

# THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY

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## Programme of Events

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	King Alfred, the Cakes and the Raven Banner	Dr Sam Newton
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	AGM	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Hadleigh 1836	History Group
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Women of Hadleigh	Sue Andrews
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Men of Hadleigh	Roger Kennell

*Meetings are held in Hadleigh Old Town Hall, 8pm,  
unless otherwise notified. Entry is free for members, £2  
for non-members.*

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<http://www.hadsoc.org.uk/>

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## HADLEIGH'S PARKS

Sue Andrews has been at her research again, this time inspired by a couple of maps and she presented her findings last October. From the one she rediscovered a long-lost mediaeval deer park. The other, a map of 1668 currently on show in the Guildhall, led her to further research on Holbecks in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The deer park was first identified East of Pond Hall on a map produced by Rosemary Hoppitt. Whilst of lower status than forest or chase, deer Parks were still a privilege and subject to licence. Venison was a prerogative of the king and never traded. Parks had certain common features including effective boundaries to keep the animals in and the poachers out. For economy these were often circular and had to have more than 200ft of clear ground next to a highway to deny cover to robbers. Pond Halls' history shows that in 1340 it was a free warren, perhaps a prelude to a full park, then in 1369 a patent to empark was granted and in 1371, a licence to crenellate. The present house can be dated back to mid C15 but has no signs of crenellation. However, the ground plan of the site in relation to the original which had a much larger moat does suggest the location of a defensive gateway. 1490-1551 records a number of gifts for mending the road, given by the clothiers of Hadleigh, no doubt keen to ensure easy passage for their goods to and from Ipswich. In 1638 there was reference to the Great Park and 1721 the Long Park but all traces of the park have now disappeared and all the area is arable land.

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## THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY AGM, 2007

### NOTICE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Hadleigh Society is to be held in Hadleigh Old Town Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 8 p.m. and all members are invited to attend

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. History Group Report
5. Planning Report
6. Society Representation on Other Bodies
7. Chair's Review
8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members

**Cheese and wine to be served with other refreshments**

The AGM Minutes can be found on our website. Copies will also be available at the Meeting, together with the Annual Accounts.

### **Your Committee Needs You**

If you're interested in becoming a member of the Executive Committee and would like to talk about what is involved then please phone the Honorary Secretary, Jan Byrne, on 822192, or any other committee member.

names of their occupiers, while others are numbered. These numbers do not refer to present addresses but to a local census discovered in Suffolk Record Office at Bury St Edmunds.

At the August Meeting size A3 colour photographic copies of the map (suitable for framing) will be on sale together with notes and a transcription of the census, price £15.00. The talk as usual is at the Old Town Hall, members free, visitors £2.

### NOEL TURNER AWARD

Nominations are invited from any member of the Hadleigh Society for an award to be made in recognition of 'Outstanding improvements to, or conservation of, Hadleigh's buildings or environment'

In deciding to make an award the Society's Executive Committee and any expert they may wish to consult, will be considering how sympathetic the work is with its surroundings and how well it integrates with them. They will expect all work to display a high quality of workmanship and to be an example of good practice.

Nominations should include details of the improvement made or of work carried out and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary.



### MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 in Hadleigh Old Town Hall at 8.00 p.m.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from four members of the Society.

**MINUTES OF A.G.M. 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005** were accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Chris Drake presented this year's financial statement. Due to the increase in subscriptions the funds are healthy. Thanks to Sue Angland's efforts we received a grant for the new digital projector and there are monies in the fund to purchase a new screen. The projector will be held by the Hadleigh Market Feoffment and available for use there by other organisations at a nominal fee.

**HISTORY GROUP REPORT.** Sue Angland reported that work on the 1836 map continues using two main sources. The Dean's Diary has been fully

## RAGS AND BONES

In January Frank Grace introduced his talk as *'a trip into the slums of Ipswich'*. The slums in question were those in the St Clements Dock area of the town, bordered by Rope Walk to the north and Fore Street to the south. This area had been rapidly developed in the 1830s with housing for up to 9000 people. Accommodation was urgently needed for the migrant workers who were arriving from all over the UK to find work in the docks and at Ransome's Foundry, which had relocated to this area.

Terraces of single-room dwellings were hastily built, and by 1837 Rope Walk consisted of very dense housing with no individual sanitation, overshadowed by Ipswich Prison. There was no access to the rear gardens/yards of the terraces where the open cesspits were located. As the houses were not well constructed, they were often subject to bug infestations in the cracks and crevices.

Frank took us on a pictorial journey down Bishop's Hill and we could see the rundown state of the ancient timber-framed merchants' houses that were being used to accommodate several families. Groups of small cottages or shacks, known as 'courts', were often erected in their back gardens as every available piece of land was used for housing. Small shops were often located on street corners and horse-and-carts would tour the streets selling produce.

