

How We Used To Live – 2015-2016 Annual Report

Organisation

We agreed to share the workload of chairman and secretary; Yvonne is continuing as Treasurer. One page showing current topics, with decisions, would be used for agenda/minute. Other topics for discussion to be notified to the person taking the chair before meetings.

We wish to continue this arrangement but are looking for volunteers to join the committee.

Programme 2015-2016

2015: Wednesday 7 October – Dr Adam Chapman: Victoria County History project. Wednesday 18 November – General Sir Paul Newton: Lions Led By Donkeys - Myths and the First World War. Wednesday 2 December – Peter Roberts: New Forest Life in the 17th Century.

2016: Tuesday 2 February – Annie Cooper: Commoning on Acres Down. Tuesday 1 March – Angela Trend: Lymington – what did the Victorians do for us? Tuesday 5 April – Bill Smith – Lyndhurst Workmen's Club.

Forthcoming events

Fundraising event for Emery Down Almshouses

Saturday 4 June 2016 – Ed Newman – Porton Down : from the First World War to Ebola. 5pm BBQ followed by talk at 7pm.

2016-2017 programme - dates booked

2016: October 4, November 8 and December 6. **2017:** February 7, March 7 and April 4. **Possible topics:** Forest Memories by Geoff Green, DVDs: Country Ways on Emery Down in April and Beaulieu, The 18th Century Forest, and **2017:** Hunting in the New Forest, Archaeology of the New Forest and Decoration of 19th Century porcelain by Stephen Ferder. Tuesdays, 6.30-9.30pm.

2017-2018 (3 October, 7 November, 5 December 2017; 6 February, 6 March, 3 April 2018) **possible topics:** Boulton Cottages – Sara Hall; The Changing 19th Century Forest – Peter Roberts; Willoughby Bryan – Angela Trend; The New Forest Show.

We are seeking ideas and volunteers.

Possible Visit

Verderers or Foxlease talk and tour, and walk (?pubs, churches).

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Exhibition - 19-20 November 2016 – Emery Down and Bank Village Hall.

Our Projects

Phone Boxes – purchased by Parish Council - The Racecourse and Bank: boxes to be opened officially – date TBA. The Oak Inn is interested in liaising with HWU2L about its history. Similarly the Swan Inn is also interested in learning about its history.

Lyndhurst High Street through time – an on-going project to record from local people's memories the shops and businesses located in Lyndhurst.

Oral History interviews – we have identified people to record their memories of what life was like here in the recent past.

We are seeking volunteers to help with this project.

Liaison with other local history groups – this was to be organised by Hampshire Record Office (HRO), but due to staff changes this may not occur; we are finding out if the New Forest Centre (NFC) is planning anything similar and if not may organise it ourselves.

Projects elsewhere

Exhibitions

February 2016 – WW1 organised by New Forest National Park Authority (Angela, Sara and Alec involved);

May 2016 – Alice exhibition (Angela, Paul and Sara involved) both at NFC; Arthur Phillip Exhibition at HRO.