

Past programmes

2019-2020

Monday 9th September	AGM followed by a talk by Mark Davies – ‘Stories of Oxford Castle: 17th and 18th Century Crimes, Escapes and Punishments’
Monday 14th October	Liz Woolley – ‘Olive Gibbs, Oxford Politician and Peace Campaigner’
Monday 11th November	Richard Dudding – ‘Radley Large Wood: Monks, Deer, Canal and Bluebells’
Monday 9th December	Christmas Dinner at The Bowyer Arms, Radley
Monday 13th January	Hubert Zawadzki – ‘The Reluctant Exiles: Polish Resettlement Camps in Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds 1946-1970’
Monday 10th February	Dick Richards – ‘The Road to Peace is Paved with Headstones: the History and Legacy of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission’
Monday 9th March	Nick Millea – ‘Historic Towns Atlas of Oxford’
Tuesday 14th April	CANCELLED
Monday 11th May	CANCELLED
Monday 8th June	CANCELLED
Monday 13th July	CANCELLED
August	No meeting

2018–2019

Monday 10th September	AGM followed by a talk by Stephen Barker – Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry on the Somme in 1916
Monday 8th October	Alastair Lack – ‘Travels with Auntie: my Life at the BBC World Service’
Monday 12th November	Liz Woolley – ‘66 Men of Grandpont’
Monday 10th December	Christmas Dinner at The Bowyer Arms, Radley
Monday 14th January	Simon Wenham – ‘A Crystal Vision of Victorian Britain: the Great Exhibition of 1851’
Monday 11th February	Members' Interests
Monday 11th March	Liz Woolley – ‘Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War 1936–39’
Monday 8th April	Will Donaldson – ‘Edmund of Abingdon’
Monday 13th May	Jane Harrison – ‘Around Appleton: Missing Villages, Moated Manors and the Power of Wood’
Monday 10th June	Bill King – ‘Industrial Archaeology from your Garage, Shed or Attic’
Monday 15th July	Ciaran Walsh – ‘The Otmoor Riots in a Wider Context’
August	No meeting

2017–2018

Monday 11th September	AGM followed by a talk by Peter Neal – MG Cars in Abingdon
Monday 9th October	Joanna Matthews – Capability Brown in Oxfordshire
Monday 13th November	Tim Healey – Drivers Roads in Oxfordshire and Beyond
Monday 11th December	Christmas Dinner at The Bowyer Arms, Radley
Monday 8th January	Tim Jordan – Cotswold Stone Barns
Monday 12th February	Katherine Bradley – Votes for Women in Oxfordshire
Monday 12th March	Jackie Smith – The Medieval Bridges at Abingdon and Culham
Monday 9th April	Malcolm Graham – Wonderful things: Revelations from the City Engineer's Strong Room

Monday 14th May	Liz Woolley – ‘Oxford’s Base and Brickish Skirt’: the Development of Oxford’s Suburbs 1850–1914
Monday 11th June	Rod Ellis – The Life of Edward Brookes VC of Oakley and Oxford
Monday 9th July	Hubert Zawadzki – Invasion, Deportation and Survival: A Polish Woman’s Epic Wartime Story 1939–1945
August	No meeting

2016–2017

Monday 12th September	AGM followed by Bryan Brown – John Henry Brookes, the man who inspired a university
Monday 10th October	Richard Dudding – The Civil War and Radley Church
Monday 14th November	Julie Thorne – A Berkshire village, its history and antiquities
Monday 12th December	Christmas Dinner at The Bowyer Arms
Monday 9th January	Colin Carritt – Oxfordshire's Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War
Monday 13th February	Timothy Walker – The University of Oxford Botanic Garden: the first 393 years
Monday 13th March	Members' interests
Monday 10th April	Rachel Everett – What's beneath your feet: the archaeology of Radley
Monday 8th May	Mark Davies – Daniel Harris: Oxford Castle gaoler extraordinaire
Monday 12th June	Liz Woolley – The Victorian and Edwardian development of east Oxford
Monday 10th July	Stephen Barker – The Oxfordshire Home Front 1914–1918
August	No meeting

2015–2016

Monday 14th September	AGM followed by Tony Rogerson – ‘The Oxford Dambusters’
Monday 12th October	Simon Wenham – The History of Salters Steamers in Oxford
Monday 9th November	Stephen Barker – The City of Oxford during the Civil War 1642–46
Monday 14th December	Christmas Party
Monday 11th January	Bill King – The Upper Thames Patrol: the waterborne Home Guard of the River Thames
Monday 8th February	Liz Woolley – Leisure and Entertainment in Victorian and Edwardian Oxford
Monday 14th March	Andrew Sargent – The Thames
Monday 11th April	Jenny Lee – Men of Radley who served King and Country and died in World War I
Monday 9th May	Ian Browne – Abingdon's Lost Abbey
Monday 13th June	Bob Evans – The Bayworth Coal Mine Debacle
Monday 11th July	Paul Sandford – A History of Letchworth Garden City
Monday 8th August	Club visit to the church and churchyard at Radley

2014–2015

Monday 8th September	John Foreman – Horatio Davis: Abingdon's local hero?
Monday 13th October	Liz Woolley – ‘Those rampageous, dragonnading fire devils’: the coming of the railway to Oxford’
Monday 10th November	Gavin Hannah – ‘The building of Nuneham Park’
Monday 8th December	Christmas Party
Monday 12th January	Richard Dudding – ‘Deserted settlements of Radley’

