



Historical Research Group of Sittingbourne



A Covid-19 compliant Virtual Meeting by Zoom

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence – Theresa Emmett
2. Minutes of previous AGM – Theresa Emmett
3. Consolidated Annual Report - Richard Emmett
4. Treasurer's Report – Stephen Palmer
5. Election of Committee / Office Holders
6. Any Other Business
7. Break – 5 mins
8. Talk: The Swing Riots - Jenny Kearney

Apologies / Minutes



Consolidated Annual Report

A Covid-19 Virtual Report via Zoom

Richard Emmett MSc
Chairman

How are we doing?

- **Membership** - **123** households / **160** members
- **Temporary** – **32** e-members, **Gained** - **27** members
- **E-members** across the UK, France, Spain and Canada!
- **Facebook** - **Up 246...now 937** followers
- **The Archive** – circulation **182** a month
- **446** visitors to the **Heritage Hub** (34 working days since July – average of 13 per day – 50% down)



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Borden Grammar School



Newington History Group

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Growing towards the future



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(50th & 97th) LIVING HISTORY GROUP

PROUD TO SUPPORT THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF THE QUEEN'S OWN BUFFS, THE ROYAL KENT REGIMENT





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Volunteering



A huge thanks to ALL of you who volunteered as a steward in the Hub again.

Plus my thanks to many of you who worked from home undertaking research and administration

QAVS pin badge available...





HISTORIC SWALE

FAVERSHAM - ISLE OF SHEPPEY - SITTINGBOURNE
MUSEUMS & HERITAGE GROUPS

Registered Charity No: 1177323

HRGS are members of Historic Swale...

- From October 2019, Richard Emmett appointed Chair of Historic Swale
- November Conference postponed?



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HRGS live 'History Slot' on local radio with Sittingbourne FM...

First Friday of the month (usually)

After 1pm news on the 'In the Bourne' programme



Sittingbourne News



Stop Press News



Changes in Memory Lane editor at the Sittingbourne News Extra,
Christine Rayner to hand over to our own Patricia Robinson



• MEMORY LANE •



Updated HRGS Website



New sections
www.hrgs.co.uk

Increased presence on Facebook...



937 members/followers

The Archive

- Wide circulation
- 10 monthly editions
- Free to members
- Available online through our website
- Great value £1.00
- Sold to the public



Online Talks 2020-2021

- Oct The Mary Cooley Memorial Lecture - Royston Grange
- Nov 40 years of Bygone Kent
- Dec The Goose is Getting fat
- Feb Howard Carter and Tut-Mania in the 1920s
- Mar A Schoolgirl's War
- Apr Sittingbourne in The 1920s
- May The History of Space Flight
- Jun The History of the RAF Museum
- Jul The Life and Times of Cinemas in Swale
- Sept The Swing Riots



2021 Activities

- 42 volunteers and members undertaking research some remotely
- Collection and delivery of books, articles and items
- Meetings regarding the Avenue of Remembrance with SBC / KCC
- Meetings with Sheppey Oasis Academy on a project to improve the memorial in the Avenue of Remembrance
- Meetings regarding a new Heritage Centre with SHM and SBC
- Upgrading our computers and other IT
- Re-opened the Heritage Hub – covid safe

Other Projects for 2020/21

- WW1 Crime Book
- WW1 folders for parish churches of fallen men's stories
- WW2 researching of the local fallen names
- Famous people book
- Research for the history of The Paper Mill
- High Street 'stroll through time' tour
- Research for Avenue of Remembrance book
- 1940s Diary transcribing
- Handling History / Archaeology
- Digitisation Project
- John Mount's WW2 Emergency Water Supply
- Ivy Chapman diary transcribing

Out and About



- [Churches of Bicknor, Hucking and Stockbury](#)
- [Faversham Stone Chapel](#) (pictured above)
- [Chiddingstone Castle and Stone](#)
- [Coldrum Long Barrow Trottiscliffe](#)
- [Hucking Estate \(Woodland Trust\)](#)
- [Reculver Country Park](#)
- [Richborough Roman Fort](#)
- [St Mary's Church \(redundant\), Luddenham](#)
- [Sutton Valance Castle and School](#)
- [Victory Wood, Yorkletts](#)

Encourage members to get to know the local history on our doorstep!

