

## Ruislip History Exhibition

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Our autumn meetings got off to a good start with a most interesting talk by Mrs Eileen Bowlt on Ruislip in the 18th Century. As a follow up to this we are arranging a trip on Saturday 18th October to an exhibition on 'Farming in Ruislip' arranged by the Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society, in the rebuilt Cowbyre at Manor Farm (Ruislip Library). Meet on the Green at 11.15 or join us in the Cowbyre at 11.30. Do come if you can and support a fellow local history society. All members are welcome afterwards to a ploughmans lunch at Hope Cottage, Church Hill - price 60p a head. If you would like lunch or need transport please ring Tim and Pat Ashby on Harefield 3322.

## Programme of Events

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We have now made arrangements as follows for visits and meetings:

Saturday 18 October, 11.15am on the Green

Visit to exhibition on Farming in Ruislip at Ruislip Cowbyre and ploughmans lunch afterwards at Hope Cottage, see above for details.

Monday 27nd October, 8pm in Harefield Library

Mr. G.C.Tyack will talk about 'Rural Middlesex in the 19th Century'. Mr Tyack was tutor to the WEA history class held in Harefield a few years ago and led the production of the book 'Harefield - at that time of day'.

Monday 10th November, 8pm at Harefield Community Centre

The Harefield Amateur Winemaking Society have a meeting entitled 'A History of Wine Growing in England', speaker Mr Ordish, and have most kindly invited all interested members of Harefield History Society to this meeting.

Monday 24th November, 8pm in Harefield Library

Mrs Joyce Levermore will tell us about her collection of fans and their place in history. This promises to be a most interesting evening, with a good speaker telling us about one of her special interests.

A Wednesday in January, 8pm

Our midwinter social, an evening with wine and cheese, centred on an entertainment devised specially for us - "Villagers": an anthology on the theme of village life in general and Harefield in particular, performed by members of HADS.

Details are still being arranged.

Monday 23rd February, 8pm in Harefield Library

We hope the anthology will jog your memories, for our February meeting is an evening of reminiscences about Harefield. Do bring along any old photographs or other items of interest connected with the village.

Monday 23rd March, 8pm in Harefield Library

Mr. R S Amsden will talk about the Chiltern Open Air Museum. This is a museum which is being developed at Newlands Park, Chalfont along the lines of Singleton which we visited in June.

Monday 27th April, 8pm in Harefield Library

Annual General Meeting, followed by a preview of our summer outings.

Monday 25th May, 8pm in Harefield Library

Mr White of Hayes and Harlington Local History Society is coming to talk to us.

What would you like?  
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Although the committee make the arrangements for meetings and visits we want to provide what you want, so please talk to us about this. If you have any special historical interest we shall see what we can arrange, especially if you are willing to lead part of an evening or can suggest a good speaker.

Several members would like to start investigating particular aspects of Harefield's history in small groups and have suggested subjects. Pat Ashby is interested in what people wore and where they got clothes; Edgar Beadel wants to find out about roads and paths in the village; Bert Meads is going to find out about tombstones in the churchyard; Margaret Evans would like to build up histories of our listed buildings; Keith Piercy will complement this by finding out about building materials; Deirdre Whiteman is fascinated by the Countess of Derby's wicked son-in-law; and Valerie Woodward is sure we have some famous people and personalities. We would like you all to have the chance to join in, so please tell us which you would like to help with.

Conservation  
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As a result of objections by the History Society, other organisations and individuals the plans for development around the Old Workhouse have been considerably improved. The Planning committee have approved the conversion of the existing building into five flats, but have asked the owners to reconsider the development around it and possibly to cut out two houses on the left. Tim Ashby and Keith Piercy would like to hear your views on any conservation matters, and we will try to let you know what is going on.

Constitution  
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A copy of the draft constitution is enclosed with this newsletter. This will be submitted for approval at the AGM in April, but we would like to hear any comments on it before then if possible.

Summer Visits  
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Since the last newsletter in July we have continued our season of visits. In July we visited St Albans and were told about the old town and the Abbey. At the end of August we visited Hughendon; unfortunately the turnout was low - was this because of transport difficulties or was it a poor choice of place to visit, or just because of holidays?

Your committee is Chairman: Tim Ashby, Hope Cottage, Church Hill, tel 3322; Secretary: Margaret Evans, 4 Hall Drive, tel 3020; Treasurer: Bert Meads, 4 Countess Close; Activities: Ivy Clark, 8 Countess Close; Publicity: Gay King, Vernon Drive, tel 2001.