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Aldeburgh and District Local History Society



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ADLHS LECTURES 2025/6

All meetings will be held at 6pm in the Old Generator Station, Kings Field Aldeburgh IP15 5HY with the exception of our meeting on 17th December 2025, which is a ticketed event and will be held in the Jubilee Hall.

October 15th Geoffrey Robinson: Sudden Deaths in Suffolk 1800-1850

Geoffrey Robinson will examine the proceedings of a coroner's inquest with particular reference to a rural inquest. Using the very extensive archives of the Suffolk Record Office, Geoffrey will reveal how coroners courts in Suffolk were witness to many unusual inquests into sudden deaths during the first half of the 19th century.

November 19th John Ogden: Orford's Atlantic Wall Breakers

In 1942 over 400 inhabitants of the countryside between Orford, Snape and Slaughden were compulsorily evicted from their homes by the War Office and not allowed to return until 1947/48.. These 12 square miles of the Suffolk Sandlings were used as a testing ground for armoured equipment and assault techniques that would be used to great effect on D Day and beyond.

December 17th James Thellusson: "Dickens, Aldeburgh and the will that changed the world".

In 1797, the last will of Peter Thellusson, a wealthy Huguenot banker, changed English Trust law forever. Instead of leaving his fortune to his family, he hid it away in a trust to accumulate for his great-grandsons.

NOTE THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT AND WILL BE HELD IN THE ALDEBURGH JUBILEE HALL. ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM THE JUBILEE HALL.

January 21st Members Evening

Contributions for our Members evening – short talks by the Society's friends and members - are still welcome. Talks will include Aldeburgh's MP's pre 1832 and Queen Mary's religious persecutions in Aldeburgh.

February 18 Sally Sibley: Sutton Hoo - The Story Continues

Time Team returned to Sutton Hoo for a second season in May 2025. The end of their second residency closed the most intensive period of excavation at the site in the last 25 years. Sally will describe some of these momentous investigations.

March 18th Annual General Meeting followed by lecture: Dr Tom Johnson - Households and Everyday Life in Fifteenth-Century Walberswick

This talk will explore the everyday life of households in a medieval fishing village. It will look at how families lived, and the ways in which the structures of their domestic lives changed over the course of the fifteenth century.