



Winter Programme 2021-2022

Saturday 20th November 2021

Nigel Hinton

'Mytton of Halston'

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

Myttons have been established in Shropshire for centuries. Family members have provided the Shrewsbury Drapers Company with masters; the towns of Shrewsbury and Oswestry with bailiffs and mayors; the counties of Shropshire and Merioneth with high sheriffs and Parliament with members for Shrewsbury and Shropshire. The family built a property empire by hard work and marriage settlements and acquired Halston after the Reformation. This talk is based on recent research for a new book and will briefly set out elements of some of nineteen generations of Mytton, their families and some of their well-known and lesser-known contributions to the history of Shropshire.

FRIDAY 10th December 2021

Winter Social Event

2.00 pm, Castlefields Community Centre, New Park St, Shrewsbury. SY1 2LD

This year's winter social event will be held at the Castlefields Community Centre, There will be a short talk by Penny Ward of the Friends of the Flaxmill Maltings on the development of the suburb of Castlefields, followed by a short walk (weather permitting) to view some of the locations covered by the talk. Then we will return to the Centre to enjoy some seasonal refreshments and each other's company. There is car parking in the adjacent New Park Street Shopping Centre.

Please book in advance with Penny Ward, 1, Crewe St, Shrewsbury, SY1 2HQ or Tel 01743 246547 or Email: sahsmembership@gmail.com

Cost: £6.00 per person, to be collected on the day.

Please note that this meeting is on a Friday.

Saturday 8th January 2022

Morn Capper

'Aethelflaed, the Mercians and the River Severn'

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

Dr Capper's research investigates the development of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Mercia and relations with its neighbours (political, cultural, social and economic). She is currently researching how relations of power interacted with regional identity and culture during the making of Mercian hegemony over Anglo-Saxon England, and questions Mercian lordship and frontiers under the rulers Aethelred and Aethelflaed, Lady of the Mercians with particular respect to Shropshire and Shrewsbury.

Saturday 12th February 2022

Tim Malim

'Old Oswestry Hillfort: recent work'

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

As the editor of the recent book, *Old Oswestry Hillfort and its Landscape* our speaker is in an ideal position to bring us up to date on the latest discoveries on the site which have been focusing on re-examining Varley's trenches, excavated in 1939-40.

Saturday 12th March 2022

Paul Hughes

'Llansilin. A Welsh village through time'

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

Llansilin is a village in the north-east corner of Powys, less than a mile from the border with England. Yet the Welsh language is widely spoken there and the area retains a strong Welsh identity, and an important place in history thanks to Owain Glyndŵr's home nearby at Sycharth. A newly published book, a collaborative effort led by Paul Hughes – a Llansilin lad long resident in Australia – traces the history of the village and surrounding area from the earliest known human settlement to the present day.

Saturday 9th April 2022

Philip Hume

'The King's Writ does not run here': The Welsh Marcher Lordship'

2.30pm, The Gateway, Chester St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1NB

The medieval Marcher Lordships were a region between England and Wales that, politically and administratively, didn't belong fully to either. Within each of the nearly 50 lordships, the Marcher Lord had unique regal-like powers with their own laws, judicial powers, and access to resources and armies. This talk explores the origins and development of the Marcher Lordships in the context of the 200-year struggle for control of Wales, with particular reference to the Marcher Lordships of West Shropshire