

# The Researcher

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The Friends of  
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## 40<sup>th</sup> AGM

The 40<sup>th</sup> AGM of the society was held at Barnham Community Hall on 12 April 2014.

Caroline Adams chaired the meeting and gave her report. A summary will be included in the AGM minutes. Caroline explained that she was stepping down as Chairman and thanked the committee for all their support over the last four years. During the year the meetings had been well attended, including the always enjoyable Christmas symposium and two workshops. Important events included the book sale, which raised £918.40.

Wendy Walker gave a report about WSRO, which is reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

Paul Guest presented the accounts. Copies of the account were handed out at the meeting, and are included with this newsletter for those who could not attend. Paul said that the accounts were 'stable' and that there were no issues.

Richard Martin explained the proposed amendments to the constitution. A resolution to adopt the new constitution was unanimously agreed. Richard said he would now confirm the change with the Charity Commission.

Caroline conducted the elections. The only nomination for chairman was Richard Mant, the only nomination for vice-chair was Leigh Lawson and they were unanimously elected. Stella Elliot wished to remain on the committee and was unanimously elected. There were no nominations for Secretary or further elections.

Alan Readman thanked Caroline Adams, Richard Martin



Members chat outside Barnham Community Centre

## Forthcoming Events

May 10<sup>th</sup> Joint FESRO event at the Weald and Downland Museum

June 19<sup>th</sup> An evening stroll around Amberley led by Richard Howell.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> An evening presentation at WSRO by Alan Green entitled *1714 and all that - Chichester under the Georgians*.

September 14<sup>th</sup> A talk by Tom Dommett on the Archaeology of Petworth Park to be held at WSRO.

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and Stella Elliot for their work for the Society and presented gifts of appreciation.

Richard Mant took over the chairmanship of the meeting. He said that, following comments by various members regarding clashes with meetings for other organizations, the proposed date for the 2015 AGM was 18 April, details to be confirmed. Richard thanked the committee for their work and encouraged any members who might be interested in joining the committee to come forward.

*After the meeting Sandra Lowton gave an illustrated talk based on her book: Barnham: How the railway changed village life.*

Richard Martin

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## **WSAS AGM, 12 April 2014, Chairman's Report**

It is the normal custom of the Chairman's report to go through the events that have taken place in the previous year of the life of the Society; suffice to say, it was all brilliant, but these days you can read about the meetings and other matters in the Newsletter, and I don't think there is any point in repeating it. Consequently, I would draw your attention to the Newsletters for April, July and October 2013 and January of this year, which contain full reports of the meetings. Further comments and photos are available on our Facebook page, of which more later.

What I would really like to do is to take advantage of the fact that I am stepping down after four years of being Chairman, and reflect on the help I have received from those around me, that is, the committee. When I became Chairman in 2010, it was something which I had wanted to do for some time, but I did have a little difficulty in persuading Richard Childs, the then County Archivist (we have seen off both him and his successor whilst I have been Chairman) that WSAS was worthy of some staff time being put into it. There has always been - and still is - some dichotomy on the amount of work or time that the Society can expect from the Record Office and vice versa - and Richard had, I believe, expected it to be an uphill struggle to try to redress that balance. Instead of which, I found myself supported by a bunch of people who were and still are prepared to put a great deal of their own time and talents into the Society, and who have given generously over the last four years, and I would like to spend the next ten minutes giving you a flavour of that.

My Vice-Chairman has been Richard Martin throughout, and he has always been there when I needed him. In the early days, I leaned heavily on him - what did the constitution say about this? - why was it the custom to do that? - and he has unfailingly supplied answers, even if it involved time and research. Jacquie found that the best way to see anything of her husband was to join in, and so we have had double the support on many occasions. The thing I most admire about Richard - and you will too, if you have ever been a secretary, is that over this time, he has written the minutes of three AGMs, and 24 committee meetings - always promptly, and always extremely proficiently. The Sussex Record Society have also had cause to be grateful to him for this, and I feel a man who can keep up the task of what must amount to writing minutes most evenings, deserves some admiration.

