



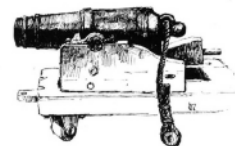
1966- 2016

Alresford Historical & Literary Society



Newsletter January 2017

Gunwharf Quay



Glorious Revolution to 20th Century Shopping Centre

with Michael Underwood-Author, Historian & Architect

Wed 18th Jan 2017

7:30 at the Methodist Church Jacklyns Lane , Alresford.

Background:

Gunwharf Quays is the UK's premier world class shopping, leisure and residential waterfront development, attracting millions of visitors every year. Few realise that its history began more than 300 years ago when land was reclaimed from Portsmouth Harbour to provide a nationally important wharf for naval and army guns. Portsmouth's Gunwharf became the largest in Britain.

Early in the last century it became the HMS Vernon school for torpedoes and mines. In 1996 the site was sold and within five years had been transformed into Gunwharf Quays.

Author Michael Underwood's experience, as the architect responsible for repairing and conserving the historic buildings at Gunwharf Quays during its development, makes him uniquely qualified to tell the story. He has been afforded unparalleled access to documents, maps, plans, drawings and photographs which he brings together for the first time in this fascinating book.

Michael Underwood practiced architecture in Hampshire and briefly in London for more than 40 years and has a masters degree in historic building conservation. He was project architect for most of the historic buildings at Gunwharf Quays (1998 to 2001) He was Senior Lecturer in Historic Building Conservation at the University of Portsmouth from 2005 to 2012. His book, containing many plans, drawings and illustrations, will be available for sale at the meeting.

Programme 2017:

Our programme for 2017 is nearly finalised and again it will be an eclectic mix of talks on historical and literary subjects. The first items 3 items are :-

January 18th : Gunwharf Quays-Glorious revolution to 20th Century Shopping Centre.

February 15th : History of Hampshire in 10 Objects -Tony Cross

March 15th : Civil War in Hampshire: with Alan Turton

We still maintain our membership fee at £10 per year for 9 talks; exceptionally good value compared with talks elsewhere: Our Subscription renewal Form is available as an attachment to this Newsletter

Continued. See over:

Newsletter. Latest copy date for the February Issue is January 28th

Please send Copy to Robert Fowler 01962 734125 email to: secretary@alresfordhistandlit.co.uk

Programme- Continued.

April 19th –AGM and Humorous Talk “ My life in Local Government with Simon Cook recently retired WCC Councillor.

May 17th - Lark Rise to Candleford -Flora Thompson with John Owen Smith

June 21st -Thomas Hardy- In North Cornwall with Roger Lowman

July–Summer visit - Guided Tour -Sandham Chapel

Aug–Summer Visit - Guided Tour Bishops Waltham Palace

Sept 20th -God & War: The Boer War -Was it Justified? with Dr Mark Allen of Winchester Uni

October 18th - John Galsworthy and the Forsyte Saga with Simon Barker Professor at Chichester Uni

Nov 10th –Annual Dinner at Alresford Golf Club

Nov 15th - The Secret Theatrical life of Dr John Hoadly, Alresford’s 18th Century Rector with Brian Tippett

Alresford Articles- our Golden Anniversary number AA6 is still selling well. A few copies of this memorable booklet will be available on request.

Executive Committee to April 2017

Chair: Glenn Gilbertson	732726
Secretary & Membership:	
Robert Fowler	734125
Treasurer:	
Vic Prior	733380
Newsletter Editor:	
Robert Fowler	734125
Speakers Secretary:	
Trish Ferris:	732054

Ex Officio Committee Members:

Brian Davies
Nancy Webb
Brian Tippett
Brian Rothwell -Co-opted member

Hampshire Library Service recommends:-

The Whistler by John Grisham: The electrifying new thriller.

Investigating judicial misconduct by Florida’s one thousand judges, Lacy Stoltz never expected to be in the firing line. Her cases so far have been relatively unexciting. That’s until she meets Greg Myers, an indicted lawyer with an assumed name, who has an extraordinary tale to tell. A story about a young investigator with a secret informant and The most corrupt judge in US history.

Forthcoming Announcement

How much do you know about the History of Alresford and its environs?

Have you read the 2The story of Alresford book by our past president, Arthur Stowell ?

Keep a close eye out for an announcement on this subject and come along to our January meeting to find out more. ED



Louis Wain’s cat. Christmas cardcard-Est value £20,000

The custom of sending Christmas cards was begun in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole and has since become a mainstay of the festive period.

678.9 million Christmas cards were sent in the United Kingdom in 2010. It is estimated that in 2017 the number will reach 1Bn

This cat image is from Hants Archives and local studies where they have an assortment of Christmas cards dating back to the mid-late 19th century.