Museum of Life



Theresa Emmett's 10 Things Important in My Museum of Life – as at April 2021

Photo	Important in My Museum of Life
	List of 10 items that I have collected 1. My postcard collection 2. My cream puff dog 3. A Victorian dolls head found in my old garden 4. My singing teddy 5. A silver cup 6. My 50th Birthday Year Book 7. A Wooden Dresser 8. Grandfather Clock 9. My computer and all its data 10. Wall of Reflection at the Heritage Hub
	1. My postcard collection – especially the first one my Dad gave me when I was 6. We'd actually it was sent to my Mum and she let me have it for my collection when I was about 10 years old. The front image is of a camel in Egypt, as my Dad was in the army and away on manoeuvres at the time. What it gave me when I read it, was a peak into the past. This started my life-long interest in collecting postcards. I do like the images on the front. But when I used cards I always try and write a snippet of history, the price of something, a story about the place I visited, what I thought of the place, how hot or cold it was, some piece of history.
	2. My cream puff dog was a gift from my friend Ron Millington, who was like a dad to me, when I was 18. He was my first serious boyfriend's dad. And when me and his son John split up (circa 1980) Ron bought me the cream puff dog to cheer me up. The dog has been with me to lots of places, and holds lots of happy memories, as I carried it down the aisle when I married my first husband Glen Bertorelli in 1984, and on some holidays; and lives in my bedside drawer. So the cream puff is easy to take with me, as it is small enough to hold in one palm of your hand, or hide in your pocket without the world knowing you need a teddy to cuddle. I also took it with me to Ron's funeral on 11th February 2021.
	3. A Victorian dolls head found in my old garden – it never fails to amaze me the things that people throw away or drop. I found this porcelain dolls head and shoulders that would have been attached to a fabric body that made a doll for a Victorian little girl. I found it whilst I was changing the flower boarder at my home at Breach Lane in around 2006. I found it because I was sifting the soil for bulbs to plant elsewhere. It was the first of many things as an hobby archaeologist I would dig up.