Early on, I felt that we needed to communicate with the society members better, and into this breach stepped Barrie Keech, as both Newsletter Editor and website keeper. Barrie creates the Newsletter, and then comes into the Record Office to supervise the printing, and check the pages are the right way up - the first time, I accused him of putting pages 2 and 15 upside down, but it transpired I had pushed the wrong button on the photocopier. I don't know of any other society which has such an attractive Newsletter - so attractive that the brides coming to get married at the Record Office pick up a copy, and the Newsletters disappear from the reception like hot cakes. In one breadth, they advertise both the Society and the Record Office, and both the staff of the latter and the committee owe Barrie huge thanks. Nor is it a mean feat to create a website and maintain it, and this he has done with skill and patience (the committee give themselves permission to change dates and venues

frequently). Barrie is a very talented man, also an author, as I expect you know, and we are so lucky to have him working for the Society.

It is Leigh Lawson that has astonished me with her huge willingness to fill all her waking hours working for the society. She makes sure the meetings will work practically, by bringing and organising supplies of tea, coffee and biscuits. She has made herself responsible for the mailings, by stuffing envelopes, adding stamps and posting them. She has to remind me every single time that I have not got the address labels sorted out, and every so often she checks through the addresses and, with Paul and Helena, keeps the information up to date. She sorts out my failings with patience and she is never judgmental. She checks our emails, is responsible for our Facebook page, and for the posters you see around the Record Office. She organised last autumn's conference, and she comes to 39 out of 40 meetings. She does a fantastic and amazing job, and she has never ever complained or got cross.

Then there are two people whose professional skills we are very lucky to have: Helen Whittle, the Journal editor; and Paul Guest, the Treasurer. I should say that we introduced an honorarium for these two professional posts - not very much, considering the work they do and the responsibility they have, but enough to keep them tied to their posts. In my first year as Chairman, I was desperate to find a Journal editor, and had to edit one myself. It wasn't the first time I had edited it, and I knew already what terribly hard work it was. It was difficult to persuade anyone to do it, because at some point one had to mention the amount of work involved, and then the possible victim decided they would have to go off and climb mount Everest or swim the Atlantic. I was very relieved when Helen came along, and said yes... and I haven't had to worry about the Journal since. Helen has kept a steady hand on the tiller, riding out her copy-editor retiring, comments from all parties when the Journal is published - 99% good, but there are always people who know they could do the job better - and then last year Helen was very ill, but still managed to edit the Journal. All this while she is coming to the end part of her PhD - isn't it noticeable how those who have too much to do, manage to do more!

The other person you owe a great deal of thanks to is Paul Guest the Treasurer. It took a long time to replace Liz, and I had a bad time, because I knew I couldn't do it myself; not even with lessons from Sue Millard in accounting. It was so bad even Alan Readman, then County Archivist, got worried at my attempts and the hiatus that followed. There are some things you know you just cannot do. And then along came Paul, who offered to sort out the mess I had created, and then took the accounts in hand. Now we are up to date with the bank and the Charity Commission, we can find out how much we spent on meetings, which meetings were the most popular and so on. We equipped Paul with a laptop, and Barrie and Paul found a proper accounting and database system for small societies - I cannot tell you what a huge relief that was.

There are other people on the committee without an official title. Most recognisable to you, probably, is Stella, who takes your money and gets you to sign the books at meetings. Despite her ill-health recently, Stella has been a pillar of moral support, bucking me up when I felt low, always friendly, always cheerful. Stella also deals with our written correspondence, because a hand-written letter is sometimes better placed than an email, and it is important to get it right.

