

The Malling Society Spring News Letter 2019

From the Chair



Dear Members,

Another exciting year is upon us and there are lots of things in the pipeline.

Our first gathering this year was on **Sunday 3rd February The New Year's Buffet Roast Lunch** at West Malling Golf Club, Trottiscliffe Road, Addington, for the New Year's Meal it was well attended (14) and the meal and company were excellent 😊. Same again next year then?

Monthly Meetings

I'd been really looking forward to our first speaker this year on **Tuesday 12th March "Archaeology the Musical"**, by archaeologist Kevin Fromings in aid of Comic Relief, but I understand this did not go down too well!!! for which I am sorry, Kevin has now been taken off of our Speakers list. There is no truth in the rumour that I knew what was going to happen and I 'ran away and hid'.

Future meetings are listed on the latest Programme of events. If you didn't get a copy at the AGM they are copied below for your convenience, all meetings are held at **West Malling Primary School, Norman Road, West Malling at 8pm, with the exception of the afternoon visit to St Mary's Abbey, Swan Street on 16th July 2019 at 2PM**

Tuesday 17th April "Kent Fire Fighting Museum". An illustrated talk by Howard Myers. Sadly Howard wasn't able to attend but we had a back up plan, I understand the showing of the video West Malling – The Town With 3 Towers went down well.

Tuesday 14th May “Story of the Foundling Hospital”. A moving illustrated talk by Elaine Munday on the local children who grew up there through archive documents.

Tuesday 18th June “Pocahontas - the non-Disney Story”. An illustrated Talk, by Christoph Bull, tour guide, speaker, historical adviser and Mace Bearer for Gravesham Borough Council.

Friday 21st June Summer Outing - Boat Trip to Southend full details can be found on the website <http://www.themallingsociety.org.uk/summer-outing-21-june-2019/>

Gravesend Pier to Southend on Sea

- *09.00 Leave Gravesend Pier**
- *12.00 Arrive Southend on Sea**
- Spend time at Pier or in Town**
- *14.00 Leave Southend on Sea**
- *16:00 Arrive Gravesend**

***Approx time**

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Special Visit

Tuesday 16th July at 2pm at St Mary’s Abbey, Swan Street £5 per head, including tea, coffee & biscuits. Maximum number of guests would be 25.

There will be a Tour of the Abbey at 2pm with refreshments from 3pm in the Centre, you may also like to know that the sisters sing the office of “None” at 3pm, which lasts 10 minutes. Any who wish to would be most welcome to join us in the guest chapel for this service.

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Tuesday 16th July “Some Psychic Experiences” – reported to or by the Police
An interesting talk by Dennis Chambers on some of the strange goings on during his Police career.

Tuesday 17th September “What’s On the Cards”. An amusing illustrated talk on the history and mystery of playing cards (with a few demonstrations thrown in)” by Alan Payne.

Tuesday 15th October “Dickens in Kent”. Another illustrated Talk by Christoph Bull who makes a welcome return.

Tuesday 19th November - AGM followed by Wine and nibbles.

Don’t forget the Twitch Inn Heritage Centre open days between 12 noon and 4pm

Sunday 21st April, Sunday 26th May, Sunday 23rd June, Sunday 28th July, Saturday 21st September and Sunday 22nd September (Heritage Open days) Sunday 10th November (Remembrance Sunday).

Please note opening hours and help the volunteers by vacating the centre by 4pm otherwise terms of our lease maybe compromised.

Visitors, please note! Douce’s Manor is a private residence; the house and grounds are NOT open to the public. Parking is on St. Leonard’s Street or in the town.

Have a great Spring!!

Kind Regards

Chris Mercer (Chair)

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Please reserve me _____ space(s) on the forthcoming Boat Trip to Southend on Friday 21st June 2019 at 9am

I enclose a cheque for £16.20 each person

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

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