

# THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY

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## Programme of Events 2010

Wed 19 May	Hugh James Rose, Dean of Hadleigh	Revd Paul Hamlet
Mon 21 Jun	AGM	
Wed 18 Aug	The Deanery Tower	Roger Kennell
Mon 18 Oct	World War 2 Memories	Nina and Steve Sherwood
Wed 15 Dec	Crime and Punishment in 19th Century Hadleigh	Hadleigh Local Studies Workshop Group

*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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May 2010

# The Hadleigh Society

## HADLEIGH SHOW, SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY

If this gets to you in time, we hope you will visit our stand at the May Show.

## NEXT MEETING: HUGH JAMES ROSE, DEAN OF HADLEIGH

At 8pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May in Hadleigh Old Town Hall the Reverend Paul Hamlet will give a talk about one of the most noteworthy Deans of Hadleigh, who played a leading role in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Church of England. It is free to members of the Society; for others there is a charge of £2.

## HADLEIGH SOCIETY HONORARY PRESIDENTS

Since its inauguration the Hadleigh Society has had just two Presidents. The first was W.A.B. Jones, the renowned chronicler of Hadleigh's history who died in 1990. In 1991 we appointed Canon John Griffin as President. He had been the Society's first chairman and continued to be a prominent figure in our proceedings right up to his death in 2006.

John Bloomfield is stepping down as Chairman this year, having held the post for the past five years, and previously in the 1990s. Not only has he led the Society in tackling some of its most important issues but he has also given at least 11 of our talks, the most recent of which is reported on page 7. All of which leads to an AGM proposal to appoint John as our third President, as noted on page 5.

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## THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY AGM, 2010

### NOTICE OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Hadleigh Society is to be held in Hadleigh Old Town Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 at 8 p.m. and all members are invited to attend

#### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 27<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. Affiliation to Civic Voice
9. Increase in Subscription
10. Amendment to the Constitution
11. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members

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

The 2009 AGM Minutes can be found on our website at [http://www.hadsoc.org.uk/hadsoc/AGM/agm\\_2009.htm](http://www.hadsoc.org.uk/hadsoc/AGM/agm_2009.htm). Copies will 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, Steve Sherwood, on 827498, or any other committee member.

## HADLEIGH AND FLYING, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Squadron Leader John Bloomfield began his talk by showing several photographs of German Zeppelin airships. These were partly the reason for the establishment of Hadleigh Airfield during the first World War. It was used as an operating base for the Royal Flying Corps, who often flew to Hornchurch in Essex or Eastleigh near Southampton, to shoot down the Zeppelins. The airfield was established on council-owned farmland between Pond Hall and Hintlesham. The aircraft used by the Corps were usually Sopwith Camels. The Camel's cockpit was very basic with no throttle, only an on/off power switch. They had no lights, so pilots would have to carry a torch when flying at night!

At the end of the First World War, Hadleigh continued to operate as a civilian air base. At that time there were only seven main civilian routes over Great Britain, Hounslow to Hadleigh being one of them. Private flying became very popular and in 1926 the Suffolk (and Eastern Counties) Aeroplane Club, based at Hadleigh, was formed. Lady Bailey of Leeds Castle in Kent agreed to become President and would often fly into Hadleigh for a meeting of the Club. Several aircraft were purchased by the Club, and an Easter Air Display was organised in 1928.

The Club was so successful it was asked to run the newly-established

Ipswich Airport in 1930. So on 26<sup>th</sup> June that year, the Hadleigh hangar and clubhouse were moved to Ipswich, and the Club no longer operated from Hadleigh. Although Ipswich Airport was recently demolished there is still evidence today of Hadleigh Airfield. Along the road to Hintlesham, you can still see two wooden chalet bungalows together with 'Boundary Garage' which were part of the airfield complex.

The second part of the talk concerned Hadleigh's very own famous aviator, Oswald Gayford. Gayford was particularly interested in long range flying and was involved in several distance record attempts. In 1933 he achieved the world record for flying non-stop from Cranwell in England to South Africa. He and his co-pilot took 57 hours and covered a distance of 5400 miles. They existed on chicken sandwiches and some cake! Gayford received a hero's welcome when he returned to Hadleigh, and was driven through the town in an open-top car to wave to the cheering crowds.

