

DISCOVERING HISTORY HORNDEAN AND DISTRICT U3A

U3A JULY 2024 Newsletter

Future Events

There are always difficulties in choosing a day to meet and we had a request to swap with the photography group to improve the overall calendar for the groups, so we are now going to meet on the third Thursday of the month. See below

Please note from September we are moving to the third Thursday of the month (exception -Salisbury trip is a Monday)

Our Autumn program

THURSDAY 8th August Watts Gallery and Chapel Self-guided for the gallery and gardens, Guided tour for the chapel. This must be booked to be confirmed. A lovely arts and crafts attraction.

THURSDAY 19th September Talk - Weald Iron industry from Iron age to Middle Ages by Jeremy Hodgkinson. Venue Jubilee Hall

MONDAY 14th October Salisbury Cathedral and

THURSDAY 21st November Portsmouth Football Club History at Fratton Park, Portsmouth

19th Thursday December to be arranged

What to Watch

Suggestion from Ingrid -West End History through time program by Jay Blades is available on 'My5' with catch up and showing on Channel 5 – (This follows his East End History)

Please keep suggestions coming and if emailed they will be added to the Newsletter.



The Wey and Arun Canal Trust sent us Tony Pratt to talk about the Canal and its history in May. Tony gave us his time and we donated £70 to the trust.

This is a registered charity, which aims to restore the 23-mile abandoned canal running through Surrey and Sussex and create the missing link between Britain's inland waterways and the English Channel. An aim that will be difficult to achieve!

Tony brought along sound, computer, videos, slides and all equipment he needed. We were transported along the canal, learned about the difficulties of bringing a canal back and saw many old photos of the Canal. Tony also delved into the history of the planned canal all the way to Portsmouth using his own work from the 'Postcard trail' – see above.

What a lot of work volunteers put in to help us enjoy our heritage.



whole of the UK, a massive building also using the old brickworks site.

Swanwick is pretty nature reserve (with very poor signage) with lakes, wildflowers, butterflies and birds. A most enjoyable day even if a little cold for a picnic!

Photos above and below - thank you Bernadette.

We followed Tony and canals with a trip to 'The Brickworks Museum'

A big thanks to Andy who was kind enough to organize this event as I was away May/June arriving back two days before.

Mary was our very able guide, with a voice loud enough to be heard by all 23 very clearly. How amazing the attraction owes its existence to a survey of the route of the M27 which led to the listing of the site. Redlands had to put the brickworks in working order to hand over to the present council trust. Much more history for anyone interested can be found

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bursledon_Brickworks_Museum



Above common spotted orchid

Unfortunately, our history of Chichester Harbour talk had to be cancelled but possibly we can slot it into the calendar another month.

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Some of us went on after lunch to the Swanwick Nature reserve, formed around the clay pits (many dug by hand) On the way we passed the Air Traffic Control building for the