

ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

PROGRAMME FOR 2018-19

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The Society explores the local history of the area covered by Aldeburgh, Thorpeness, Leiston, Snape, Iken, Sudbourne and Orford. Its aims are to facilitate and encourage research into the history of the area, to record present day events for future generations and, where appropriate, to publish the outcomes of the Society's work.

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"THE CONSEQUENCES OF INVASIONS"

We are a nation of variety, and this season are looking at the influences that foreign invaders brought to East Anglia. Architecture, agriculture, commerce, crafts, religion, etiquette, language etc. all added to our existing civilization, creating our country as we know it. What next, we wonder?

VISIT.

Thurs. 20 September - ROMAN COLCHESTER
(Depart 09.15 - return leave 16.00).

Colchester is Britain's oldest recorded town and was one of the most important Roman outposts. Emperor Claudius led the Roman conquest in person and the town was renamed Camulodunum, the Latin rendition of the Celtic. It has the largest Roman Circus after the Circus Maximus in Rome. This was discovered only in 2005. We have a special visit including a talk by the Principal of the Colchester Archaeological Trust. In the afternoon we will visit the Castle Museum to see its Roman history. It has been completely renewed with over £4M recently spent in refurbishment and it is now fabulous. See ADLHS website or flyer.

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Wed. 24 October: "King Canute and the Viking Invasions"
6:30pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall.
- PHILIPPE TAYLOR

A long-term ADLHS committee member and past editor of the Chronicle, Philippe has always been fascinated by his subject tonight. He would hesitate being referred to as an amateur historian, claiming that all ADLHS members are so, yet his enthusiasm for historical facts have entertained us on past Members' evenings with various relatively small but fascinating topics. Tonight is different - he has full time on a much larger subject than usual!

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Wed. 14 November: "The Norman Capital of East Anglia"

6.30pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall..

- BARBARA MILLER

As well as being a Blue Badge guide for the city of Norwich since the 1960s, Barbara Miller has been an Adult Education lecturer on local history as well as helping train future guides in East Anglia.

Her talk tonight will explain how the savage conquest of England by the Normans had a huge and lasting effect on Norwich. The city was enlarged and its focal point changed, and although it had been the capital of East Anglia it now acquired royal status with the building and eventual consolidation of the Castle. Coupled with the building of the Cathedral the city's lasting importance as a regional capital was assured. The number of royal visits over centuries until Charles II's visit in 1671 reflects the importance of the city on the national scene; its geographic position on the eastern seaboard made it a bastion against further Viking invasion and a trading link with Europe.

Wed. 12 December: Members' Research Evening.

6.30pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall.

This being a special evening reserved for our members to indulge in, we are constantly on the hunt for members prepared to do a little research into any subject that appeals to them and subsequently talk about it. No need to be long, even ten minutes would do. We long to hear from you, and so far we have one talk lined up from committee member:-

MIKE MACDOWELL on "The Dutch Invasion"

William of Orange, already married to Mary, was virtually invited to invade England by the existing Parliament who was fearful of James II's Catholicism. Mike will talk us through the landing of William's Army at Brixham from the Dutch Armada, the march on London, the occupation under William's military rule, and his and Mary's succession to the throne, all of which became known as "The Glorious Revolution".

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**Wed. January 23, 2019: "Pirates, Poverty and Wars"
- Aldeburgh: the difficult years**

6.30pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall.

- DIANA HUGHES

Our committee members feature brightly this season! Diana is a trustee of the Aldeburgh Museum, and past Curator when she discovered the Chamberlains Accounts which she transcribed and been trying to promote ever since. Her talk tonight will tell of the problems faced by the (declining) population of Aldeburgh during the Early Modern Period which followed on from the Medieval up to c.1800 or so.

Wed. 13 February: "The Age of Elegance and the Huguenots"

6.30pm at Aldeburgh Church Hall.

- SUE JACKSON

Sue will discuss the impact the Huguenot craftsmen had on our culture. She will consider how the 18th Century "Age of Elegance" can very considerably be put down to the influence of Huguenot expertise in the work of the goldsmiths, silk weavers, gunsmiths, oculists, horticulturists etc. These skills, superior to anything English craftsmen could achieve at that time, gave rise to a new elegance, raising the status in Europe of English craftsmanship. We see the result to this day.

Wed. 20 March: Annual General Meeting, followed by Lecture:

"Wartime Sweethearts and GI Brides in East Anglia".

6.30 at ALDEBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE (note venue change).

- LIBBY MORGAN.

Libby is well-placed to relate true stories of Anglo-American romance during WW2, after which many English girls were whisked away to new lives in the US. As Trust Librarian at the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library in Norwich, she has access to many wartime memories which may well ring a bell to some of us. Is her subject the most contemporary one we have had in the history of the ADLHS?