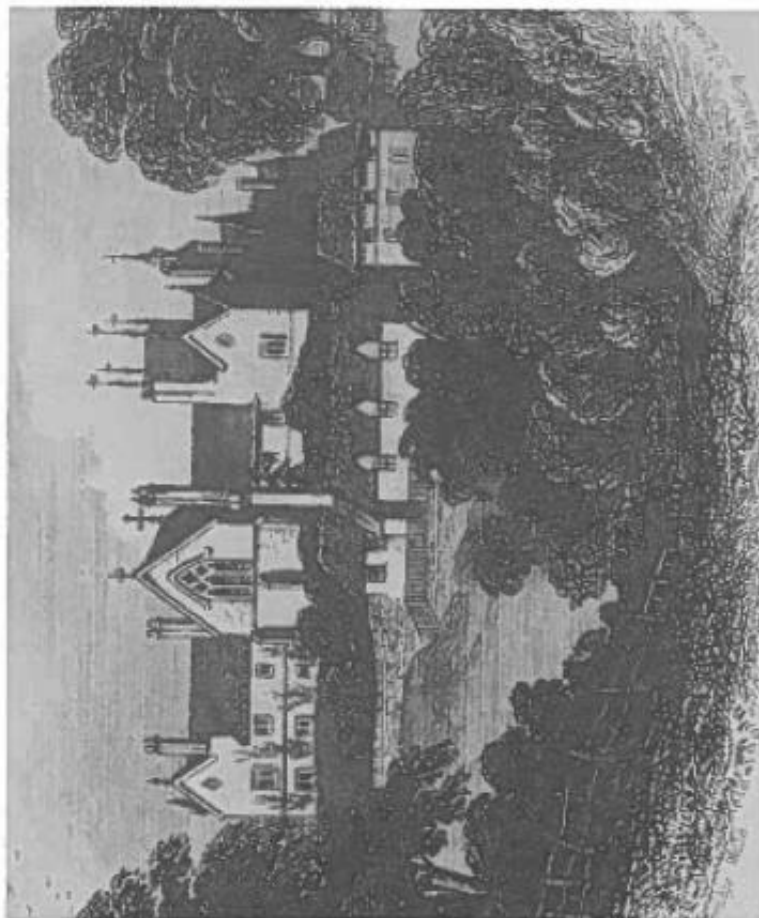


THE EAST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY 2012



Sackville College

View from the east in an engraving of c. 1860. A Jacobean almshouse, built in 1619 by will of Robert Sackville, second Earl of Dorset, is still in residential use. A notable Warden, Revd Dr J M Neale, was author of many hymns and carols including Good King Wenceslas. The Great Hall has a hammer-beam roof and a minstrel's gallery. There is a delightful Chapel, restored by William Butterfield 1848-52, which is registered for marriages.

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The East Grinstead Society is an independent residents' association, which exists to maintain and enhance the town's distinctive character, by monitoring future planning applications against existing buildings and amenities in the town and surroundings.

Regular meetings are held throughout the year, on local topics, with guided walks and visits to features of interest reflecting the town's culture.

PROGRAMME 2012

JUBILEE YEAR WITH CULTURAL HERITAGE WEEK IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

- Friday
February 17th **OPEN FORUM**
Neighbourhood Plan and other issues facing East Grinstead and the Society.
- Friday
March 16th **THE SECRET LIFE OF THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY**
by JOANNA WILKINS; a member of the Sussex Archaeological Society who provides historical interpretation and educational sessions on the Society's Lewes properties.
- Friday
April 20th **THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURER'S TALE - A LOST WAY OF LIFE**
by JENNIFER GOLDSMITH; a local historian, who has spent several years researching life and events in West Sussex.
- Saturday
April 28th
10am-1pm **TOWN & COUNTRY HERITAGE: WEST HOATHLY TO EAST GRINSTEAD**
Walk from St Margaret's Parish Church, West Hoathly led by CHRISTOPHER WHEATLEY (For help with transport, please call 01342 321525)
- Sunday
May 6th 2.30pm **19th & 20th CENTURY EAST GRINSTEAD; TOWN TRAIL 2**
A guided walk starting from High Street War Memorial, led by ANGELA COLE
- Monday
May 7th 10am-4pm **MAY FAIR: SOCIETY STALL IN HIGH STREET**
A chance to buy second-hand books, home-made jams, cakes and the Society's publications
- Friday
May 18th **STREET FURNITURE**
by GLENDA LAW. An experienced speaker who has made a study of these necessary, but sometimes controversial objects.
- Sunday
June 3rd 2.30pm **EAST GRINSTEAD'S VICTORIAN HERITAGE; TOWN TRAIL 3**
Walk starting from Chequer Mead Arts Centre, led by CHRISTOPHER WHEATLEY (For further information, please call 01342 321525)
- Friday
June 15th **FRANZ MULLER: THE FIRST BRITISH RAILWAY MURDERER**
by JAMES GARDNER. Return visit of a speaker who fascinated us last year with the mysterious tale of the Balcombe Tunnel Murder.
- Friday
July 20th **R.A.F. SEARCH AND RESCUE**
by Squadron Leader (retd.) DAVID CAREY. He spent 39 years in the R.A.F. and logged 8,000 flying hours in fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.
- Sat. to Sun.
Sept. 1st to 9th
(various times and places) **CULTURAL HERITAGE WEEK; EVENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES, INCLUDING HERITAGE OPEN DAYS AND CONCLUDING WITH A GUIDED TOWN WALK; starting in St Swithun's Church at 2.30pm on Sunday Sept. 9th, led by ELKE WAGSTAFF. (For info., see website/local library, or, please call 01342 321525).**
- Friday
September 21st **THE STORY OF SWALLOWFIELD**
by TONY TURNER. The story of a Victorian family, living in the Horsham area in 1845, and their fine houses. He has written books on local history and runs his local history group.
- Saturday 9am
Sept. 22nd **LONDON OPEN HOUSE: SMALL GROUP OUTING BY TRAIN**
Meet at East Grinstead Railway Station for a day excursion to see some notable buildings (For further information, please call 01342 321525)
- Friday
October 19th **45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Followed by a talk
- Friday
November 16th **CROYDON AIRPORT**
by ROBERT E. DUFFETT. After 10 years working as an airline pilot and 58 years in the Tourism and Travel business, he is now Lectures and Visitors Co-ordinator for the Croydon Airport Society.
- Friday
December 7th **THE KEYMER TILE WORKS**
by FRED AVERY. Founder member of Burgess Hill Local History Society, who has written booklets on a local building firm, manufacturers of building materials and books on Burgess Hill's past. He is curator of the Burgess Hill Heritage Centre.

Friday meetings start at 7.30pm in Main Hall, East Court, with a charge of £1.00 / member for coffee.

Non-members welcome at £1.50 / person for Friday meetings and £2 / person for other events, children free.

For evening meetings information contact Programme Secretary, Tel: 01444 482576, Email: bowley902@btinternet.com
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Annual adult society subscription of £10 includes a periodic newsletter with current notices and a bulletin with historical information. Application form on website, or from Membership Secretary.

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