



Historic Swale Heritage Conference

'Swale's Identity' - Our Common Heritage

Saturday March 21st 2020

9.30 -16.30

Appleyard (formerly UKP Leisure Club)

At the Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne (ME10 4DE)

Itinerary

Item	Subject	Speaker	Time
	Registration with teas and coffees		9:30
1.	Welcome and open the Conference	Richard Emmett & Cllr Roger Truelove	10:00
2.	Historic Swale's Aims & its Future	Richard Emmett	10:15
3.	Swale Borough Council Heritage Strategy	Cllr Mike Baldock	10:30
4.	Geology of the area	Harold Goodwin	10:45
5.	Hidden History – Archaeology – Pre-History to Modern Era	Cllr Hannah Perkins	11:00
6.	Pilgrimage & the Watling Street	Richard Emmett	11:15
7.	Railways and the Growth of Swale	Liz Fuller	11:30
	Lunch provided by Appleyard		12:00 to 13:00
8.	Maritime and transport	Clive Reader	13:00
9.	Development of the Towns and villages (Bricks, Paper, Gunpowder, Brewing & Agriculture)	Keith Robinson	13:15
10.	Swale & the politics of the A2	Mike Haywood	13:30
11.	Defence of the realm & heritage	Simon Mason	13:45
12.	Swale's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Nick Johannsen	14:00
13.	Museums, Collections & Archives	Harold Goodwin	14:15
	Coffee break		14:30 to 15:00
14.	Migration Project	Justin Aggett	15:00
15.	Heritage & Tourism	Cllr Monique Bonney	15:15
16.	Question Time – on the future of Historic Swale and Swale's Heritage	Panel – Richard Emmett, Harold Goodwin, Cllr Mike Baldock & Cllr Monique Bonney	15:30 to 16:00
17.	Closing Remarks	Mayor of Swale Cllr Ken Ingleton	16:00
	End		16:15 to 16:30

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1. **Newington History Group** were formed to research the past of Newington and the surrounding area but also to record the present to leave an archive for the future.
2. **Wheels of Time** promotes Kent's museums and heritage sites. Find out more about how 5-11 year olds can collect individual badges from 48 sites, and their families can join in the fun.
3. **Borden Heritage Group** - will display items of local research and details on monthly meetings and speakers.
4. **Swale Search & Rescue** promotes the hobby of metal detecting and will have a display of finds and books.
5. **Local historian Terry Matson** will display family war medals and other Zulu memorabilia.
6. **Faversham Town Council** will be promoting the Magna Carta Legacy Project and selling Faversham WW1 books.
7. **The Medway Queen Preservation Society** promotes the restoration and the history of the Paddle Steamer which was the 'Heroine of Dunkirk'.
8. **Faversham Creek Trust** will display information relating to the group's activities that is dedicated to regenerating Faversham's Maritime heritage.
9. **Shepherd Neame** is Britain's oldest brewer and one of the oldest Brewers in the world. It has been on the same site 18 Court Street Faversham producing the same product and owned by only 4 families since at least 1573. Shepherd Neame has one of the largest commercial archives still in company hands in the South East. It contains over 500,000 letters, brewing books from 1797, cash books from 1815, balance books etc from 1848, thousands of property deeds from the 1600s and hundreds of plans maps and photographs.
10. **Historic Swale** is an umbrella charity which supports member attractions and organisations in the 3 areas which make up the Swale district to collectively showcase the diverse and fascinating heritage which the Borough offers. Leaflets and membership forms will be available.
11. **Eastchurch Aviation Museum** is a Sheppey based site that promoted early aviation on the island. Come and find out more.
12. **Faversham Society Archaeology Research Group** will display the work and finds of Faversham's community archaeology group and the evidence of Anglo-Saxon smithing last year.
13. **The Doddington Parish library** is being rehoused in a new Reading Room in the Town Hall and the Faversham Society librarian display some of the rare books.
14. **Faversham Walks** will be displaying details of their walks and encouraging you to come and be guided around the town - we have a new heritage map of the town, come along and pick one up. There is a wealth of heritage in the town.
15. **Faversham Museum Group** will be displaying some items from the Heritage Centre and encouraging you to come and visit.
16. **The Historical Research Group Sittingbourne** will be promoting the Heritage Hub where they display much of their research from their various research projects, including Archaeology, Archive records, and First and Second World War research. They will also have various books they have published on sale.
17. **Friends of Milton Regis Court Hall** help look after and promote a historic building that still stands proudly as an icon of the streetscape after almost 560 years. We look forward to welcoming you in 2020.
18. **The Minster Abbey Gatehouse Museum** is housed in a 1000 year old building situated on the highest point on the Island and displays artefacts donated by islanders. Come and find out more.
19. **Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway** was built in 1905 for the transportation of the raw materials required for the manufacture of paper for the local mills. Aside from the collection of historic steam and diesel locomotives, coaches and wagons, there is also a Museum at the site. Come along and pick up a timetable for 2020.
20. **Sittingbourne Heritage Museum** will display a collection of artefacts, and their own publications will be on sale.
21. **The Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum and Raybel Charters** promotes the history of Sailing Barges in Milton Creek and the restoration of the sailing barge Raybel.
22. **Kent Archaeological Field School** is a Faversham based school offering a range of archaeological subjects, both in the classroom and in the field.