

DISCOVERING HISTORY

Annual Report May 2025-26

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We have had a packed agenda for the year with one cancellation. (Butser was a little expensive).

The year started in May with a trip to the Weald and Down Museum. We have a good team of helpers and Andy led (I was away).

John Pinkerton II is a boat on the Basingstoke Canal that in July thirty-one of us had an excellent lazy morning with a little bit of history, with drinks and our own packed lunches we floated (just) for a couple of hours in a corner of Hampshire.

Basingstoke Canal trip



Seventeen of us had a very cold trip to the Bombay Sapphire Museum in November but enjoyed the day. The history of Laverstoke Mill, which we visited afterwards, was fascinating. The paper for UK and later Indian bank notes was made in this site.

Bombay Sapphire visit



Talks have ranged from Lepers, local heroes, the Watercress Line, Netley Abbey and gunpowder.

A quick mention for Lesley Johnson who talked about the Lepers in Winchester. Over 40 attended and the talk was excellent.

Other visits have included Amberley Museum which was a lovely day and very nostalgic with some exhibits of TV's, radios, household items from our past. The two old buses (see photo) were working on the day.

Amberley Museum



Herta Ayrton was the topic for Jane Glennie who was an amazing speaker and brought the subject alive. Herta was a local born Victorian Scientist in a man's world and that brought frustrations to possible inventions.

A mention for our team of helpers, putting out chairs, taking money, making teas and coffees and washing up.

Finally, all our members who come whatever the weather.

THANK YOU