



Lecture schedule 2007 / 2008

Hardwick Hall & Bess of Hardwick

13th October 2007

by Marion Wallwork

Marion is a well known speaker for the National Trust. She will be giving us an illustrated talk on the Elizabethan Hall and its owner, one of the most powerful women of her time.

Stoke Field: Last Battle of the Wars of the Roses

10th November 2007

by David Baldwin

David Baldwin is a university lecturer and a leading authority on late medieval England. He has made a particular study of the reign of Edward IV and the Wars of the Roses. David has written a biography of Edward's wife "Elizabeth Woodville: Mother of the Princes of the Tower" as well as "Stoke Field" and he will be doing a book signing.

Coins, Curses & Collapsed Walls: Recent excavations at Highcross quarter, Leicester

1st December 2007 by

Richard Buckley

Richard, who is head of University of Leicester Archaeological Services, makes a return visit to the society, this time giving us an insight into the recent excavations done prior to the building of the Shire's extension. Amongst the finds was the largest medieval cemetery found outside London.

Members Afternoon

5th January 2008

For any members wishing to contribute a short report of any length or historical period that they think will interest members. Contact Chairman for details.

Leicestershire Place-Names

2nd February 2008 by

Anthony Poulton-Smith

Anthony has had books published on place names, amongst others, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire and by the time he gives us a talk he expects to have Leicestershire Place-Names added to that list. Anthony, after a brief introduction, likes to have an informal Q & A session. So have those questions ready. Anthony will also have copies of his books for sale at a reduced price.

Stonehenge - The story so far

1st March 2008 by

Julian Richards

Julian needs no introduction as this will be his third visit to the society. The talk this time is on his favourite subject Stonehenge and is based on his new book commissioned by English Heritage.

The AGM, followed by The Technology of the English Country House

5th April 2008 by

Dr Wendy Freer

Wendy is an experienced speaker and adult education lecturer and in this beautifully illustrated talk she will be explaining how, long before the modern household appliances with which we are all familiar today, the English country house was full of fascinating technical innovations.

All the meetings will be held at the Brockington Building on the Loughborough University Campus and all start at 7:00 pm with the exception of Members Afternoon which will start at 2:00 pm.