It is my misfortune that what is quite a small committee contains three Richards, two of whom even have a surname beginning with the same two letters. This is tough going when you have a mind which gets muddled over names! Richard Mant came on to the committee before I became Chairman, and has organised the bigger meetings - the two canal trips and the forthcoming conference. He has an eye for detail and a creativity which has given us fresh ideas and new ways of doing things. He is organised and methodical - the complete antithesis of me, and so the character and methodology of the committee will change this spring, and for the better! We are also lucky to have Richard Howell on board, a well-known

and knowledgeable local historian, who has taken guided walks, and given a talk. He is also a dramatist - so watch this space!

Last - and certainly not least - to join the good ship is Helena Millen, who has the onerous job of being the lynch pin or keystone for the committee. She comes into the Record Office every week, and checks to see what correspondence has arrived. She notes the cheques and notifies Paul, and she collects the names for each meeting and notifies the relevant organiser. Hers is a frustrating job, not least because the Record Office has a different receptionist for different days of the week and different seasons of the year, and each one has to be taught to understand the difference between the Society and the Record Office, and why the keys to the WSAS cupboard are labelled 'classroom'. She has learnt that it is no good relying on me for anything, and that anything she tells me will have disappeared out of my head by the time I reach the top of the stairs, and that she has to be largely self-sufficient, but I am grateful for her implacable resignation in that matter, and her patience generally.

Alan Readman, with whom I shared my Chairmanship troubles, understood the value and kindness of each of the committee members. Wendy has experienced it at first hand, for she attends each and every committee meeting. Both know that they are a good team, and that whatever I chose to do or not do, WSAS is in safe hands. I would like you to join with me in thanking each and every one of them.

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I would just like to say, for those who don't already know, that I am also taking early retirement from the Record Office in order to pursue a late career as a freelance archivist and historian. I am not deserting either the Record Office or the Society.

Caroline Adams

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## **WEST SUSSEX ARCHIVES SOCIETY AGM 12 APRIL 2014 COUNTY ARCHIVIST'S REPORT**

I am very pleased to be able to give the County Archivist Report to the 40th AGM of the West Sussex Archives Society. As the new incumbent I approach this task with some degree of trepidation. I am aware of the many achievements of my illustrious predecessors, the tremendous reputation that the West Sussex Record Office continues to maintain after over 60 years and that I have some very big boots indeed to fill.

This year has been a year of change not just for me personally but also for the office itself. The last twelve months have seen the retirement of Alan Readman as County Archivist, the temporary departure of our search room archivist, Nichola Court on maternity following the birth of Emily, the appointment of Rhodri Lewis as her replacement, the flexible retirement of Bill Gage after over 43 years of service as both archivist and record manager, and the departure of Alex Barford, our search room assistant and research officer, who has moved on to a job nearer home at Worthing Hospital Library. We now welcome Holly Wright, our newest member of staff, who joined us last week to take over Alex's role at the Record Office.

The Record Office building, which opened on its present site in 1989, has also felt the winds of change as the contractors took over our car park in January to create a site compound for the replacement of our air handling units. After 25 years the internal fabric of the building has also been in need of some attention and during our closed fortnight in December the Search Room was redecorated.

The acquisition of new tables and chairs in the Search Room has enabled us to offer a series of monthly talks on Tuesday evenings for up to 70 people. These have proved to be hugely popular with topics ranging from Graylingwell Hospital to Railways, from the Swing Riots to Sussex Maps. These talks, together with the monthly coffee time workshops (which are rather

a misnomer in that they are so popular that we usually run a second repeat session in the afternoon!) and the regular talks given by staff to many different groups and organisations all serve to help us reach all parts of what I am finding out at first hand is a very large county.

I am firmly of the opinion that archives have the potential to reach all parts and by that I mean to people in all areas, of all ages and ethnicities and in all walks of life. It is important that we continue to provide our high standard of service to all of our existing users and to everyone who comes through our doors. However it is also important for us to reach out to new users and to those who do not know about the Record Office yet or have yet to experience the enduring fascination and excitement of archives.

