

HIGHWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 2010 Meeting Newsletter

Hello again!

Lots of favours to ask of you this month but, as always, first of all, a reminder of our programme of events for the remainder of this season:

- *March 29 – Ladies and the Vote by Paul Booy*
- *April 26 – History of Wiltshire Police by Paul Sample*

And more dates for your diaries with a sneak preview of next season's programme:

- *October 25 – Life in the Polish Camp at Fairford by Alice Christofides*
- *November 29 - Dying for Glory – The Adventures of Five Cotswold Brothers by Mike Boyes*
- *December 13 – Magic Lantern Show by Patrick Furley*

The meetings are on Mondays and will start at 7.30pm.

Help Wanted - Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Tickets are now available from the Lighthouse Bookshop or from any committee member. Book early – they're sure to sell out quickly! Just to remind you, the date is Friday May 7th, the venue is Highworth Warneford School and it starts at 7.30pm. Ticket price: £8 adults £4 juniors

We would like some help on the night of this event to assist with various activities. Please contact Gillian on millerwrde@homecall.co.uk or 01793 762599.

Help Wanted - Mediaeval Market May Day – Saturday May 1st

Hopefully, you will have seen the posters around Highworth and the details in the Highworth Year of Culture brochure. We want to make this day a huge success and we'd love it if you (and your families and friends, of course) would come along and join in the fun. To really join in the spirit of the occasion, it would be great if you could also dress in mediaeval costume for the day - suggestions are attached.

We'd also like some help on the day with some of the activities. Chris is running a cake stall and would like some assistance before and on the day. If you would like to help with this, please contact Chris on chrissuter16@googlemail.com or 01793 764811. We also need people to help out with directing visitors to particular events, manning our stand, etc. If you can help out with this kind of thing, even if it's only for a couple of hours, please contact Jo on jclark@homecall.co.uk or 01793 763863. We'd be really grateful for any help offered and given.

HIGHWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Help Wanted – Swindon at War Event – Swindon Central Library – 5th and 6th June

We're showing a display at the above event and we'd like some volunteers to be there so give out information to any interested visitors to the event. Again, even if you can offer only a few hours, it all helps and your time will be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Jacky on jackyclark@live.com or 01793 763581.

Heraldry Detective Required!

We need your help! Are you an expert on heraldry or do you know someone who is? We're trying to trace the family origins of a coat of arms (photo below) carved on to the 15th century font in St Michael's and All Angels Church in Highworth. If anyone can help, please contact Jo on 01793 763863 or jclark@homecall.co.uk.



Other Historical Society Events Happening Locally in April

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact us for further details:

6th – “Education Records” – Claire Skinner – WFHS (Devizes)

HIGHWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

6th – “Tyntesfield – Four Generations of One Family” – Karen Johnstone – Wootton Bassett History Society

8th – “Wills” – Julia Hunt – WFHS (Swindon)

12th – “Early History of Chippenham” – M Stone – Atworth History Group

13th – “Excavating Our Imaginations: What Do Archaeologists Learn From Artists?” – Dr Helen Wickstead – Salisbury Museum Lecture

13th – “The Spy From Tisbury” – Yvonne Varley – Tisbury Local History Society

13th – “Tate, WWII Double Agent” – Tony Toon – WFHS (Chippenham/Calne)

14th – “Swindon You May Have Missed” – Mike Stubbs – The Swindon Society

14th – “Antique Maps of Wiltshire” – David Webb – WFHS (Trowbridge)

14th – AGM followed by – “Wiltshire Reformation for Boys – Dealing with Juvenile Crime in Victorian England” – Ivor Slocombe – Pewsey Vale History Society

15th – “Dads’ Other Army” – Bill King – Melksham & District Historical Association

15th – AGM followed by – “Boyhood Memories in a Welsh Valley” – Fred Sutton – The Historical Association (W Wilts Branch)

15th – “Nurses in Victorian Salisbury” – Jane Howells – Whiteparish History Group

15th – “The History of Gardens” – Karen Johnston – Marlborough History Society

20th – “Victorian Art Collectors: the Wyndhams of Clouds and the Morrisons of Fonthill” – Caroline Dakers – Salisbury Local History Group

21st – “Publicans, Saints and Sinners: 100 Years of Pub Landlords in Everleigh and Pewsey” – Devizes Local History Group

21st – “The Exhibition in Salisbury, 1852” – Dr Jane Howells – WFHS (Salisbury)

22nd – “The Three Sieges of Malta” – Peter Payne – Purton Historical Society

22nd – “The Wyndham Family” – Richard Emeny – Dinton Historical Society

23rd – “How Cloth Was Made in Wiltshire” – Ken Rogers – Corsham Civic Society

That’s it for this month. As always, we’re keen for you to be happy with the Society and for you to be as involved as you want to be. If you have any suggestions for us, for the meetings, the website, the newsletter or anything else, please do let us know.

Don’t forget to check our fantastic website www.highworthhistoricalsociety.co.uk for news and updates over the season. If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail in future (and save trees and recycling), please contact Kay Brown on kay.brown23@btinternet.com to be included on our mailing list.