' Rugby team who went on to success in the world of business.

14th March: **"The Ship Burial at Sutton Hoo"**

Imogen Corrigan FRSA, a graduate of the University of Kent and an expert on medieval history gave us an excellent talk on this fascinating national treasure.

28th March: **"Shorncliffe: its Past, Present and Future"**

An enthusiastic review of the birthplace of the British army by **Christopher Shaw**, founder and chairman of the Shorncliffe Trust which is committed to preserving the archaeological remains of the ancient military establishment there and turning it into a tourist attraction.

11th April: **"Ordnance Survey - Ancient and Modern"**

Colin Brown is manager at the National Map Centre in Rainham and we were delighted that he came to Hythe to tell us more about the good old OS.

25th April: **"The Great Storm and How it Changed my Life"**

Toys Hill where journalist **Bob Ogle**y lives was at the centre of the worst-hit area affected by the hurricane of October, 1987. Bob gave us a gripping account of his experiences during and after the event and of how his coverage by photographs and text led to the production of books, one of which stayed in the Sunday Times top 10 list of best-sellers for six months, reaching no. 4. A fascinating tale, beautifully told.

10th October

Christoph Bull MA Hons,MCLIP,ALA

The Good the Bad and the Ugly

The amusing story of Kentish Public Libraries

24th October

Dr Ann Kneif

Lola Montez.... A 19th Century Adventuress

14th November

Anne Petrie

Writing the Story of Kent

Anne describes how she decided what to include in her recently published book...and what to leave out

28th November

Dr Juliette Pattinson

Carve Her Name with Pride

The story of female secret agents in WWII.
Recruitment , training and operational missions

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