

2024 - 2025 Programme

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

Tuesday 5 March
Beacons of the Past
Dr Wendy Morrison

Dr Morrison is a Senior Associate Tutor for Archaeology at Oxford University researching Prehistoric Landscape Archaeology. She currently works for the Chilterns Conservation Board as Heritage and Archaeology Manager having previously been Project Manager of the Beacons of the Past Hillforts project. With an emphasis on the Chess Valley, Wendy will take us through some of the project's findings. She will also share some early plans for a citizen science project in Sarratt.

Tuesday 5 November
Air Raids over Watford, 1940 to 1944
Helen George

Between August 1940 and January 1941 there were 24 air raids over Watford and a further six V1 rockets landed in the town in the summer of 1944, with 58 people losing their lives. This presentation tells the story of those nights: the shelters, the first aid posts, the Air Raid Protection teams and rescue squads, the Town Hall underground control centre, the roads where the bombs fell, and the records that were kept of all incidents.

Tuesday 14 May
The Pam Turner Memorial Lecture
The Lollards of Amersham
Dr Peter Borrows

We will once again celebrate the life of our past Chair Pam Turner, a passionate historian. Dr Peter Borrows will tell us the story of the seven Amersham Martyrs who were burned at the stake in the early 1500s during the reign of Henry VIII. They were Lollards, followers of John Wycliffe, who were condemned for such actions as reading the Bible in English and denouncing the wealth of the Church.

Drinks and nibbles will be served from the earlier time of 7.15 pm

Tuesday 21 January 2025
Annual General Meeting and
Stories about Sarratt Village people and places

Sarratt has many interesting buildings from cottages to manor houses, farms to pubs and a rich social history, with several families able to trace their roots back through the centuries. We will be exploring some of those stories and would love to hear from anyone in the village who would like to share their research about their home or a Sarratt family.

Tuesday 4 June
Historical Treasures
Hosted by SLHS Committee Members

Committee Members will be digging into their collections to bring along interesting artefacts that relate to the history of Sarratt. Members are encouraged to share their own treasures with historical links to the village and to explain their stories. This is an informal evening and we look forward to some lively participation!

Tuesday 17 September
History of Holy Cross Church, Sarratt
Hosted Jointly by SLHS and Holy Cross Church

As part of the National Heritage celebrations, we will be holding our September meeting in Holy Cross Church. Dating back to the 12th century it has a long and interesting history and we will explore how the Church building has evolved over the years, learn about the Rectors who have been installed there and understand the stories behind some of the people buried there.

Parking will be available in the adjacent Goldingtons field.

Summer Walk
Sunday 21 July
Walking Tour of Sarratt Green

Sarratt Local History Society President Dawn Pitts and Committee Member Greg Edmund will lead a guided tour of Sarratt Village Green, pointing out houses and buildings of historical interest and introducing us to some of the colourful characters that lived, worked and played on the Green. The walk will be followed by Tea and Cake at Sarratt House, hosted by Janice Alder.

Meet at 2.30pm outside the Village Hall. The tour will take around 90 minutes to complete.