

2024 Season

15 years promoting history in Redditch

The Redditch History Society is a local community group, formed in 2009, which aims to provide a range of monthly history presentations, both local and more g0neral, to promote the history of our town, both within the area and more widely, and to encourage members to investigate, document and promote the history of Redditch and the surrounding area.

We have ten Monthly Meetings throughout the year from February to December (we have no meeting in January or August). Nine of the meetings have the same format with a speaker for the first hour followed by tea/coffee and biscuits (a small charge applies). The April meeting is our Annual General Meeting and includes a history film.

We meet at the Oasis Christian Centre in Plymouth Road on the second Monday of the month (except for changes due to national celebrations etc).



Meetings begin at 2.00 pm. Membership costs £20 per year, which includes entry to all meetings. Non members are welcome to attend our meetings and a charge of £4 is made. This is refundable against the membership fee if joining at the meeting.



The society publishes an eight page Newsletter ten times a year to correspond to our ten meetings. August and January are included in the July/August and December/January editions.

The newsletter has updates, a meeting report, including the presentation, activities, news, information on the next meeting, and short articles written by members and supporters It is available via our website at: www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk/newsletter.html

The society also supports and encourages members to:

- Create presentations/talks concerning their interests and we are very pleased for members to give their talks at our meetings.
- Produce articles/books on local history and we are able to publish short articles in our Newsletter.
- Carry out research into our local and regional history.

Of course, we are happy to have members who simply wish to attend our monthly talks. This is the majority of our members and we are grateful for their support.



or telephone the secretary at 01527 61434



Programme 2024

| | January | WE HAVE NO MEETING IN JANUARY | January break |
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| | 12 th February | 'Plants preserved for Ever': Tales from the University Herbarium | Henrietta Lockhart, University of Birmingham |
| | 11 th March | The English Civil War in Worcestershire 1642-1651 | Max Keen |
| | 8 th April | Annual General Meeting plus local history film(s) | Society Executive |
| | 13 th May | Sutton Hoo and King Rædwald | Paul Mortimer |
| | 10 th June | A History of Death Masks and Phrenology | Louise Robinson |
| | 8 th July | All Roads Lead to Rome: The Story of Roman Roads in Britain | Alan Godfrey |
| | August | WE HAVE NO MEETING IN AUGUST | August break |
| | 9 th September | Continuing our walk around Redditch using old picture postcards | Chris Jackson |
| | 14 th October | The Redditch Railway | Philip Jarvis |
| | 11 th November | Humble Homes: Vernacular Architecture in Britain | Richard Churchley |
| | 9 th December | Redditch in the Snow - The Winter of 1962/3 | Anthony Green |

Our meetings take place at the Oasis Christian Centre, 4 Plymouth Road, Redditch, B97 4QB

Meetings begin at 2.00 pm and last for approximately 2 hours, it begins with a presentation, which lasts about one hour, and this is followed by refreshments and society business, event news and project reports.

Non-members are welcome for whom there will be a £4 entrance charge. This is refundable against the membership fee if subsequently joining the society the same day.

if planning to attend a specific event, please check our web site, our Facebook page, or monthly Newsletter for meeting details and any changes.

For further details of the Redditch History Society visit: www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk

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