Matthew Jones, who is our head of public services, went out to Bishop Tufnell Junior School in Felpham last month and ran sessions on the WWII photographs of Frank L'Alouette for 90 Year 4 children. Those children will be our audiences of tomorrow and may be one of those 90 children will think back one day, remember the fun and fascination of those images and consider a career in archives. May be also one of those children will go home and persuade their grandparents to look in their attics and discover some archives or think of us when they come across archives in the future that are in need of care and attention.

This year has also seen further developments in our Heritage Lottery funded project work with partners. The Chichester Festival Theatre Project is proving to be very successful and as the newly refurbished theatre prepares to open its doors once again, the archive continues to be sorted and listed by project staff and volunteers. Following in its wake the Graylingwell Heritage Project is about to get underway after a successful HLF bid for £99K to Chichester Community Development Trust in partnership with WSRO, Pallant House Gallery and the University of Chichester. WSRO's involvement is primarily oral history and digitisation together with the preservation of the archives. This project is due to run until 2015.

We have held a number of successful exhibitions and events at the Record Office over the last twelve months. On 10 March the Family, Friends and Travellers Project Exhibition was launched at WSRO including a series of oral history listening stations and a scaled down replica of a Vardo (Gypsy Caravan). The exhibition ran until 20 March and for those of you who missed it is now travelling around various venues in Sussex.

In February Rhodri put together a fascinating exhibition on the Battle of Monte Cassino 17 January - 18 May 1944. The Royal Sussex Regiment was heavily involved in this conflict, which was a focal point of the Italian Campaign, and suffered severe casualties. We feel that it is important, amidst all of the First World War commemorations, that the key moments from World War Two are also remembered - particularly those in which local people served and lost their lives. Members of the Royal Sussex Regimental Association were invited to a viewing of the exhibition last month - with obligatory tea and cake to complete the afternoon.

The Monte Cassino exhibition will be on display at the Record Office until the middle of June when our focus will then turn to the Great War. On Sunday June 22 (a date for your diaries) WSRO will join forces with West Sussex Library Service for a major event on West Sussex and the Great War at Edes House in Chichester. Following a successful HLF bid by the Library Service in partnership with the Record Office a major project has been underway over the last year to research and record the impact of the First World War on the people of West Sussex. Over 140 volunteers have indexed local papers for 1914-1918 and researched the case studies of individual service men and women. As part of the project over 19,000 pages of documents from the Royal Sussex Regiment Archive, held at WSRO, have been digitised together with local newspapers for the period.

The archive of the Royal Sussex Regiment is one of the jewels in our crown and is part of some 25 miles of historical records that currently sit on our strong room shelves. As a newcomer to West Sussex I am conscious when I open a box that I am glimpsing only the very tiniest tip of the iceberg. You could spend a lifetime here and still not know all that there is to know about the collections. There is always something new to discover and learn about.

I would also like to pay tribute here to the other side of the archival coin – that of the Records Management. As well as looking after over 1200 years of history at West Sussex we also run a Records Management Service for the County Council storing and managing the semi-current records of the authority, some of which may one day become archives in their own right. Records Management is so often the unsung hero of the information and archive world and we are currently involved in a project to process over 100,000 modern records across 34 different locations in West Sussex and bring them into the Records Management Service.

Finally I would like to return to my theme of change. Archivists may come and go, buildings may be adapted or changed, the services that they provide may alter according to the demands and technology of the times but the records and the information that they hold remains a constant in an ever changing world and maybe this is part of the attraction and the enduring appeal of archives to each new generation.

This is of course a year of change for the West Sussex Archives Society as well with the departure of our Chairman, Caroline Adams, and our Vice-Chairman, Richard Martin, and our Secretary, Stella Elliot. Some might say that to lose one committee member may be regarded as a misfortune but to lose two looks like carelessness... and I am not sure what Dame Edith Evans would have had to say about losing a third so I am pleased to be able to tell you that Stella has very kindly agreed to stay on as a member of the Committee!