If flying had continued at Hadleigh, what developments might have happened? Hounslow Airfield became Heathrow International Airport, so who knows.....Hadleigh might have become another Stansted!!

## CHURCHMEN OF HADLEIGH



Two study days will be held at St Mary's Church Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Each study day will consist of three lectures, lunch and guided tours.

### Saturday 26th June 2010 - 9.30 to 4.30

William Pykenham Ecclesiastic and builder Roger Kennell  
(1425-1497)

Nicholas Shaxton Bishop and curate Dr A Springall  
(1485-1556)

Thomas Goad Delegate and church Sue Andrews  
(1576-1638) decorator

### Saturday 31st July 2010 - 9.30 to 4.30

David Wilkins Orientalist and Sue Andrews  
(1685-1745) historian

Hugh Rose Academic & Rev'd Paul Hamlet  
(1795-1838) conference convenor

Henry Knox Diarist and church Hadleigh Society  
(1807-1869) restorer

Admission including lunch: £25 for one day or £40 for both days.

If you would like further details and a booking form, please send SAE to Sue Andrews, 17 Manor Road, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7BG.

All profits to The Friends of St Mary's Church Hadleigh.

## NOMINATION FORM

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at Hadleigh Town Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

To: The Honorary Secretary, The Hadleigh Society, c/o 62 Angel Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 5EY (Telephone: 01473 827498)

I nominate the following for service on the Executive Committee of The Hadleigh Society for the year 2010/2011.

Name	Position Nominated	Name of Seconder
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Signed

Name

Date

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.

## NOTES ON AGENDA ITEMS

### 9: Membership Fees

As intimated at the 2009 AGM, to ensure that we can continue to engage high quality speakers, regardless of the fees charged, it is necessary to have an increase in members' subscriptions as below:

Full rate: Individual member  
£12, couple at same address  
£20

Concessions: Individual  
member £8, couple at same  
address £12

Life Members: Individual  
member £120, couple at same  
address £200

Visitors at meetings: £3

These to take effect for new  
memberships and renewals from  
1st July 2010

### 10: Amendment to Constitution

It can sometimes be difficult to find key people for the Executive Committee and the Constitution occasionally makes it even more so. The rule that a person should only occupy a post for 5 years is generally a good one but we would like to make it slightly less rigid whilst retaining the protection of being able to move people on.

The Executive Committee proposes that the present clause:

*any officer who has served in any one office for a period of five consecutive years shall not be so eligible in respect of that office for a period of at least one year*

If the meeting decides to affiliate to Civic Voice (to be discussed under Item 8) then our Subscriptions will need to reflect their fees of £1.50/member and the following rates will be needed:

Full rate: Individual member  
£13.50, couple at same address  
£23

Concessions: Individual  
member £9.50, couple at same  
address £15

Life Members: Individual  
member £135, couple at same  
address £230

Visitors at meetings: £3

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memberships and renewals from  
1st July 2010

should be amended to

*any officer who has served in any one office for a period of five consecutive years shall not be so eligible in respect of that office for a period of at least one year **unless no other candidate is proposed for that office***

### 11: Election of President

In recognition of his extraordinary service to the society, ever since its founding in 1982, the Executive Committee proposes that the Society appoints John Bloomfield as President. The Constitution requires that he be elected at the AGM and we hope you will support us in making this appointment.

### NOEL TURNER AWARD 2009

Two nominations were made in 2009, and the Committee decided that both should be given an Award. Presentations were made at the December 2009 meeting.



### The Flying Chariot, Benton Street

To Morgan Lear for the new garden wall and sensitive improvements to the setting of The Flying Chariot in Benton Street.

Roger Kennell commented on the quality of the brickwork and the use of an unusual variant of English Garden Wall bond, with a quarter brick lap on the stretcher courses.

### Hadleigh Guildhall

To Jane Haylock, on behalf of Friends of Hadleigh Guildhall for the two major projects that they accomplished.

In 1995 the redesign and layout of the garden, officially opened in 1997 and in 2002 the refurbishment of the 'Top Room', on the second floor of the Market House. This included installation of a spiral staircase to provide access, and the repair and re-assembly of the Medieval screen, now on permanent loan from John Bloomfield who rescued it from 50 High Street, Hadleigh.