

THE EAST GRINSTEAD SOCIETY 2016



Trinity Methodist Church – A 21st Century New Build
When it opened in 1938, the old church was a landmark on a prominent site at the junction of London Road (A22) and Lingfield Road, at a gateway to the town. Work began in February 2014 by demolishing the old church sanctuary. The new building, at a cost of around £1.5 million, was dedicated on 17th May 2015.

(Illustration: Design drawing of Trinity Methodist Church,
© CPL Chartered Architects, 2014; www.cplarchitects.co.uk.)

PRESIDENT – Mrs Margaret Collins DL

CHAIRMAN

Mr N J Beale
10 Austen Close
East Grinstead
RH19 1RZ
Tel: 01342 326767
beale546@btinternet.com

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr R Maynard
14 Sackville Lane
East Grinstead
RH19 4RN
Tel: 01342 326527
maynardhome@talktalk.net

HON. TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Mr M R Lyons
7 Durkins Road
East Grinstead
RH19 2ER
Tel: 01342 325886
mike@mikelyons.me.uk

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr J W Bridle
Mrs F Hawke
Mrs S. King
Mrs J Roberts
Mrs B Stovold

The East Grinstead Society is an independent association, which exists to maintain and enhance the town's distinctive character, by monitoring future planning applications for buildings and amenities in the town and surroundings. Evening meetings are held during the year, with guided walks reflecting the town's heritage, participation in cultural events and recognition of notable members and residents.

PROGRAMME 2016

- Friday
February 19th **OPEN FORUM**
District / Neighbourhood Plans and other issues facing East Grinstead, with a talk by RICHARD TYLER, who joined Queen Victoria Hospital Foundation Trust, in July 2013, as Chief Executive, previously he was CEO at Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust.
- Friday
March 18th **THE AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE**
by KEITH SMITH. The Kent-Surrey-Sussex air ambulance trust charity has saved lives for 25 years and has flown 1506 missions in 2015, clustered around our roads.
- Friday
April 15th **SHADOWS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR**
by MARGARET NICOLLE, one of the editors of Helena Hall's Journal, a vivid daily diary of village life in the war years; 1940-45, published in 2014.
- Monday
May 2nd 10am -4pm **MAY FAIR: SOCIETY STALL IN HIGH STREET**
A chance to buy second-hand books, bric-a-brac, the Society's publications and interest prospective new members in the Society.
- Friday
May 20th **VILLAINS AND VICTIMS OF THE PAST**
by PHIL ARMSTRONG talking about the old police cells in Brighton, site of the only murder of a Chief Constable in England.
- Sunday
June 5th 2.30pm **19th & 20th CENTURY EAST GRINSTEAD; TOWN TRAIL 2**
Guided walk starting from the High Street Bookshop, led by Chris Wheatley.
- Friday
June 17th **OLD SHOREHAM FORT**
by a Volunteer, restoring the fort at the east end of Shoreham beach. Also known as Shoreham Redoubt, or Kingston Redoubt, this Palmerston Fort was built in 1857 to defend against Napoleon III, with a colourful history thereafter.
- Friday
July 15th **A YEAR AS TOWN MAYOR**
by NICK HODGES, Town Mayor 2014-15; a home-town boy from the moment he opened his eyes.
- Sunday
September 11th
2.30pm - 3.30pm **NATIONAL HERITAGE OPEN DAYS, A GUIDED TOWN WALK**
The High Street, starting in St Swithun's Church, led by Chris Wheatley.
- Friday
September 16th **SMUGGLING IN SUSSEX**
by ALAN KINGS will tell us about skulduggery in Sussex; sandwiched between the coastal ports and merchants in London.
- Friday
October 21st **49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Followed by a talk.
- Friday
November 18th **LIFE AT THE LOCAL SMITHY**
by JOHN GRANTHAM of Ashurst Wood, who will lead us through the arduous life of a blacksmith.
- Friday
December 16th **MY WALK FROM FELBRIDGE TO COLLEGE LANE IN 1952**
by PETER POLLARD, who was born and brought up in East Grinstead.

Friday meetings start at 7.30pm in Main Hall, East Court Mansion, College Lane, RH193LT, with a charge of £1.00/member and £3/non-member.

Annual adult subscription of £10 includes a bi-annual Bulletin and a Newsletter.

Application form found on website, or from Hon. Treasurer.

Website: www.eastgrinsteadsociety.org