New Publications



Only
£1



Only
£2

Ernest Slarks / Charity



2021 HRGS Calendar

**Only
£5**



2022 Calendar Limited Edition – Available soon...

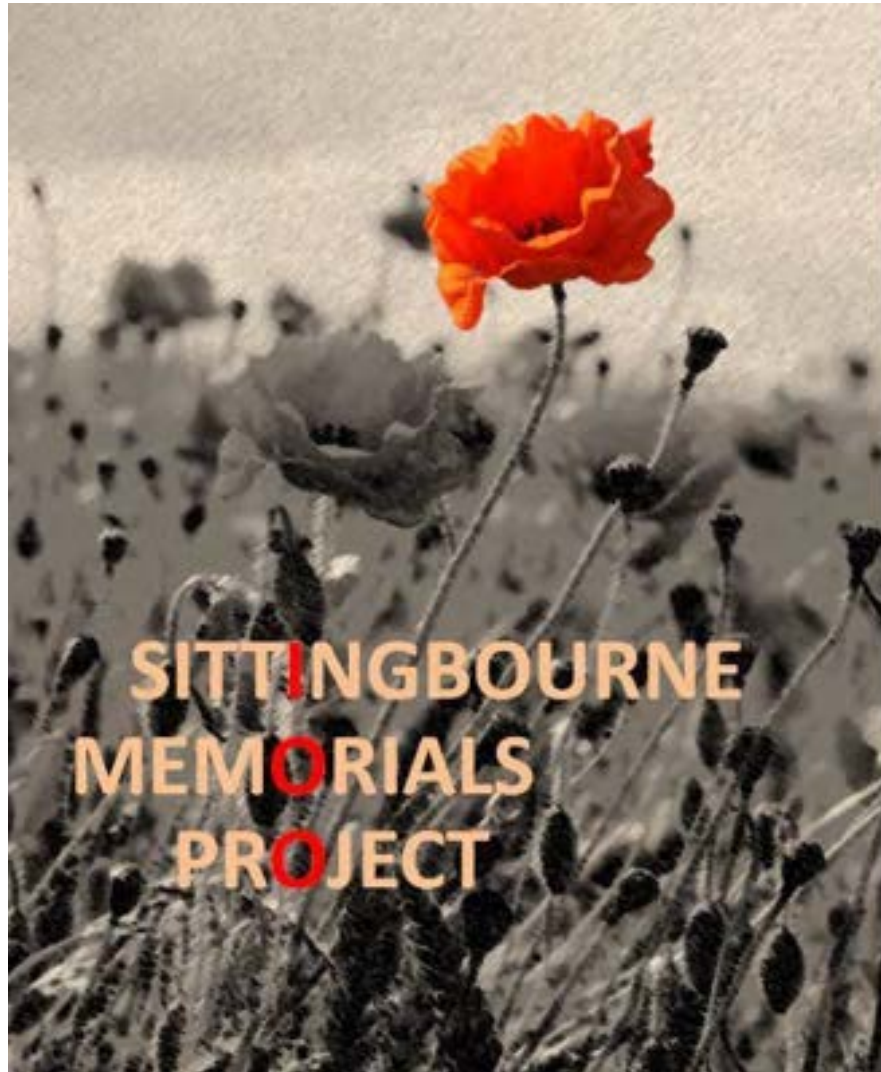
Re-opening the Heritage Hub



New Displays



WW1 Memorials Project



Commenced in 2012

Over 9 years of research

Still being contacted by
relatives

Update database/touch screen

Working with SBC on Avenue of
Remembrance

Now also researching WW2
fallen since lockdown

WW2 Memorials Project

Those parishes currently being researched:

Parish	Researcher
Bapchild	Margaret Edwards
Bobbing	Lisa Birch
Borden	Steve Palmer
Bredgar	Lisa Birch
Doddington & Newnham	Roger Chapman
Hartlip	Jerry Cooley
Iwade	Graeme Horner
Milstead	John Weeks
Lynsted	Geoff Moody
Lower Halstow	Help required
Murston	Patricia Robinson
Newington	Thelma Dudley
Norton	Lisa Birch
Rodmersham	Sue Sheils
Sittingbourne - Main	Patricia Robinson
Stockbury	Geoff Moody
Teynham	Karen West
Upchurch	Sue Burford
Tricky unidentified ones	Dean Coles
Faversham	Brian & Mary Wimlet
Sheppey (some)	John Townsend
German Men	George & Helen Antrichan



The 44 parishes in scope are:

Bapchild, Bobbing, Borden, Boughton under Blean, Bredgar, Davington, Doddington, Dunkirk, Eastchurch, Eastling, Faversham, Frinsted, Goodnestone, Graveney, Hartlip, Hernhill, Iwade, Leaveland, Leysdown, Lower Halstow, Luddenham, Lynsted, Milstead, Milton Regis, Minster, Murston, Newington, Newnham, Norton, Oare, Ospringe, Otterden, Queenborough, Rodmersham, Selling, Sheerness, Sheldwich, Sittingbourne, Stalisfield, Teynham, Throwley, Tonge, Tunstall, and Upchurch

Wheels of Time



Time Travel through Kent in a safe and enjoyable way!