On a more serious note we owe a huge debt of gratitude to all three for their work for the West Sussex Archives Society and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to them all for their dedication and hard work on our behalf. WSAS plays a very important role in helping to preserve and promote the rich archival heritage of West Sussex and it is the vital contributions made by individual members that make this happen.

I would also like to take this opportunity to put in a plea for other members to join us on the Committee to help us to continue this vital work. Please think about this and talk to us if you are interested. I should add that WSAS is also looking for someone who might be prepared to offer temporary storage for books for future books sales. In the past the Record Office has been able to offer space for the collection of books in advance of a sale but as we continue to take in more and more archives our repositories are becoming full and space is at a premium. The Record Office in Orchard Road was built in 1989 with space to grow for 25 years. In one sense it is gratifying to know that they got their calculations right but in another sense it puts pressure on us now to make sure that we plan for the future and for the next 25 years of the West Sussex Record Office.

Finally I would like to thank the Society for all the help and support that they continue to give to the Record Office and for making me feel so welcome over the last six months. I look forward to working with you all and over the forthcoming year.

Wendy Walker

# Events Review

## The Archaeology of Parham

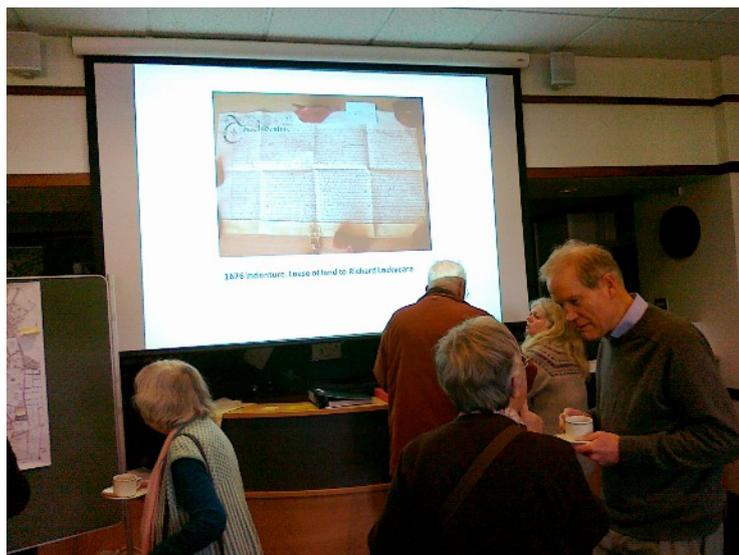
Talk by Lesley Voice on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014

In 2007, invited by the Parham Estate to investigate a Deserted Village mentioned in an article in 1873 by a former member of the Society, Worthing Archaeological Society (WAS) started what was to be the first of seven years' investigations at Parham.

Parham was the only Monastic holding in Sussex of Westminster Abbey until the Reformation.

The research done by Lesley and her late husband, Tony, shows no evidence of a nucleated village at Parham. They suggest that there was a dispersed settlement of farmsteads and cottages, the Church and Rectory, with the House.

The first year of digging was on the current picnic site which showed up features on a Resistivity Survey done by Southampton University. After huge amounts of soil had been shifted, and nothing found but geology, it was realised that the presence of natural ironstone in the soil made resistivity unhelpful.



Eventually WAS decided to work on the glebe land east of the Church to try to find the Rectory. There had been a Rector at Parham since 1148, but it is likely that he lived in the Monastic Grange. After the reformation it is possible that the Rector was given the old monastic site as glebe land. An inventory of 1708 describes a parsonage with 11 rooms including a cellar, east of the Church. From 1742 there is no mention in Estate records of a house or parsonage and it has been assumed that the buildings were in disrepair and pulled down. By the early 18th Century landscape views were fashionable and a ruined parsonage would not have enhanced the view from the House.

Over the next few years WAS found a widespread chalk surface under the topsoil and it has been assumed that that was where farm buildings, barns, etc belonging to the Rectory, were sited. No cellar nor any buildings of the right age were found.

