



Alresford Historical & Literary Society

NEWSLETTER
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THE SOCIETY'S PLANS AND NEWS

At our committee meeting in May we decided that the Society should move back to the Methodist Church in the autumn, starting 21st September. In the summer we will meet for a Chawton House visit and cream tea on 20th July and a guided Alresford walk on 17th August.

There are a few spaces left for the 20th July Chawton House trip so please contact Fiona Scott-Morton (fcr25@btinternet.com, or 01962 732294) if you wish to join us. [MD]

THIS MONTH'S TALK - 7.30 pm 15th June, St John's **Philip Martin: 'Remembering the Tolpuddle Martyrs'**



When in 1834 seven labourers from Tolpuddle in Dorset joined together to lobby against savage cuts in their wages they were arrested, tried for sedition and transported to Australia. Eventually recognised as a great injustice, the event is now seen as a landmark in English history and Tolpuddle has become a place of pilgrimage.

On his retirement Professor Philip Martin, formerly Pro Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield

Hallam University, went to live in Tolpuddle and became closely involved in the restoration of the Methodist chapel where the labourers worshipped and are now commemorated. In this talk he tells the story of the Tolpuddle Martyrs and describes the restoration project. [BT]