New Free E-Badge – open to all ages

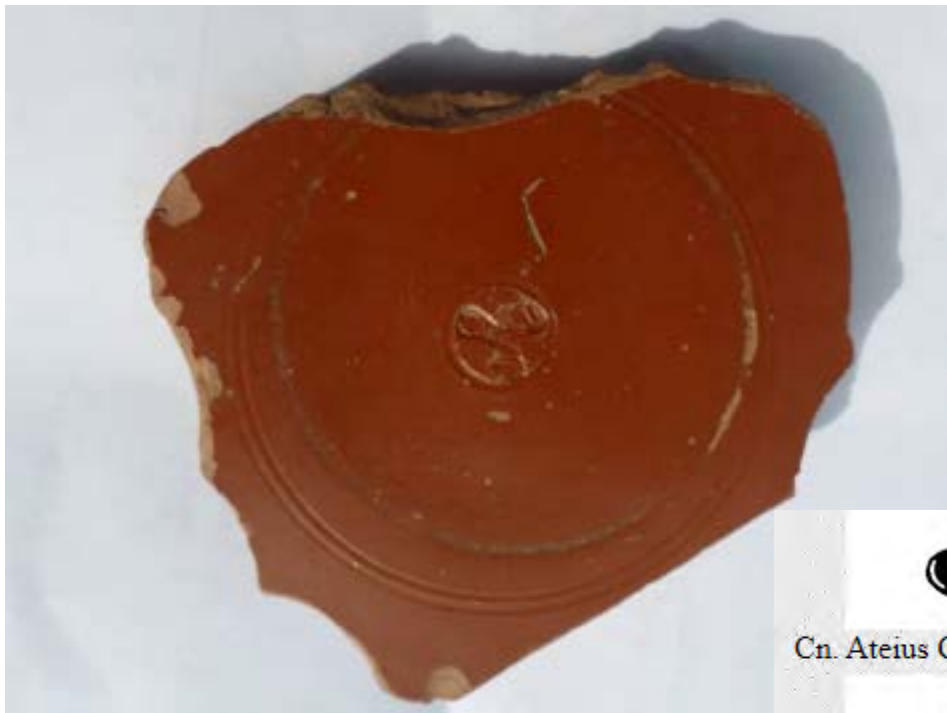
Enjoy a different virtual activity at each of the participating Kent heritage sites and build an exciting collection of Wheels of Time E-Badges!

Crafts Quizzes Films Jigsaws

Visit wheelsoftime.uk/e-badge-scheme/ website for details. The more badges you collect the higher level you reach!



Handling History



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Cn. Ateius Crestus 285.27: (Pro)

Export Sites: [Conimbriga](#)

Export Sites: [Bologna](#); [Carthage](#); [Corinth](#); [Sala](#)

Re-examining, drawing and cataloguing over **4000**
archaeological artefacts found locally

Pottery Library



Bredhurst



Bredhurst Dig



Bredhurst Finds



Digitisation Project

Volunteers welcomed
Full training and mentoring will be given



Scanning our photographs and documents - cataloguing our collection and bring HRGS into the 21st century, to make it more accessible for researchers and the public.

Wayboards



Swale Migration Project



Second Hand Book Sales



Future Projects 2021/22

- Presentation of WW1 folders of fallen men for parish churches
- WW2 researching of the local fallen names
- Publication of WW1 Crime Book
- Publication of Famous people book
- Publication of John Mount's WW2 Emergency Water Supply
- Research for the history of The Paper Mill
- High Street 'stroll through time' tour
- Publication of Avenue of Remembrance book
- 1940s Diary transcribing
- Handling History / Archaeology
- Digitisation Project
- Transcribing Ivy Chapman diaries
- Street Names

Future Talks 2022

The third Wednesday in the month, (except Feb)
Avenue Theatre booked, plus zoom (if possible)

- Feb 9th - The History of the Raybel by Gareth Maeer
- Mar 16th - Talk on The Swale Migration Project by Justin Aggett
- Apr 20th - The History of Lloyds Mill by Alan Amos
- May 18th - The History Flight on Sheppey by John Weeks
- June 15th - A Servant or a Queen by Richard Emmett
- July 20th - Forgotten Men from Dunkirk by Terry Matson
- Aug - none
- Sep 21st - The Atom Bomb in Chatham? By Graham Dudley
- Oct 19th - The Mary Cooley Memorial Lecture - The sinking of the Prince of Wales and The Repulse by Jerry Cooley
- Nov 16th - CWGC Talk speaker to be allocated
- Dec 7th - Vikings by Imogen Corrigan



- **Hub Manager** - Manage an award winning site and collection.
- **Media Officer** - Letting the world know what we are up to.
- **Stock Controller** - Help us buy and sell history books.
- **Education Liaison** - Do you like working with young people.
- **Printer** - Help print our monthly magazine.



How about Volunteering with us?

