

Provisional Programme: Loughborough Historical and Archaeological Society: 2021-22:



The Old Rectory: Our venue for history, art and special exhibitions and events, and for creative writing events and workshops. Lectures are online at present.

Once live events are available again - lectures and walks are £5.00 non-members (as advertised from October 2019) and free to members, except the Ian Keil Lecture, which is £10.00, this excludes any writing workshops which are £10.00 a head. All events are Covid Rules permitting and may be subject to change.

Special Lectures and events are marked in red - this may indicate a need to book a place early, and digital events are marked with an O for online.

Dependant on restrictions, the Old Rectory will be open as a museum on Saturdays, and occasional Sundays (availability of volunteers permitting) for history, art, and archaeological exhibitions from Saturday May 22nd, 2021, 11-3.

The usual Covid 19 PPE measures (distancing, masks, and notices etc.) will continue to be in place, as will number restrictions on entering the building – until further notice.

Our new Curator, Alison Fearne, will be facilitating new exhibitions and displays throughout 2021-22.

Lectures 2021:

Event Done: Thursday 25th Feb 2021: 7.00, Welcome Talk. This included updates on what the Committee has been doing during lock down, and snapshot talks by Committee Members.

Event Done: LAHS AGM and President's Lecture: Thursday 25th March 2021, 7.00: Professor Martyn Bennett, lecture title: "The Most Strange and Wonderful Apparition of Blood': Garendon 1645.'

Event Done: 3 June 2021, 7.00 Lizbeth Powell The Wrestling Baronet: a study of Georgian masculinity (lecture involving the Parkyns of Bunny).

O TBC for October: Professor Sandra H. Dudley, Leicester University, title, and date TBC.

O? TBC: 2 Dec 2021, TBC: Talk by Erin Newman, Nottingham Trent University.

Special Event for 2022: The Ian Keil Lecture: this was to have been held live on Tuesday April 21st, 2020: Professor Kate Williams on Mary Queen of Scots, the venue was to have been Loughborough Parish Church, the time 7.00. This is now scheduled for the 19th of April 2022, 7.00, venue tbc.

LAHS Exhibitions, Walks, Book Signings and Other Events, 2021: Obviously, these are all dependant on current restrictions, and allowed group numbers, but live events will include:

24 July 2021: a guided walking tour as part of the Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Archaeology.

'Beating the Bounds' with Professor Martyn Bennett:

Beating the Bounds: Loughborough's Old Rectory 'Estate'.

A guided walk around the perimeter of the Rectory Grounds.

1pm, 24 July 2021

Today the Old Rectory nestles in a pretty little park not far from the Ruses Shopping Centre. The remaining part of the structure is the 13th century building and the ruins of the 14th Century Great Hall. The Rectory was once a bustling estate which dominated the northwest side of Loughborough. The park, and the buildings are the last part of the once massive estates which were gradually taken over by domestic and other buildings from the nineteenth century until the early 1960s. This walk will encompass the known historic boundaries of the Rectory grounds. The walk

will start at the gates of the Rectory on Sparrow Hill/ Rectory (LE11 1UW). Place and conclude at the Rectory building itself. The tour will last about one hour. Limited parking space is available in the Old Rectory Museum grounds.

**£5.00 - LAHS Members Free. Booking via the email:
oldrectorymuseumloughborough@gmail.com**

Last year's postponed Halloween Event: Thursday 28 October, 7.00.

Old Rectory Halloween Night, Deborah Tyler-Bennett and Alison Mott hosting, £5.00 a head to non-members.

This is a traditional Ghost Story Evening, featuring contemporary ghoulish literary work and nods to the classics: Stories will be read, and phantoms discussed, so come along, listen, contribute, and feel free to dress appropriately.

Why feature this event at the Rectory? Well, you'd be surprised how many ghost story writers and collectors were clergymen or had links to the clergy. So, with settings of classic tales including rectories, churches, and church men's houses, the Old Rectory seemed an ideal venue.

The Society will also participate in Loughborough Parish Church's Christmas Tree Festival 2021, dates TBC, plus the Committee's Social Christmas gathering, Old Rectory, date TBC (and numbers allowed permitting).

Creative Writing Workshops 2021:

Summer Creative Writing Workshops: Two Creative Writing General Workshops and a Special Bi-Centenary Workshop Inspired by John Keats:

The Old Rectory, £10.00 a head, hosted by Deborah Tyler-Bennett.

These workshops concentrate on using the Old Rectory as a setting for writing/ one special workshop in the series will be held to celebrate the **Bi-Centenary of John Keats**, where Debs will also talk about working on a Writing Residency in a small National Museum, in this case John Keats House in Hampstead, where she was a resident writer in 2010 and from which came inspiration for her book of poems *Kinda Keats*.

Note: Debs has had to re-jig the old Rectory workshop dates due to new gov guidelines, so is going to be offering a workshop on writing inspired by Keats and nature (as it's his Bi-Centenary) on **Tuesday the 20th July, 10-12.**

There will also be two stand-alone creative writing workshops on **Friday the 23rd July**, and **Friday the 30th July**, 10-12, £10.00 a head.

Relevant PPE and safeguarding will be in place, and the Rectory now has a loo. Please bring your own drink if needed. If the weather is fine much of the workshops will be conducted outdoors.

Art Exhibitions 2021 in the 'Pantry Gallery' (art and history exhibitions may-appear from April the 4th until late summer):

Artists, times, and dates TBC as booked. All booked exhibitions on 11-3.

We begin with an exhibition of Objects from Domestic Life: 'Inside/ Outside' at the Rectory (currently on).

Artists and Exhibitions:

Paul Dexter: Solo Exhibition, on July 10th and 11th, 2021.

Penney Sandel: Solo Exhibition on August the 7th and 8th, 2021.

Jacqui Gallon: Solo Exhibition on September the 25th and 26th, 2021