APPLICATION TO JOIN THE HISTORY OF READING SOCIETY OR RENEW SUBSCRIPTION (2027)

Name(s):……...

Address:…….....

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Telephone Number:……..

Email (use of email reduces costs to the Society):

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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
Email ☐
Post ☐
Telephone ☐

Date:……..

Subscription enclosed: …… (£10 per person)

……. (donation)

……. (total)

(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 aid the deposition of artefacts and documents so they shall be available to future generations. These are to be placed in a recognised local archive.

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 2027

We meet in the Abbey Baptist Church, Abbey Square 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start
(next to The Blade)
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**
Vicki Chesterman (Secretary) **on 07776 340923**

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

PROGRAMME

2027

20 Jan **PHOTO QUIZ (ZOOM)**
Vicki Chesterman
Test your memory with more seldom seen scenes of Reading

17 Feb **READING'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY (ZOOM)**
Jo Alexander-Jones
Jo is a member of Berkshire Industrial Archaeology Group and on the committee of the History of Reading Society

17 Mar **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** followed by **THE NORMANS IN READING**
Mike Cooper
Mike is a former Reading librarian who has authored several books on Reading

21 Apr **READING-DÜSSELDORF ASSOCIATION**
Mark Clements
Mark is a member of the Reading-Düsseldorf Association as well as the History of Reading Society

19 May **THE HISTORY OF READING DISPENSARY TRUST**
Malcolm Summers
Malcolm is a local historian and author of several books on aspects of Reading

16 June* **READING HYDRO** visit – Neil Bonner will give us a tour of the hydro and explain its inception and ongoing operation

21 July* **ST MICHAEL'S, TILEHURST** visit - Clare Hunter will tell us the history of the church and its parish

***Summer guided walks and visits – <u>for members only</u>**

15 Sept **SOME PICTURESQUE SPOTS IN THE PARISH OF ST GILES AND THEIR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**
Herne Thackeray
Herne is one of our members who researches his topics thoroughly and produces scholarly works

20 Oct **THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLEY FROM GREAT ESTATES TO HOUSING ESTATES**
Grahame Hawker and Trevor Smith
Grahame and Trevor are authors of a recent book called 'Walking Through History' about Earley

17 Nov **TROLLEY BUSES IN READING**
Dave Hall
Dave is an archivist for the Reading Transport Society and author of books on Reading's trolley buses

15 Dec **<u>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS</u> (ZOOM)**
Joan Dils
We are delighted to welcome back our president Joan Dils, to bring to life one of her wonderful pieces of local research

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

<u>Annual Subscription rate for 2027 (1st Jan – 31st Dec)</u>
£10 per person

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

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