Monday 9th February	Members' interests
Monday 9th March	Martin Buckland – 'The invisible brick'
Monday 13th April	Jessica Feinstein – 'Building your family tree: pleasures and pitfalls'
Monday 11th May	Jenny Lee – 'Gone for a soldier: men of Radley who died serving King and Country 1914–1918' POSTPONED Replaced by Liz Woolley – 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade' (the history of these food industries in Oxford)
Monday 8th June	Richard O Smith – 'Oxford Eccentricity: how madly and badly the City and University have behaved over the last 900 years'
Monday 13th July	Tony Gillman – 'From Catapults to Colliders: the History of the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus'
August	No meeting

2013–2014

Monday 9th September	Clare Sargent – 'The History of Radley in 100 Objects' (web-based project at Radley College)
Monday 14th October	Mark Davies – 'The Abingdon Waterturnpike Murder'
Monday 11th November	Liz Woolley – 'Children and War: children's experiences of the Second World War in Oxfordshire'
Monday 9th December	Christmas party
Monday 13th January	Victoria Bentata Azaz – 'Oxford in the History of Medicine', looking at personalities, stories and medical research from the 13th century to the 21st century, with an emphasis on the 17th and 20th centuries
Monday 10th February	Jenny Lee – 'A Lawless and Piratical Lot': the murder of the governor of Antigua in 1710 (stories from her research into her family history in the Caribbean)
Monday 10th March	Mary Russell – 'Women Travellers: the blessings of a good thick skirt'
Monday 14th April	Tony Hadland – 'William Gill: spy and explorer'
Monday 12th May	Richard O Smith – 'Oxford Eccentricity: how madly and badly the City and University have behaved over the last 900 years'
Monday 9th June	Shaun Morley – 'Friendly Societies': their development and decline in Oxfordshire
Monday 14th July	Members interests: World War One anecdotes and memorabilia
August	No meeting

2012–2013

Monday 10th September	AGM followed by talk by Tony Gillman 'From Astrolabes to Einstein – 1,000 years of scientific history in Oxford's Ashmolean building'
Monday 8th October	Shaun Morley – '19th Century Emigration from North Berkshire'
Monday 12th November	Rosanne Butler – 'Cowley from Victorian Times to the Second World War'
Monday 10th December	Christmas meal at the Bowyers (7 for 7.30 pm)
Monday 14th January	Liz Woolley – 'The Night Time Haven of the Wandering Tribes: the common lodging house in Victorian England' (with particular reference to the St Thomas' area of Oxford).
Monday 11th February	Ivan Cadge – Abingdon Branch Line (including models, photographs and memorabilia)

Monday 11th March	Tony Hadland – 'Recusants in North Berkshire' (Catholics who refused to attend Anglican services following the 1593 Act and the fines and punishments imposed on them)
Monday 8th April	Members' interests
Monday 13th May	Michael Cornwell – 'Maiwand: the last stand of the 66th Berkshire Regiment in Afghanistan 1880' (Michael is a former curator of the Rifles (Berkshire and Wiltshire) Museum in Salisbury)
Monday 10th June	Richard Dudding – 'Radley in the 17th Century: yeomen, gentry and land'
Monday 8th July	Tour of Lower Radley to see some of the buildings and fields connected to the June talk
August	No meeting

2011–2012

Monday 12th September	AGM followed by talk by Andy Lamb, curator of the Bate Collection of musical instruments at the University of Oxford
Monday 10th October	'Alice in Waterland' – Mark Davies (the role played by the River Thames in creating Lewis Carroll's famous books)
Monday 14th November	'From Gough to Google' – John Leighfield (maps through the ages illustrated with maps of Berkshire/Oxfordshire)
Monday 5th December	Christmas meal at the Bowyer Arms, Radley (note change of date)
Monday 9th January	'Early days of the Salvation Army in Oxfordshire' – Robert Sephton
Monday 13th February	'The coming of the Bastilles – Abingdon's first poor law union' – Paul Carter
Monday 12th March	'The Wantage Engineering Company' – Tony Hadland
Monday 16th April	'Mission Aviation Fellowship' – John Ledger (combined meeting with Radley Women's Fellowship)
Monday 14th May	'Industrial architecture in Oxford' – Liz Woolley
Monday 11th June	'Hampton Poyle railway crash' – Linda Haynes
Monday 9th July	Visit to Radley College – tour with Clare Sargent, Head of Library & Archives, Radley College
August	No meeting

2010–2011

Monday 13th September	AGM followed by a talk by Club member, David Buckle, on 'Turbulent Times at Cowley'
Monday 11th October	'Scratching the Surface' – talk by John Richards (chairman, Oxford Blues Metal Detecting Club) on metal detecting and finds made by his club's members around Radley
Monday 8th November	'Tudor Abingdon' – talk by Janey Cumber
Monday 6th December	Christmas meal at the Bowyer Arms, Radley (note this is the first Monday in the month)
Monday 10th January	'It will do him more good than going to school' – talk on child labour in 19th century Oxfordshire by Liz Woolley
Monday 14th February	'The soldiers of Oxfordshire – recording stories of county people in war' – talk by Stanley Jenkins, secretary and archivist of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust
Monday 14th March	History of Cowley Part 3 – Rosanne Butler

Monday 11th April	Members' Projects – a chance for members to talk about an interesting object or person
Monday 9th May	Lower Radley, its houses and the people who made them – illustrated talk by Richard Dudding
Monday 13th June	The existing buildings of Abingdon Abbey – talk by David Clark
Monday 11th July	No meeting
Sunday 24th July 2 pm	Visit to Romano–British excavation project by Oxford University at Marcham/Frilford
August	No meeting