

Alresford Historical & Literary Society



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February 2021 - A Brief Update

Dear Fellow Member of the Alresford Hist & Lit Society

I have taken over the role of Honorary Secretary from Bob Fowler. He and Pat are leaving Alresford to move closer to their family in Sussex. Bob will be greatly missed by all of us, not least by me because he has been a kingpin of the Society for nearly a decade, and will be a very hard act to follow! Although busy with the move, he has worked hard to pass lots of carefully organised information to me which I am in the process of digesting. We should also thank Charles Ackroyd who joins us as Programme Secretary. He and I will our very best to support Glenn, Vic and indeed the whole committee to ensure the continued success of the Society. We are still looking for a Programme Secretary, so please contact Glenn if you are interested in knowing more about this rewarding role.

For the record, the Committee now comprises: Peter Pooley CMG (Hon Vice President), Glenn Gilbertson (Chairman), Mike Dickens (Hon Secretary), Vic Prior (Hon Treasurer), Charles Ackroyd (Membership Secretary) and Currently Vacant (Programme Secretary). Plus the following "without portfolio" members: Brian Davis, Brian Tippet, Nancy Webb and John Miller.

Whilst we must continue to socially distance, the calendar will continue to be organised via Zoom talks on the third Wednesday of each month. Glenn will be sending Zoom links before each meeting to enable you to join. The current Zoom schedule is as follows:

17th Feb (7.30): "Queen Emma & Queen Edith - Two Royal Winchester wives", Ann Withers

17th March (7 pm): "King Rufus - I've got something in my eye", Andy Skinner

21st Apr (7.30): AGM - with an entertaining talk - to be divulged later (you wont want to miss it!)

Then, currently being planned, Zoomed talks for: 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th Aug, 15th Sept, etc.

We may be unable to get together physically for many more months, so talks will have to continue by Zoom for the foreseeable future But let us agree that this is temporary, and that "come hell and high mutations" we will definitely see you all in the Methodist Church Hall on 19th January 2022, and with luck maybe before.

Best wishes
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