

NWSADHS Programme 2013 - 2014

19 Sep - Stafford Napier & Don Blissett, 'The Kempshott Story'

How did Kempshott House come from being leased by the Prince Regent to be lost under the M3? Our men from Dummer will explain how much of the estate was lost under Hatchwarren housing and how the last remaining part of its park is under threat.

17 Oct - Guy Hurst, 'Astronomy and the Herschel Family Legacy'

Editor of 'The Astronomer', Guy will tell us of the musician who discovered Uranus, his sister who watched comets and something of the 200 years of night sky watching that followed.

21 Nov - Michael Franks, 'The Basingstoke Admiral'

Michael, his biographer, will tell us why we should consider Sir James Lancaster at least as important as Sir Francis Drake in naval and colonial history.

16 Jan - Michael Kenning, 'Steventon - the cradle of Jane Austen's genius'

Jane lived at Steventon for 25 of her 41 years. Former rector, Michael Kenning, will explain how these years formed the background to her writing.

27 Feb - James Rowley, 'The Story of Aldershot Garrison Hospital'

James will tell us how this hospital served the British Army from the 19c with Florence Nightingale in attendance and how the site is being developed today.

27 Mar - Valerie Joynt, 'Hampshire Gardens Trust'

Valerie will use local examples to illustrate how she researches parks and gardens for HGT.

24 Apr - Major Ken Gray, 'Royal Green Jackets'

Ken, curator and archivist of the museum in Winchester, will cover the history of the barracks making special reference to the regiments that trained there until its closure in 1986.

22 May - Visit to Bishops Waltham

Alan Inder, author of its very attractive guide, will take us round Hampshire's other Waltham, its museum and the palace grounds.

26 Jun - Joyce Meader, 'The Historic Knit'

Joyce will explain how she uses historical patterns to make clothes for costume dramas, museums and even for trial on Everest.

24 Jul - Visit to Laverstoke Mill & AGM

Members visit to the new home of Bombay Gin followed by our AGM.

We meet mostly on the third Thursday at 8pm in North Waltham School Hall