



TERRACOTTA WYVERN ON ROOF OF No 102 LONDON ROAD

This late 19th Century terracotta Wyvern was made in East Grinstead's Pottery, which stood in Garland Road from 1855 until it was abandoned during the Second World War before being finally demolished in 1972. The East Grinstead Museum has amassed a number of original ornate items salvaged from the pottery and more examples can still be seen on some of the late 19th century buildings in the town.

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The East Grinstead Society is an independent association which exists to maintain and enhance the town's distinctive character by monitoring planning applications and the amenities in the town and its surroundings. Evening meetings are held during the year. The Society has also produced "Town Trails" which describe walks through the historic parts of the town reflecting its heritage, cultural events and recognition of notable members and residents. (Available from the Museum, the Library, the Bookshop and the Society).

PROGRAMME 2023

- January No Meeting
- Wednesday
February 15th **EARLY YEARS IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE** by **Michael Hodge**. After his fascinating talk last year on growing up in Stone Quarry, Michael returns to tell us of his progress into the Diplomatic Service.
- Wednesday
March 15th **WAKEHURST, THE LODER VALLEY** by **Paul Reader**. Paul will talk about the Loder Valley - a 150-acre nature reserve at Wakehurst.
- Wednesday
April 19th **SCANDAL, SALVATION AND SUFFRAGE** by **Ros Black**. Ros' talk will also cover the growth of the women's temperance movement.
- Monday
May 1st** **MAY FAIR: Society Stall in the High Street. 10am - 4pm.**
An opportunity to find out who we are and what we do, plus a tombola with fantastic prizes and a chance to purchase homemade preserves!
- Wednesday
May 10th **ASPIDISTRAS AND ANTIMACASSARS** by **KATHRYN FERRY** - Middle class taste and the Victorian home.
- Wednesday
June 14th **SUMMER DRINKS AND OPEN FORUM**
Discussion on Planning, Development and Heritage.
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- Wednesday
July 12th **SUSSEX HARMONY - A Concert of Sussex Music**. A first for us - a concert but focused on Sussex. Sussex Harmony is a choir founded in Lewes 30 years ago and this promises to be a vibrant evening.
- August No Meeting
- Wednesday
September 13th **LEWES AND BONFIRE NIGHT** by **Andy Thomas**. Andy explores the history of Lewes - renowned for the 'Biggest Bonfire Night Celebrations in the World'.
- Wednesday
October 18th **ASHDOWN FOREST** by **Martin Berry**.
Martin is from the Ashdown Forest Research Group and will focus on the fascinating history of the Forest.
- Wednesday
November 15th **56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**. An assessment of the year and election of your new Committee. Followed by a short talk about Sackville College.
- Wednesday
December 13th **CHRISTMAS FESTIVE HISTORY** by **Andy Thomas** followed by Christmas drinks and mince pies. Andy is a well-known speaker with many TV appearances and his talk will provide an ideal introduction to Christmas!

Wednesday meetings start at 7.30pm in the Glen Vue Community Hub, Railway Approach with no charge for members and £5/non-member.

Annual subscription of £15 includes Newsletters and Bulletins.

Application form can be found on the website, or from the Hon. Treasurer.

Website: www.eastgrinsteadsociety.org