

**APPLICATION TO JOIN THE
HISTORY OF READING SOCIETY
OR RENEW SUBSCRIPTION (2024)**

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I consent to the History of Reading Society holding my personal information

I give permission for the History of Reading Society to contact me by the following methods
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Date:.....

Subscription enclosed:..... (£9 per person)
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(Cheques payable to History of Reading Society)

Please tick if you will be paying by Standing Order/Bank Transfer (this is preferable as there are no bank charges related to this method)

Please email historyofreadingsociety@yahoo.com for payment information

The Society was founded in 1978 by a group of enthusiasts anxious to keep the history of Reading alive and before the public.

Our object is to cultivate an interest in the history of Reading and the surrounding area, and to bring together a collection of artefacts and documents which shall be made available to future generations. These are to be placed in a recognised local repository.

We welcome new members to our Society, no special knowledge required, just an interest in the area and its inhabitants past and present. Visitors are also welcome to our meetings for a small fee per meeting attended.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month (although visit dates may vary). Talks start at 7.30pm. In August we have no meeting and June and July's meetings are outings only available to paid up members. In winter, December-February, we meet via Zoom, and if we are unable to meet face to face. Zoom meetings are only available to paid up members.

The Society produces three newsletters a year for our members.

We welcome donations of Reading and Berkshire local history and interest books for our book sales. All proceeds go to the Society.

Please keep your eyes open for book sale dates on our monthly posters displayed at libraries and select outlets, and our website.

***THE HISTORY OF
READING SOCIETY***



**MEMBERSHIP FORM AND
PROGRAMME 2024**

*We meet in the Abbey Baptist Church,
Abbey Square 7pm for a 7.30pm start
(rear of the Central Library in Kings Road)
or via Zoom (December-February)*

If you are interested in the history of the Reading area, why not come and join us? You will be most welcome

**For further details please phone:-
David Cliffe (Chairman) on 0118 948 3354
Malcolm Summers (Treasurer) on 07883 025606
Vicki Chesterman (Secretary) on 07776 340923**

Find us at www.historyofreadingsociety.org.uk and on Facebook

PROGRAMME

2024

- 17 Jan **THE HISTORY OF QUAKERS IN READING (ZOOM)**
Matthew Callow
Matthew is co-chair of the Quaker History Group. This talk will focus on the Quaker community in Reading, significant players, connections, locations and Meeting Houses.
- 21 Feb **EARLY CLOSING DAY: AIR RAIDS ON READING IN WW2 (ZOOM)**
Mike Cooper
Mike is a former Reading librarian who has authored several books on Reading.
- 20 Mar **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** followed by **READING CIVIC SOCIETY**
Richard Bennett
Richard is chair of reading Civic Society and was appointed Deputy Lieutenant in 2018.
- 17 Apr **THE HISTORY OF WOODLEY**
Ann Smith
Ann worked for 20 years in Reading Central Library and has recently edited and published a book on The History of Woodley written by members of the local U3A.
- 15 May **THE BLACK ARTS IN READING: THE STORY OF OUR LOCAL PRINTING INDUSTRY**
Paul Joyce
Paul spent his working life in the print industry and is an author, speaker and contributor of railway history for Back Track magazine.
- 19 June* **THE DANES IN READING** walk with
John Nixon
- 17 July* **COOKHAM – JOHN LEWIS HERITAGE CENTRE & STANLEY SPENCER GALLERY** visit

***Summer guided walks and visits – for members only**

(full details will be published in the Society's Newsletter, and on the Society website - www.historyofreadingsociety.org.uk)

- 18 Sept **CROSSING THE THAMES**
David Cliffe
David is the former Local Studies Manager for Reading Borough and is our Society Chairman
- 16 Oct **READING WW1 HOSPITALS**
Lionel Williams
Lionel is secretary of the Berkshire Medical Museum.
- 20 Nov **Presidential Address: ANOTHER LOOK AT PROSPERITY AND PIETY IN LATE MEDIEVAL READING c1450-1550**
Joan Dils
A portrait of a town with an expanding commercial cloth industry, assertive urban politicians, and churches with devout worshippers. With a longstanding interest in Reading, Joan is currently the President of the Society.
- 18 Dec **MORE THAN BISCUITS, BEER AND BULBS (ZOOM)**
Jo Alexander-Jones
Jo is a member of Berkshire Industrial Archaeology Group and on the committee of the History of Reading Society.

ALL WILL BE MOST WELCOME AT OUR FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

However, a small charge (currently £2) per meeting is made for non-members. If a meeting is held on Zoom, only members can attend, which is the same for any visits we arrange.

*Annual Subscription rate for 2024
£9 per person*

Please return membership form to (include cheque if not paying by Standing Order or bank transfer) :

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