- Buying books
- Archaeological processing
- Write articles for the Archive
- Labelling photos electronically
- Transcribing WW2 East Kent Gazette articles
- Window Dresser



- You'll meet new people
- You'll be part of a friendly team
- It's a chance to learn new skills
- You'll gain valuable work experience
- You'll receive training and support
- It's a chance to indulge your passion
- You'll make a difference to local heritage



Treasurer's Report

by Stephen Palmer



	31.3.21		31.03.20	
Income	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions		540		2,051
Sponsorship		0		0
Donations / Grants		4,641		1,073
Archive Sales		0		1
Book & magazine sales		831		3,666
Other Sales		0		19
Printing		0		0
Postage		170		29
Fund raising/ Interest		1		6
Extra events		42		280
		<u>6,225</u>		<u>7,124</u>
Expenditure				
Post, printing & stationery		498	989	497.57
Insurance		185	185	
Books & maps		0	0	
Shop Purchases		(5)	1,603	
Venue hire, lecturers' fees etc		230	1,564	
Equipment		906	111	
Subscriptions		616	345	
Clothing expenses		0	63	
Sundry epenses		719	565	
Depreciation			18	
Bank Charges		52	5	
Courses, Trips, Lectures		200	296	
		<u>3,401</u>	<u>5,742</u>	
Surplus/(deficit) for the year			<u>2,824</u>	<u>1,383</u>

Treasurer's Report

by Stephen Palmer

	<u>General Funds £</u>
2) GENERAL FUNDS	
Balance brought forward	9,946
Surplus for the year	2,824
Balance as of 31 March 2021	<u>12,770</u>

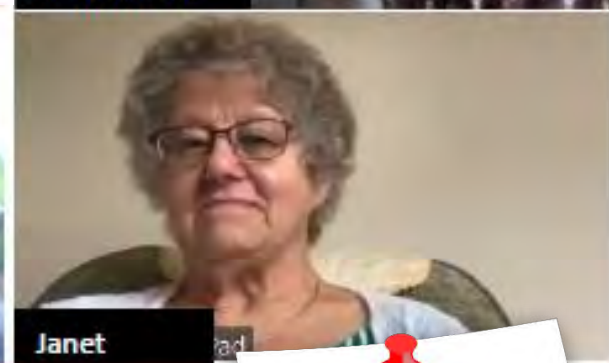
3) SPECIFIC FUNDS

	<u>CSI Funds</u>	<u>Swale Borough Council</u>	<u>Swale Community Service</u>	<u>Rainham Historical Society</u>	<u>KAS Handling Histories Project</u>
Balance at 1 April 2020	2,788	552	250	331	279
Grant funding received in year	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Grant expenditure made in year	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as of 31 March 2021	<u>2,788</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>279</u>

	<u>WW1 Peace Parade</u>	<u>Auston Charitable Trust</u>	<u>Rotary Club of Sittingbourne</u>	<u>Swale Migration Project</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at 1 April 2020	357	-	-	-	4,557
Grant funding received in year	-	1,500	150	1,312	2,962
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Grant expenditure made in year	(250)	-	(144)	-	(394)
Balance as of 31 March 2021	<u>107</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1,312</u>	<u>7,125</u>

My thanks to the committee

We've met regularly... via zoom during 2020-2021



My thanks Committee and Support Group



- Vice-Chairman: **Don Harris**
- Secretary: **Theresa Emmett**
- Treasurer/ Webmaster/ Digital Archive: **Stephen Palmer**
- Membership Secretary: **John Weeks**
- Minutes Secretary: **Jacky Harris**
- Events: **Jenny Kearney**
- Archivist / Chronicle Keeper: **Janet Halligan**
- Archive Editor: **Pat Robinson**
 - Event Support: **Pat Watson**
 - Fund Raiser: **Alan Amos**
 - Curator: **Chantelle Ferrall-Kingsley (stood down)**

Elections - New Committee

Chairman	Richard Emmett
Vice Chair	Don Harris
Treasurer	Stephen Palmer
Secretary	Theresa Emmett
Membership	John Weeks
Events	Jenny Kearney
Archivist & Librarian	Janet Halligan
Minutes Secretary	Jacky Harris
Hub Manager	Vacant

AGM Business

- There are no Amendments to the Constitution

AGM Business

Any other business?



And...the membership



Your continued support is really appreciated

**Now 5 min comfort break
Coming Next**



The Swing Riots by Jenny Kearney

The Swing Riots



By
Jenny Kearney

Close

- Thank you everyone for joining us
- Keep up the good research
- If you need to contact me – email
Richard@hrgs.co.uk

The next talk will be on 20th October 2021 at 7pm
By Jerry Cooley (the Mary Cooley Memorial Talk) -
‘The Red Baron’,
Via zoom link