There was no social provision for this overcrowded community, only 54 pubs! Drunkenness and domestic violence were common. However, by the 1890s the situation improved when John Ford Goddard built a large social centre, where social activities and clubs, a resident nurse and a people's lawyer were available.

In 1936 the district was declared 'insanitary' and was totally demolished. The community scattered to the new estates on the southern and eastern outskirts, and the area was redeveloped with substantial housing. Frank concluded his fascinating talk by showing us how the area looks today - it is now part of the prestigious Neptune Quay development!

## HADLEIGH IN 1836

On Monday 13th August, the eight members of Hadleigh Society History Group will be peopling the streets of the town based on a map dated 1836 held in Hadleigh Archive.

The map shows all the residential streets with buildings represented as approximate-sized rectangles, except for the parish church of St Mary's that appears to be a scaled plan. Some dwellings and business premises have the

## NOMINATION FORM

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at Hadleigh Town Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 8 pm.

Society members are invited to make nominations for service on the Society's **Executive Committee** for the year following the Annual General Meeting in the following capacities:

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary

or as one of **six** Committee members.

All posts are honorary and seconded nominations must reach the Society's Secretary by 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

To: The Honorary Secretary, The Hadleigh Society, c/o 106 High Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 5EL (Telephone: 01473 822192)

I nominate the following for service on the Executive Committee of The Hadleigh Society for the year 2007/2008.

Name	Position Nominated	Name of Seconder
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Signed

Name

Date

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In each case the nominee has agreed to stand.

*You may copy this form or write your own letter to The Honorary Secretary so long as you include the necessary details.*

transcribed describing his daily work load and a very rich description of his parishioners. Secondly, local newspapers in the Bury and Ipswich Records Offices searching for any articles about events in Hadleigh. The group gave a presentation of the Highway Robbery to the Lavenham Society and have another booked in St Joseph's Church, Hadleigh, in October.

Last August the group enjoyed an outing to Hadleigh Castle, Essex and Hyde Hall gardens. An outing is being arranged to Kew in the Autumn.

The group are preparing their presentation to the Society next year.

**PLANNING REPORT.** Objections have been made to some developments in the Conservation Area. As expected the Inspector to the District Plan Inquiry included the Brett Works site as suitable for a Supermarket. There followed a long discussion for the benefit of new members on the past activities surrounding the Tesco previous application. A new planning application is still awaited. Jan explained her concerns that the District Council is trying to persuade the Town Council to sell their lands for the Tesco development and linking that sale to the provision of a swimming pool.

**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES.** John Bloomfield continues to represent the Society on the East of England Association of Civic Trusts and on the Historic Environment Forum.

Jan Byrne represents the Society on the Hadleigh Environment and Traffic Management Working group. Attempts had been made to disband the group but Hadleigh members have urged the S.C.C. to keep the group going and the Town Council is supplying the clerical support. Some issues around yellow lines were discussed.

#### **CHAIR'S REVIEW.**

Over the last year the executive committee has followed the programme which has been the pattern of previous years. It was decided that we would take a gamble on continuing to invite speakers of calibre even if their fees had been increased. Their cost has been offset by their additional 'pulling power' with generally larger audiences, which illustrates that this was the right decision.

The Society was again represented at the Hadleigh Show. As well as the usual, join here and information about the Society, the theme decided on was 'The Hadleigh Charities, past and present' with photographic illustrations of the surviving properties. To me it seemed most interesting how many of the original properties still survive from their start, some still helping to pay the benefactor's

way through purgatory, others clearly post reformation, whilst new dwellings being built to help with meeting today's needs. Jan, Sue Andrews and Sue England are to be thanked for their efforts, which attracted much interest.

The Society owed a debt of gratitude to Sue England for following through a grant from the Big Lottery fund 'Awards for all' scheme. We received a grant of £1490 to purchase a digital projector, spare bulb and screen. Graham Panton researched the market and came up with a specification and machine to meet it. We can now offer speakers up to date facilities.

Next year's programme is practically finalised.

Now to Tesco. There is little to report because little has happened except the Town Council has been put under increasing pressure to sell some land to the District Council, using the need to replace the swimming pool as a lever. Babergh has decided to dispose of another town asset, East House. The Town Council is not prepared to negotiate with the District Council until it has seen the Tesco plan.

Finally I would like to thank all of the Executive committee who all pull more than their weight. Nothing just happens in the Society, people make it happen.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

As no formal ballot was necessary the Executive Committee for the coming year consists of:-

Chair:	John Bloomfield	Members:
Vice Chair:	Graham Panton	Sue England
Secretary:	Jan Byrne	Daphne Jarvis
Treasurer:	Chris Drake.	Margaret Woods
Membership Secretary:	Rosemary Schade (non-voting)	
Newsletter Distributor:	Jim Betteridge. (non voting)	

The meeting closed with the serving of cheese and wine plus an impromptu showing of 'pictures from the archives' on our new projector.