

# Sarratt Local History Society

## 2025 – 2026 Programme

Your Committee is pleased to present the Society's Programme for the coming year.

We have sought to bring you new and fresh insights into the history of Sarratt and our surrounding area while maintaining the variety and quality of activities that we enjoyed in 2024.

We will once again be celebrating the life of our past Chair, through the Pam Turner Memorial Lecture in May, with Dr Wendy Morrison giving us an update on the findings from the archaeological dig of the Goldingtons' lynchets and explaining her plans for further work in Summer 2025.

We are planning two "pop up" exhibitions, to coincide with the "Horti" shows. The first will commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a tragic war-time mid-air collision which occurred over Sarratt. With "Sarratt - Star of Film and Screen" being our theme in the Autumn. Please let us have any photos, or other materials that you may have of Sarratt in the Movies!

Our summer walk will be through Sarratt Bottom and will be followed by afternoon tea and cake at a house by the River Chess.

Don't forget the Great Sarratt Scrapbook, available to view at the Societies' meetings and other events, has two of the earliest books digitised and electronic, searchable versions, can be accessed through the Sarratt Local History Society Website.

[sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org](http://sarrattlocalhistorysociety.org)

We are hoping to get the third scrapbook digitised this year – funds permitting - and to establish a rotating exhibition of historical artefacts in the village hall.

We believe that it is important to research and maintain stories, records and artefacts from the village for the benefit of future generations. If you have any memories, photographs or papers that you would like to share with us please contact us through the Sarratt Local History Website – or reach out to one of our committee members.

All the current committee members have agreed to offer themselves for re-election for 2025/26 at the January AGM: please see the website for more details.

Contact email: [contact@sarratthistorysociety.org](mailto:contact@sarratthistorysociety.org)

Annual membership: £12

One-off meeting membership: £4  
*(payable on the night at the door)*



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# 2025 - 2026 Programme

Meetings are held in Sarratt Village Hall – 7.30 pm for 8 pm  
*See website for map/directions*

**Tuesday 11 March**  
**A walk in time through Sarratt Bottom**  
*Hosted by the "Sarratt Bottomers"*

For centuries Sarratt Bottom has been a distinct and separate part of Sarratt with its own characters and stories. We will take a walk in time along Sarratt Bottom, from Park Cottages to Albert Cottages, meeting some of the characters that have lived there and learn how the Bottom has changed over the centuries.

**Tuesday 13 May**  
**The Pam Turner Memorial Lecture**  
**Digging for Gold "ingtons"**  
*Dr Wendy Morrison*

Dr Wendy Morrison is a Senior Associate Tutor for Archaeology at Oxford University and is currently the Heritage and Archaeology Manger for Chiltern National Landscape. She will share with us the findings from the Archaeological Dig of the Goldingtons Lynchets which took place in August 2024 and her more recent geophysical survey work, and how this is informing her plans for the summer 2025 excavation.

*Refreshments will be served from 7:30 pm.*

**Tuesday 1 July**  
**The History of Hertfordshire Constabulary**  
*Andy Wiseman*

Andy Wiseman is the Chair of the Hertfordshire Police Historical Society and a serving police officer with the Hertfordshire Constabulary (Chief Inspector of Watford). He is also the author of The History of Police Stations in Hertfordshire. His talk delves into 180 years of policing in Hertfordshire. Interspersed with stories of triumph, tragedy and intrigue, his talk is accompanied by images from the Constabulary's archives, dating back to the 1880's

**Tuesday 16 September**  
**The Grove and its Owners 1500 – 1700**  
*Dr Heather Falvey*

Dr Heather Falvey is Chair of the Hertfordshire Association of Local History and a Lecturer in Local History at the Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge. Her talk will trace and describe The Grove and some of its owners from 1500 to the start of the eighteenth century, prior to the arrival of the Dukes of Clarendon.

**Tuesday 18 November**  
**Successes and Dead Ends:**  
**Researching the military history of the Civil Wars in Western Hertfordshire**  
*Dr John Morewood*

Dr John Morewood is President of St Albans Architectural and Archaeological Society. He has a strong interest in the Civil Wars - his ancestors having fought for Parliament!

He has researched the events of the 1640s in St Albans and Western Hertfordshire as they applied to the struggle between King and Parliament. Looking at archives and publications of the period he has uncovered how important the area was to Parliament with the Parliamentary armies being quartered across Western Hertfordshire.

**Tuesday 20 January 2026**  
**Annual General Meeting of Sarratt Local History Society**

*Details of the evening's talk to be announced nearer the time.*

**Summer Walk**  
**Sunday 13 July**  
**Walk through Sarratt Bottom, including Sarratt Mill**

Following on from our March meeting – "A walk in time through Sarratt Bottom" – we will take a real walk along the Bottom ending with afternoon tea and cake at one of the houses by the River Chess. Further logistical details to be provided nearer the time. Transport back to parked cars will be provided.

*Meet at 2.30pm at the bottom of Moor Lane.*

# Exhibitions and Viewing of the Great Sarratt Scrapbooks

**Saturday 5 April**

**80th Anniversary of a war-time mid-air collision over Sarratt**

*To coincide with the Sarratt Horticultural Society Spring Show*

To Commemorate the 80th anniversary of the war-time mid-air collision over Sarratt Greg Edmund will share his research which includes letters, photographs and memorabilia including eyewitness accounts of the tragic event.

*Join us in the Sarratt Village Rear Hall to view the exhibition.*

**Saturday 13 September**

**Sarratt, Star of Film and Screen**

*To coincide with the Sarratt Horticultural Society Autumn Show*

Over the years many movies and TV shows have been filmed in and around Sarratt, bringing stars of the silver screen to the village. Come and see some of the actors that have strolled across the Green, visited Sarratt's pubs and garage and even lived in the village!

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## The Committee

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