The topsoil provided a huge Finds collection varying from Mesolithic flint to 16th Century German Stoneware. There has been, over the years, a great deal of landscaping at Parham and the variety and mixture of Finds bears evidence of large-scale soil-shifting.

In 2011 a 'sondage' (a small trial hole) was dug through the chalk and the first evidence of structures was found. Over the next two years walls which were securely dated to the 13th or 14th Centuries were exposed and interpreted as two garderobes and part of a cellar. Pottery found in these areas was of the same date.

It is very likely that what has been discovered is part of the Monastic Grange. No Parsonage, but much better history!

Liz Lane

## Worthing Rotary Hobbies and Leisure Exhibition

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February we had the opportunity of taking part in this well attended exhibition at Worthing Assembly Hall. This was as result of our membership of the Worthing Heritage Alliance and was arranged by Debra Hillman, the chairman of Friends of Broadwater & Worthing Cemetery.

Committee members Barrie Keech, Richard Howell and Richard Mant worked 2 hour shifts to assist me throughout the day with setting up our display boards and talking to interested members of the public. We were able to answer many enquiries about WSAS and the Record Office. We handed out copies of the newsletter, membership application forms and the programme for 2014. I am pleased to report that we sold twelve back issues of our journal 'West Sussex History' raising a total of £35. The journals were of particular interest as they included Worthing based articles - the Worthing Glasshouse Industry proving most popular.

It took a lot of time and effort to prepare for the exhibition but we all felt it was worth it and hope that we might gain new members as a result.

Leigh Lawson



*Leigh by our display board*

*Richard Howell and Richard Mant discuss the event*

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## THE WORKSHOP ON DEATH AND BURIAL RECORDS

On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, fourteen eager historians met in the Old Library at the Record Office to learn about death and burial records. The meeting was chaired by Caroline Adams

We were introduced to Penny Schofield, Her Majesty's Senior Coroner for West Sussex, who gave us a fascinating talk on the role of the coroner.

The coroner deals with the legal issues surrounding death and post mortem, and the first one was appointed in 1194. Then and now, the coroner is answerable to the Lord Chancellor, but appointed and funded by the local authority. At one time the coroner could have been a doctor or a lawyer, but now he/she has to be a lawyer, though remains independent from the judiciary. It was never intended that the coroner would be a judge and in fact this was specifically forbidden by Magna Carta in 1215.

Various Acts of Parliament have fine-tuned the work of the coroner, such as in 1500 when the job was narrowed down to dealing with death only (in earlier times the coroner was used as a tax collector for the king), and in 1751 the coroner was to be paid for the first time, and in 1925 the coroner had to be a qualified doctor or lawyer. The most recent Act was in 2009

which stated, inter alia, that there was to be a Chief Coroner and in future a medical examiner would scrutinise death certificates.

Katherine Slay gave us an interesting talk on how to find where our ancestors are buried, and how to find the grave. Searching in a grave yard can be a long and tiring process, so it is always worth trying to locate a grave yard plan first. Even when the grave is found, it can be difficult to read, ivy often being the culprit.

After lunch, Sue Millard spoke on the subject of finding as much information as possible from burial records, and her talk was very informative. She showed us a slide of the Cowfold Parish Register for 1629 and we could see that it was a single sheet of parchment where the vicar could write as little or as much as he wished with each entry - and sometimes one can pick up useful snippets of extra information here - whereas the next slide showed us the South Bersted Parish Register for 1813 which had printed pages and boxes for the vicar to fill in, tying him down to provide a certain minimum amount of information.

One extra piece of information sometimes found with a burial entry is the statement by the vicar that the deceased has been buried in a woollen shroud. This was in accordance with the various Acts of Parliament, passed between 1666 and 1680, designed to boost the woollen industry. If a body was buried in linen, instead of wool, then the deceased's family had to

pay a fine, and only the comfortably off financially would have chosen to do that.

