

Wednesday & Saturday Talks - 2011/2012

Wednesday 14th September

The Thames at Gravesend - The Life of a Tug Master. **Cllr. Mike Wenban.**

My family links to the riverside fraternity. Gravesend's liquid history both past and present.

Saturday 24th September

The History of Swanscombe **Christoph Bull.**

An armchair guide to Swanscombe, a chance to uncover the ancient history from beneath the cement dust to find a place brimming with folklore and great history.

Wednesday 12th October

History of Gravesend Sea Cadets

Cmdr. Ian Dunkley. The history of the local sea cadets from the 1940's and its relevance to the youth of today.

Saturday 22nd October

Gravesend's Airport **Frank Turner.**

Covers the period from 1932 from the official opening until the closure of Essex Aero and the Battle of Britain.

Wednesday 9th November

The History of Istead Rise in the 18th & 19th Centuries. **Pam Connell.**

A talk about the farm and the folk who lived there before Istead Rise became the built up area that it is today.

Saturday 26th November

History of the Sikh Community in Gravesend
Sharminder Bedi.

The history and story of the first Indian people who settled in Gravesend.

Wednesday 7th December

Kent's Weather **Bob Ogley**

Recalling the dramatic events that have affected Kent throughout the centuries from Roman times to the present.

Saturday 17th December

Christmas Quiz **Towncentric**

Get in the festive mood and join us for our annual Christmas Quiz.

Wednesday 11th January

Gravesend to Tilbury, A FerryTale

Bob Appleton

A history of the ferry service, the other ways of getting across the river without getting your feet wet and why people went to Tilbury. Seasick pills not required!

Saturday 28th January

Langanfelda to Longfield **Mason Durling**

The story of life in Longfield Village from Saxon times to the present and the people who lived there.

Wednesday 8th February

The Old Town Hall **Michelle Boyd**

The history of this magnificent building and its journey back to life in the 21st century.

Saturday 25th February

The Romance of London's River -
Tony Farnham

Southend to the Houses of Parliament via Gravesend and Tilbury.

Wednesday 7th March

Why Dickens still Matters. -

Lucinda Dickens Hawksley

Author Lucinda Dickens Hawksley talks about her new book on her great, great, great Grandfather, Charles Dickens. Lucinda looks at the man behind the books, his journalism, his social campaigning and how he made a difference to the world in which he lived and why his ideals remain relevant today.

Saturday 24th March

Victorian Gravesend **Sandra Soder**

A look at life in Gravesend in the 19th Century.

Wednesday 11th April

Recollections of the Northfleet Riverside Neighbourhood. **Alex Pavitt**

Nostalgic recollections of the area between the Creek and Rosherville Pier in the 1940's

Saturday 28th April

Gravesham's Doomsday Churches.

Christoph Bull

A virtual tour of Gravesham's Ancient parish churches, some recorded in Doomsday, some not, but all helping to unravel the local story of their communities.

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£3.00* (Excludes Dickens Talk - £5)

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