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JOIN US! - Our next talk - *Secrets of the Ropley soil: case histories of a detectorist detective*



Thursday 7th November at Ropley Village Hall'

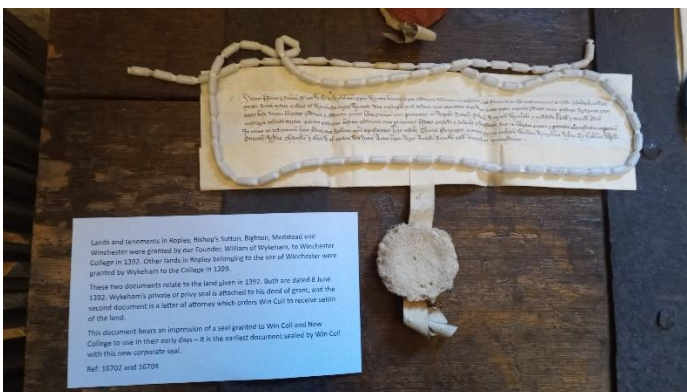
£5 on the door/ cash or card

Doors and Bar open at 7pm for a 7.30 start

When Nigel, a travel writer, is stuck on home soil in the middle of the pandemic he tries his hand at metal detecting - and is instantly addicted. He finds that there are things below the surface that pull people together in a shared love of history, landscape and the hope that, 'this time', something incredible will be unearthed. Nigel will tell us about this self-discovery and how sifting Britain's soil from Portsmouth to Edinburgh, he yearned to lose his detectorist's virginity by finding a 'hammered' coin - while learning that the search for treasure comes with a serious responsibility to our common heritage.

Please do join us so hear Nigel talk about his travels in the world of metal detecting. All welcome!

Ropley History visit to Winchester College and their Archives



Recently some of our Ropley History enthusiasts visited Winchester College and its archives. As well as showing us College buildings and grounds, senior Archivist, Suzanne Foster kindly showed us the Muniment Room – the Treasury of the Statutes, a vaulted chamber filled with original chests that have been there since 1396 and linenfold cabinets containing hundreds of documents about the history of the college and many of its links to our local villages including Ropley. A display of some of these were laid out for us to see and including ancient documents

of national importance to our heritage. To read the full article and find out more about the historic college and its archive, go to our homepage and see the link at the bottom.



<https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/uncategorized/our-visit-to-winchester-college-and-their-archives-rooms>



Ropley Sports Photos - Help us place names to faces

At the Pram Race last May, many of you helped up name some of the people in the group photos of past local sports teams that we displayed . It would be great to name the rest of the them! Follow the link to view all the collection now on our website and help fill in the gaps. If you can help, just comment at the bottom of the pages or contact us at ropleyhistory@gmail.com

Past Talks now available to watch

A big thankyou to Manni Kirchner for writing and presenting our last two talks. We hope everyone had a very great time learning about the Origins of Four Marks and Local Place Names. Both talks are available to watch by following the links from his page on our website -



https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/catalogue_item/manni-kirchner-collection

Luffwaffe Bomber Article update – We have recently updated the article with more information that has been found about the Luftwaffe Bomber crash in West Tisted in 1940. Follow the link from our homepage to read the expanded article. Below are some of the types of sources that are used to write articles.



What history topics would you like to learn about from us? We try to bring you talks and articles about many subjects of historic interest but we are very happy to hear about any ideas or contacts that could help us continue to bring local history alive.

What's on!

Hampshire Records office - Winchester Archives

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/archives/events>

12 November 6-7pm - Missing, Presumed Lost War Memorials of Two World Wars

18th November 2-30pm – Reading old handwriting in Manorial records

Records that they hold are listed on their website and to visit - Tuesday to Thursday, 9:30am to 4pm and usually one Saturday in a month

21 Historic days out in Hampshire

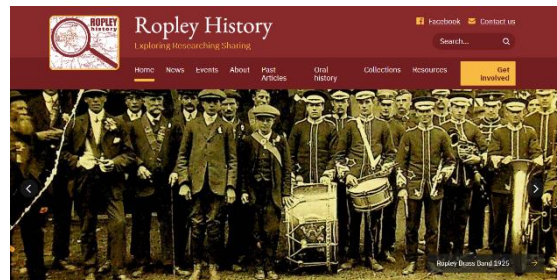
<https://www.hampshireattractions.co.uk/21-historic-days-out-in-hampshire/>

What's happening on our website

We are continually adding new posts that are easily found below.

There will also be the latest Oral History interview for you to listen to with photographs and supporting information

<https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/>



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Current Articles and Future Articles *search on our homepage*

- **Life growing up at Fordes** - An Article about Doreen Pile and her life in the village
- **Oral History** - Our latest interview is due in December, with thanks to Ropley Parish Council for supporting this project.
- **What's a Four Marks anyway?** An article to support the recent talk about Four Marks origins
- **The History of the horticultural Society** - including images of past and present and we are still looking for some names to match faces. Can you help?
- **Do you live in a Historic Buildings in the area?** - we are endeavouring to bring together as much information as possible about many of these buildings that are either historic or have importance in the area. If you have anything that may contribute to this growing collection - documents, images or some oral history other than what is in some of the local publications – please do get in touch
- **The Old School House on the Petersfield Road.** We are bringing together various existing and recently contributed images and documents to build a history of this historic building so if you can add any information about the building as a schoolhouse or later inhabitants – please do get in touch
- **Policing in Ropley** - have you any memories or images of policing in Ropley?
- **Historic Maps** - We are adding new images and sources all the time
- **Found anything interesting?** Have you found something ancient, rare or just interesting looking? This article tells us this is not a rarity and perhaps what you found is really interesting – if so we can advise what you should do with it, how to register it etc.

- **New page development – Hints for helping with tracing you Hampshire Genealogy.** We are aiming to introduce a page on our website that gives hints and guidance for tracing your family history in our locality – but we would very much like some assistance with this page, please. If you would like to help us with producing this page – please do get in touch. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

If you think you might be able to contribute some more information to any of the above, please do get in touch and share. To see these and all our other articles, new collections of images of documents, photos and artefacts, please go to our easily found Ropley History website.

Getting involved

Can you offer your time – however much you feel you can give – to help us develop and grow the archive? Any contribution would help us preserve our local history. Do you have any local history documents that you would like to share or need some help with? Please get in touch or come along to our fortnightly Thursday archive workshop sessions.

Thursdays 2-4pm - in the back Hall or the small hall of the Village Hall.

- **November 7th and 21st**
- **December 5th and 19th**
- **January 2nd, 16th and 30th**

Thank you for your continued interest, involvement and support
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