



# Andover History and Archeology Society Newsletter



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## From the Chair

Dear Member,

This year's remarkable summer will be one for the history books and despite the hottest days, I hope it was one you enjoyed. It certainly provided a lovely evening for our visit to the ancient church of St Michael and All Angels at Knights Enham which was full of interest with Rev Jill Bentall as our guide.

Now, I am looking forward to our autumn programme which starts in just a couple of weeks' time. **We have had to make some changes so please make a note of the new details given on page 2.** As always, the latest information is also on our website at <http://www.andover-history.org.uk>

We are already working on the programme for next year and would very much like to have suggestions, especially from newer members, for speakers or topics of interest. If you have any ideas do have a word with Shirley Lodge, our programme secretary, at the next meeting or you can write to me.

Robin Ardley has served on your committee for the last few years but now his work commitments make it impossible for him to participate in the Society's activities. With regret, he has felt obliged to resign from the committee. We have greatly appreciated his input and hope to see him whenever he can get to meetings.

Now, more than ever, we need help to cover all the aspects of running the Society. Could you offer some help? It needs no special knowledge and there is no commitment to a seat on the committee. Please do contact me or chat at one of our evening meetings if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

And now for two pieces of good news.

You will know that AHAS owns 2500 glass plate negatives rescued from photographer Edith Howard's shop in Andover High Street in the 1990s. Because the plates were deteriorating and the negative format made the pictures difficult to use, AHAS volunteers digitised the collection in 2016-17. Since then we have been exploring ways of making the collection available to the general public. This summer we have been in discussion with Hampshire Record Office and the good news is that the collection may find a home there.

AHAS has also had a hand in ensuring that the records of the now disbanded Andover District Football League were deposited at HRO. The records are a complete run starting in 1920 and include the minute books, programmes and other ephemera - a treasure trove for anyone who would like to research the history of football or sport in our area.

The results of some of our members' local research are in the latest edition of *Lookback* which will be on sale at our September meeting. This year it is 92 pages full of interesting, illustrated articles about the people and history of our local area. Please remember to come with £4.50 or your credit card in your pocket to buy your copy.

I look forward to seeing you at The Fairground Hall on 23 September

***Erica Tinsley***

## **2022 Autumn Programme**

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| 23 Sept | A History of Bells and Bellringing by Jane Tarrant<br>7.30pm at The Fairground Hall, Weyhill                                         |
| 28 Oct  | The Queen in Hampshire by David Rymill<br>7.30pm in Andover Guildhall                                                                |
| 25 Nov  | Marmalade, Spuds and a Bag of Gold – Gift giving in Tudor Hampshire<br>by Dr Cheryl Butler<br>7.30pm at The Fairground Hall, Weyhill |
| 9 Dec   | Members Talks<br>Bygones by Jill Bentall and Musical Notes by Phil Farlow<br>7.30pm in Andover Guildhall                             |

## **Event for Your Diary**

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| 17 Sept | Hampshire Archives Heritage Open Day – free and no ticket required |
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Hampshire Record Office opens its doors 10-4pm to give you the opportunity to explore the wonderful world of archive gadgets and much, much more. There are full details on their website at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/archives/events/heritage-open-day-2022>

## A Solution to Our Mystery ?

Back in July I asked for your help in solving a puzzle that had arrived via the AHAS website. What was this stone uncovered by an allotment holder in Vigo Road? Many thanks to all those who wrote to me with suggestions about its history and purpose.

Most thoughts centred around local US forces in WW2 but for everyone it remained a puzzle. Armies do not typically use permanent markers and Greg Gregory was clear that in the run-up to D-Day the northern boundary of the restricted area for the military build-up was the A303. He remembers it vividly because he and his mother had a special pass to travel to Winchester to visit his speech therapist.



Now, after a walk near Cholderton I think I have the answer. I think it is a boundary marker perhaps for the Urban Sanitary Authority.

My walk took me along this track on the Cholderton estate which is followed by the county boundary.



Where the track is crossed by a footpath there are a number of marked boundary stones very similar to our mystery stone.



*Erica Tinsley*