

Syresham & District History Society

Report to Annual Parish Meeting

The Syresham and District History Society meets every 1st Wednesday at Syresham Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. We have an annual programme of invited speakers, drawn from the local area, often from other local History Societies and their speaker programmes, covering a wide range of historical topics.

The programme for 2024 comprises the following subjects:-

January 10th 2024	Combined meeting with Gems Women's Group Laura Malpas Travels in Japan
February 7th	Rosemary Leeper Brackley Churches
March 6th	Jackie Hibbert Medieval Crimes and criminals
April 3rd	Village Hall Closed
April 10th	Joint meeting with Gems – Subject: Stowe House
May 1st	Patricia Heed Wellingborough By their dress ye shall know them –speaker unwell meeting postponed
June 5th	Chris Bazeley D day and the Northants Regiments
July 3rd	Mike Stroud, Desborough Symingtons of Market Harborough
August 7th	Helen Frost, Flore Women's Land Army WW1
September 4th	Geoffrey Swindells Life under the Commonwealth C17 th Bucks and Northants
October 2nd	Graham Evans, Northants Battlefields AGM
October 27th	To be decided
November 6th	Tony Howard, from Towcester History Society Villages from the air in South Northants
December 4th	Wassail evening, Quiz, food and Fun
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January 8th	Joint meeting Gems Mary Rose

Membership has seriously declined since the slow recovery from Covid and the Pandemic.

We have survived by raising annual subscriptions, and running with much lower numbers than usual. Attendance is currently running at 10 to 15 each evening and we have benefitted from support from the Parish Council. We need more members to join in with your meetings.

We are looking into ways of making savings, given that speaker expenses are becoming a greater challenge. We aim to maintain the Society in its current format, and to keep going, but we need more participation.

We were successful in securing financial support from the Parish Council, so that we could maintain the annual programme format.

If you are interested in joining or rejoining, then please do get in touch.

We make use of the Licence Film Show, when required.

Chairman: Ian Draper

Secretary: Christina Munsey