

ALBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

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2024 PROGRAMME

Meetings in Albury Hall GU5 9AD

Tuesday 19 March
8pm

AGM and Winterfold – Surrey School for Spies

Operated by the Special Operations Executive (SOE), the stately home saw hundreds of trainee agents, French, Dutch, Belgian and British. Many served heroically in occupied Europe, including Violette Szabo. Many did not return. By Paul McCue.

Tuesday 16 April
8pm

350 Years of Weather in S.E. England

After thermometers were invented, vicars and people in country houses kept regular temperature readings. Trends and violent events, since the 1703 great storm, are examined. An illustrated talk by Ian Currie.

Tuesday 21 May
8pm

A Talk through History 1626-1920 – Chilworth Gunpowder Mills

The abridged story from embryonic beginnings, through periodic expansion, to the eventual closing of the works after nearly 300 years of continuous production. By Andrew Norris.

Tuesday 18 June
2.30pm

A Walk through History 1626-1920 – Chilworth Gunpowder Mills

"If you go down to the woods today..." guided tour by Andrew Norris of topography and remains of the Lower and Middle Works site, concluding with (optional) refreshment at the Percy Arms. *Reservation details attached.*

Tuesday 16 July
2.00pm

Visit to King John's House, Gomshall

Shere Road GU5 9LG. £5. This Jacobean House, perfectly preserved, was the erstwhile tan master's house for Gomshall tannery. *12.30 optional lunch at Gomshall Mill. Reservation details attached.*

Tuesday 17 September
8pm

The Changing Face of Local Media

Tracing the history of local newspapers from the mid-19th century. Production and printing from the days of hot metal through to the computer age. By David Rose.

Tuesday 15 October
8pm

The Life and Loves of Ada Lovelace

Daughter of Lord Byron, Ada Lovelace was a mathematician and writer well-known for her work on the early mechanical computer. By David Taylor.

Tuesday 19 November
8pm

Albury Park and Mansion A Saxon Church, papermill, rerouted roads, cleared village, icehouse, Albury Conferences, Evelyn Gardens and deaths by gas explosion. An illustrated talk by Trevor Brook. *Followed by mulled wine & mince pies.*

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Guided walk: Chilworth Gunpowder Mills

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Visitors welcome at meetings: £5

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RESERVE – Chilworth Gunpowder Mills Walk

Name(s)

Please reserve places @ FREE

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RESERVE – King John House, Gomshall

Name(s)

Please reserve places @ £5 each £.....

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Like lunch at Gomshall Mill: YES / NO

Overall total

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