



DISCOVERING HISTORY
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worst stand in conditions so far running the History group.

Below Fratton Park

Christmas Newsletter 12.12.24

No December Meeting - As our normal meeting date would be this Thursday, speakers and venues are difficult (I am booked for the Pantomime) so I decided to skip December.

Our Spring program

16th January 12.00 noon - **A History of Chichester Harbour – Liz Sagues** – Liz has written a book about the history of Chichester Harbour and will also include the role of Chichester Harbour Conservancy

3rd February Portsmouth Football club re-run – details to follow – date to be confirmed

20th February **Milestones Museum** – A living history museum. The detailed recreation of life from the Victorian times through to the 1930s and 1940s, you can travel the cobbled streets of yesteryear. In the life-sized, immersive streets you'll find buildings, shops and vehicles recreated and restored as they would have been in olden times. We will get a discounted ticket that lasts for the year.

20th March – speaker to be arranged

17th April – possibly Rural Life – living museum. (This is the Thursday before good Friday so perhaps some feedback to decide whether to change the date would be helpful) It may be better to try to get a speaker.

Portsmouth Football Club Tour

A big thank you for Clive and Andy for standing in for me in what was possibly the



A distinctly unusual sight greeted everyone on Thursday 21st November with atrocious driving conditions for the visit to Fratton Park. Some were lucky and with Sonia's help the football club excelled with their hospitality and their tour. Others were turned away by the club, owing to a decision to cancel out of concern for the driving conditions and members safety.

See below (Courtesy Anne)



Fortunately for those lucky enough to enjoy the tour it was a great success and was highly recommended.



There are no rights and wrongs, but I am trying to confirm Monday February 3rd when I will put the tour on again. I have some reserves (not enough for a free tour for all) The club have agreed to fund 14 free coffees/teas (the number who did not make the tour) The speaker is sub-contracted and did give the tour so no refunds.

Please Please Please – could some members volunteer to arrange an event for December next year.



In October we visited Salisbury Cathedral, with its English Gothic architecture. It is a gem, and one of the most beautiful Cathedrals in the country. Twenty-eight of us arrived in the coffee shop. We were split into two groups with both our guides giving an excellent historical tour. We started at the clock and ended at the Magna Carta. In the afternoon some of us visited Ted Heath's lovely Georgian house 'Arundells' on the close. What an interesting man and from such a modest background. I really felt,

in some way that I had met him after seeing his collections, the piano, photos and memorabilia of sailing, Japanese and Chinese objects, cartoons and the lovely grounds.

Below Bernadette's amazing photo using the modern reflecting font.



'THE WEALDEN IRON INDUSTRY from Iron Age to the Middle Ages' by Jeremy S Hodgkinson

In September Jeremy came to chat about the iron industry of the weald. The Weald became the main iron-producing region in Britain in Roman times. Julius Caesar first drew attention to iron being produced in the coastal parts of Britain. Lots to know about the processes. When the production of iron changed to the blast furnace process the industry moved to other regions of England.