There are various additional records of burial, introduced in the nineteenth century, which can reveal more information about the deceased, such as Burial Board Registers, Grave Books and Town Cemetery Records. Since 1927, registers of stillborn babies have been a requirement.

Following Sue's talk, Caroline and Sue placed various burial records round the room for our perusal, including printed books which listed the various coroners' courts held in Sussex throughout the years and who attended them. The New Shoreham Burial Ground records revealed that a number of German pilots were buried there during World War II, but the graves were exhumed in 1962. We wondered if the deceased were then taken home to Germany.

The workshop ended with tea, coffee and biscuits in Reception, kindly provided by Leigh and Carol.



Richard Mant

# Events Programme 2014

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Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> - Joint FESRO/WSAS meeting to be held at The Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton, near Chichester. (<http://www.wealddown.co.uk/>)

Museum is open 10.30am-6pm. Plenty to see and at 2pm a talk on "Costumes in the 16th century" from Danae Tankard in the Crawley Hall.

For those who wish, we will gather at around 12.30 midday for lunch (either purchase from Museum café or bring picnic) in the picnic area adjacent to Crawley Hall (undercover if wet). Please note that the Museum covers 50 acres, is on a slope and there are distances between exhibits. Please contact the Museum for facilities for those with disabilities (01243 811348)

Cost - £14 per person or for those people who are members of the Weald and Downland Museum and eligible for free entry the cost will be £7 for the presentation.

**Closing date - 28th April 2014 - this is important because names need to be forwarded to Museum for entrance.**

Travel - Just off A286 Chichester/Midhurst road south of Singleton (well signposted). Free parking at Museum.

Public transport - Bus no. 60 (Midhurst) from Chichester Bus Station (near to Chichester Railway Station). get off at Singleton for 200 yards walk to Museum.

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. A Mid-Summer Evening Amble Around Amberley - 'The Pearl of Sussex'. Walk and talk given by Richard Howell of approximately one hour duration.

Meet outside Amberley School (School Road, Amberley, BN18 9NB) at 7.00pm

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Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Conference to be held at Fernhurst Village Hall arrive 10.00am for 10.20am start. Conference ends at 3.35pm. Booking slip in next newsletter.

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There may be occasions when members wish to attend an event but feel they cannot due to transport limitations. Please do not be deterred, we would encourage you to book the event and indicate with your booking slip that you can only attend if it is possible to obtain a lift. Could we also ask please, that any members coming to an event who feel they could give a fellow member a lift let us know with their booking slip. We can then do our best to marry parties together. Thankyou.

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## *WSAS Committee*

*Richard Mant - Chairman*

*Helen Whittle - Journal Editor*

*Leigh Lawson - Vice Chairman*

*Stella Elliot - Committee Member*

*Paul Guest - Treasurer*

*Helena Millen - Information Manager*

*Vacant - Secretary*

*Richard Howell - Committee Member*

*Barrie Keech - Newsletter & Website*

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# Booking Slips

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The joint event with the Friends of East Sussex Record Office(FESRO) taking place at the Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton near Chichester.

At 2.00pm, Danae Tankard will give a talk on *Costumes of the 16th Century* in Crawley Hall.

Cost £14 per person - however some people may already be members of the Weald and Downland Museum and as such are eligible for free entry to the museum. The cost in this case will be £7 per person to cover the cost of hiring Crawley Hall and the presentation from Danae Tankard. Please indicate clearly below whether you are already a member of the Weald and Downland Museum.

I am **NOT** a member of the Weald and Downland Museum and so will pay £14 per person.....☐

I am a member of the Weald and Downland Museum and so will pay £7 per person.....☐

Names of members attending.....

Tel No.....Email, or home address.....

Names of non-members or guests.....

Amount paid, cheques made payable to WSAS.....

**It is extremely important to book by the 28<sup>th</sup> April** to ensure the full list of attendees is available to the museum. Please return slip and cheque by the 28th April to, The Honorary Treasurer, WSAS, c/o West Sussex Record Office, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RN

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