

Launton Historical Society

Nearly three years since our post-pandemic re-start, Launton Historical Society is going strong. Some people are long term members, others are new and some dip in and out and come when they can and when the topic appeals. This is a good mix for us.

Over the last 12 months we have heard speakers on the Cotswolds, the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry on the Somme, Romans in Oxfordshire, Apples, Chequers Chef, World War II Cooking and Rationing, the Forgotten River (the Thame), the Ascott Martyrs and, not least of all, Pat Tucker and Mary Brydon talking about Launton's past and the origins of the Historical Society.

In July, in the rain, we had a trip to Upper Heyford Heritage, the command centre of USAF Upper Heyford and its exhibition. To complete our study of the Heyfords, we went to the Bell at Lower Heyford afterwards, where they provided an excellent supper. In July, and again in the rain, we met in Pat Tucker's house for a cheerful bring and share supper.

This year we are planning an outing to Rousham House, not normally open to the public (though the gardens are) but bookable by groups sometimes. It's entirely possible we may have to investigate pubs nearby.

In the course of the last year we wrote to the Parish Council to support the refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Though the 1930s ambience of the Hall suits us, perhaps, we look forward to showing Pat and Mary's artefacts to a wider public in a warm and cheerful hall in the future.

We meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and everyone is welcome.