

Hertfordshire Association for Local History

News and Events

Spring 2022

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 21 May 2022

HALH Spring Meeting and AGM, Bramfield

Saturday 11 June 2022

Summer Visit, Panshanger Park

Saturday 19 November 2022

Symposium: *Wining and Dining in Hertfordshire*

Spring Meeting and AGM 2022

The next Spring Meeting and Annual General Meeting of HALH will take place on Saturday 21 May 2022 at Bramfield Village Hall, Bury Lane, Bramfield SG14 2QL. Admission is free for HALH members, £2 for visitors.

The morning session will commence at 11.00. The afternoon session will begin with the AGM, and will be followed by the Lionel Munby lecture. This year our speaker will be Brendan King, Chairman of the Baldock Museum & Local History Society, whose talk is entitled: 'The Wool Merchants of Medieval Hertfordshire 1270–1370'.

HALH Constitution

The committee has been carrying out a review of the Association's constitution which was last amended in 2014. We'll be sending out copies of the revised constitution to members in April. We'll do this as far as possible by email, and only send copies by post to those members for whom we don't have an email address. It will then be put forward for adoption by the membership at the AGM on Saturday 21 May 2022.

Symposium 2022

Wining and Dining in Hertfordshire

The 43rd Symposium will take place on Saturday 19 November 2022 at the Katherine Warington School, Harpenden.

This year our theme will be the social side of eating and drinking in Hertfordshire, and will range widely across the centuries – from, say, the feasting that punctuated the royal progresses and hunting parties as they passed through the county during the Middle Ages; the gargantuan dinners that so often accompanied the administration of justice and public affairs during the eighteenth century; or the 'Annual Dinners' held during the winter months by the numerous political, social and sporting clubs found throughout the county in Victorian times.

Is your society involved in events or activities which you would like to see featured in *Herts Past and Present*? If so, please contact either:

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(Deadlines: third week of January, July)

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL HISTORY
SUMMER VISIT 2022

Panshanger Park, Hertford SG14 2NA

Saturday 11 June 2022

10.00 – 12.00

This year's Summer Visit will be held at Panshanger Park, near Hertford. Formerly the seat of the Cowper and Desborough families, the estate is now an historic park and garden, registered Grade II* by English Heritage. Part of the estate is also a country park and nature reserve. Much of the parkland was created by Humphry Repton in the late eighteenth century, with other parts previously landscaped by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown.

The mansion at Panshanger was demolished in the mid-1950s and the estate acquired by a gravel extraction company. Tarmac now owns the park and for the past 20 years has carried out phased mineral extraction

accompanied by the restoration of the land to agriculture, wetland and nature conservation. Sand and gravel extraction has now been completed.

The Friends of Panshanger Park, formed in 2013, seeks to promote the park to local residents and to lobby the landowner, Tarmac, in developing the park's facilities, and in preserving its listed landscape and buildings.

We'll be accompanied on our visit by representatives of Tarmac and the Friends, who will tell us about the social and landscape history of the park and Tarmac's future plans for the site.

There is no charge for the visit, but please would you let us know whether you intend to come by filling in the form below. Post or email the details to:

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We'll send you further details about the visit nearer the time, together with a map showing the location of the park, the access point and place to park. This information will be emailed to you. If you don't have email, please include a stamped addressed envelope with your booking form for us to send you the information by post.

Name(s)

Address

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