

Sarratt Local History Society

2026 – 2027 Programme

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

We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Sarratt Local History Society in 2026, and we have a great programme of speakers lined up for you. We have sought to bring 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 2025.

We will once again be celebrating the life of our past Chair, Pam Turner, and we are delighted that our President Dawn Pitts will be sharing her research on shops and businesses in the village in the 19th and 20th century at the annual memorial lecture. Dawn has been President of the Society since its inception and her contributions along with those of Philip Buller, also a Committee member since 1996, have been exceptional.

Our summer walk will be a "historical pub crawl" and will be followed by afternoon tea and cake at Goldingtons.

Our successful "pop up" exhibitions, which coincide with the "Horti" shows, will focus this Spring on "Post Cards of Sarratt" and in the Autumn "30 years of Sarratt Local History Society".

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

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In the coming year we are hoping to digitise the third and fourth volumes of the Great Sarratt Scrapbook to ensure that we preserve the history of the village for future generations and make it accessible to everyone.

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 or if you have a story to tell or a topic you would like us to help you research, please do let us know. You can 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 2026 at the January AGM: please see the website for more details.

Contact Email: contact@sarrathistorysociety.org

Annual membership: £12

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



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

Tuesday 20 January - Annual General Meeting of Sarratt Local History Society **Black Death and its impact on Sarratt** *Gregory Edmund – Sarratt Local History Society*

Following the recent discovery of a hoard of Medieval coins in Buckinghamshire, join Gregory Edmund to discover what it reveals about life during the Black Death in the Home Counties and how the people of Sarratt were directly affected by the pestilence of 1348..

Tuesday 24 March **Chenies Manor and the Russell Family** *Laura Noble, Bedford Estates' Archives & Records Manager*

Laura will explore the early history of the Russell family and their achievements and roles in the Tudor court. She will describe their connection to Chenies Manor which was the family's principal residence until the 17th century, illustrating her talk with anecdotes about Chenies throughout the centuries as revealed by the Archives. Chenies Manor and the village remained part of the Bedford Estate until 1954.

Tuesday 12 May **The Pam Turner Memorial Lecture**

"Half a Pound of Tuppenny Rice": Sarratt Shops and Business in the 19th and 20th centuries *Dawn Pitts – President SLHS*

Sarratt Local History Society President Dawn Pitts will describe the many shops and businesses that traded in Sarratt over the last 200 years.

Refreshments will be served from 7:30 pm.

Tuesday 30 June **The History of Berkhamsted Castle** *Michael Long – Historian and Lecturer*

Michael will share the story of Berkhamsted Castle, from Duke William of Normandy, fresh from defeating Harold at the Battle of Hastings through Thomas Beckett's rebuilding, the siege of The French Prince Louis and the death of the Black Prince.

Tuesday 22 September **Pots, Pans and Ploughs: Sarratt Wills and Inventories** *Philip Buller and Sue Clark – Sarratt Local History Society*

Drawing on the original research by Philip and Barbara Buller to give a picture of life in the village and what we can learn about how the fortunes of people in Sarratt changed over the period 1435 to 1832.

Tuesday 24 November **The Story of Ovaltine – Dacorum Heritage** *Melissa Linsey*

Join Melissa, who is the Museum Manager, as she shares the story of Ovaltine in Kings Langley, how the archive was saved and how Dacorum Heritage cares for the Ovaltine UK collection, from beautiful artwork to products.

Dacorum Heritage preserves and shares the local history of the Borough of Dacorum.

Tuesday 19 January 2027 **Annual General Meeting of Sarratt Local History Society**

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

Summer Walk **Sunday 19 July** **Sarratt Pubs – Past and Present: a guided walk concluding at Goldingtons**

Join us for a summer pub crawl - with a difference! We will start at the Boot and cross the Green, learning about the history of Sarratt Pubs past and present. Our walk will take us past Holy Cross church and the Cock Inn, concluding with afternoon tea at Goldingtons. The Sarratt Local History Committee will be your guides for the afternoon.

Meet at 2.30pm outside the Boot, Sarratt Green

Exhibitions and Viewing of the Great Sarratt Scrapbooks

Saturday 28 March

Post Cards of Sarratt and the surrounding area

To coincide with the Sarratt Horticultural Society Spring Show

The changing nature of our village has been captured over the years through photographs and postcards. We are delighted that Committee members Philip Buller and Greg Edmund have agreed to share a selection of postcards from their collections.

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

Saturday 12 September

Celebration of 30 years of Sarratt Local History Society

To coincide with the Sarratt Horticultural Society Autumn Show

To Commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Sarratt Local History Society, we will dig into our archives and share some of the artefacts and research that the Society has uncovered over the years.

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

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