

TIMES PAST

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KENNINGTON HISTORY SOCIETY IN 2023

2023 was another year of recovery for the Kennington History Society. Our numbers are up again and we have had lots of interesting and well attended talks. We have also had some extended discussions with speakers after the talks over a cup of tea and a biscuit. All of our speakers have been happy to answer questions and in some cases have brought along items for discussion.

The committee were 'out and about' in 2023, and we were pleased to meet potential new members at the Annual Parish meeting, the Kennington Fun Day and at the Remembrance Sunday event.

Looking ahead to 2024, in February we will have our Member's Evening at which members of the society are encouraged to give their own talks about history. These often have personal connections or themes. This was very entertaining and informative last year so please do consider giving a talk. February will also be the AGM.

Kennington Parish Council have recently updated their website and our programme for 2024 has been added, so for those of you who are online you can keep up to date with the latest details of the Society's events via the village website www.kennington-pc.gov.uk and clicking Organisations and Clubs, then History.

We are looking forward to some more interesting talks and great discussions about history in 2024.

Kennington History Society Committee, January 2024

QUOTATIONS

Great things are done not by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.

George Eliot

Living rooms are arranged around the TV, but when you take away the box, you have the freedom to arrange the room to suit yourself.

Benjamin Zephaniah (1958-2023)

A lot of people would say history is important because it helps us to predict the future. I don't think that it does particularly. What it really teaches you is that things have not always been the same, and they don't have to be the way they are.

Lucy Worsley



HELP WANTED!

Can you spare a couple of hours each month to support the Kennington History Society?

We are looking to recruit new volunteers to the committee to assist with several tasks to raise the profile of the society and increase awareness of local history. We are also happy to take on new ideas and suggestions.

It would also be brilliant to get help with setting up the hall before meetings and making teas and coffees afterwards.

Please do speak to a member of the committee at any meeting if you are interested.

2024 Anniversaries

January 8th 1824 - Michael Faraday is elected to the Royal Society.

March 4th 1824 - Foundation of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, then called the 'National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck'.

June 8th 1924 - Mallory and Irvine set off for their planned ascent of Mount Everest.

August 8th 1974 - United States President Richard Nixon resigns.

August 24 1624 - First recorded death during a cricket match after a player is hit on the head with a bat.

September 4th 1624 - French Parliament outlaws criticism of Aristotle on pain of death.

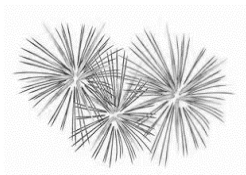
December 30th 1924 - Edwin Hubble proves that the Andromeda 'nebula' is in fact a galaxy, making it the first galaxy identified outside our own Milky Way.

1724 (unknown) - completion of Blenheim Palace.

2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

£15 Individual £25 family

Thank you for supporting the Kennington History Society!



Kennington History Society Quiz of the Year



For something different, here is a quiz. Several of the answers are a look back to the last year (and slightly more) of the History Society's talks. If you didn't make it to all the talks, some research may be required - or ask a History Society friend. Connect the bold letter spaces to reveal a seasonal phrase. No prizes... this is just for fun. Answers will be available from the desk at History Society meetings.

Document used to acquire food in the 1940s and 1950s	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _
Hillside sculpture at Uffington	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _
17th century disaster which could be heard in Oxford	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ /
Historical site for the execution of highwaymen near Kennington	_ _ _ _ _ ' / _ _ _ _ _
Method of propulsion for the mode of transport that lends its name to Kennington's remaining pub	_ _ _ _ _
Explorer whose memoirs were published as 'Travels in West Africa'	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Oxfordshire village with spectacular Roman mosaics	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _
A popular medieval instrument in which a hand-crank-turned wheel rubs against strings	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _
Golden artefact in the Ashmolean with the inscription AELFRED MEC HEHT GEWYRCAN	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _
Oxford Professor who was the first British woman to be awarded a scientific Nobel Prize	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Famous event in World War 2 which involved some of Salter's Steamers	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ /
Wayward fictional aristocrat and member of a famous quartet from a 1908 novel by a Berkshire writer, latterly portrayed by David Jason	_ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _
Location of historic ships including HMS Victory and the Mary Rose	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Open land in northwest Oxford where Lewis Carroll began the first version of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Oxfordshire Automobile Magnate and founder of Nuffield College	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Archaeologist who excavated at Knossos and lived in Boars Hill	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _
Antiquarian who donated extensively to the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers Museums and the Bodleian Library and who was Honorary Secretary of the Oxford Architectural and Historical Society from 1891 to 1898.	_ _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _