

CUSOP HISTORY GROUP REVIEW 2016-2017



2016-17 has continued to be a success for Cusop History Group with membership numbers growing and continued good attendances at talks and outings.

COMMITTEE

Following the AGM last year Sue Hodgetts was elected as Chair and website co-ordinator with Sandra Sheldon as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Denise Derbyshire as Research Co-ordinator and Keith Hodgetts as Programme Secretary with Diana Rutter as ordinary member.

WEBSITE

Our website is www.cusophistory.wix.com/cusop and this has continued to develop with new additions.

There is a link on the main Cusop website: www.cusop.net. E-mail: cusophistory@gmail.com.

Facebook: Cusop History-Group Twitter:

@cusophistorygroup

If you wish to join us and become a member please contact us via the website or apply to Sandra Sheldon on 01497 820125

ALFRED WATKINS

On Saturday 1st October 2016. David Whitehead from the Woolhope Club presented a fascinating talk on 'Alfred Watkins: Pioneer Photographer and 'Old Straight Tracker'. This was made even more relevant to Cusop because Mary Ridger, a great niece of Alfred's was in the audience and could add first hand knowledge.

KILVERT COUNTRY

Author and photographer Chris Barber MBE FRGS, took us on a romantic journey through photographs and soundscape in the footsteps of the famous curate on Sat 12th November.

HEREFORD ARCHIVES

A number of members have attended the talks given at the HARC and have found the staff very helpful for research. Highly recommended.

FINDING OUT ABOUT CUSOP

In January we held an informal group session demonstrating the resources and projects available including Jim Milner's Census of Cusop, contents of the Parish Chest, LADR photos, a variety of old maps held by John Wilks and our library of books to spark interest in getting involved in research for the local area.

VISIT TO THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM IN OXFORD

Our highlight of the year in February was a visit, with an insider's expertise from Denise, to the famous museum where a group of us were introduced to the fascinating exhibits.

DARK AGES Tony Usher shared his local knowledge on the history of the Dark Ages in Herefordshire to a packed audience on Saturday 11th March.

VISIT TO CUSOP CHURCH

John Wilks and Celia Cundale gave us a fascinating tour around ancient Cusop Church and graveyard on Sat 8th April.

BORDER CASTLES

Caroline Hafner took us on an illustrated tour of the Border Castles of Hereford and Shropshire in May, describing both local and less well visited castles of the area.

INTO THE BREACH

We supported the Friends of Cusop Church in June with the performance of this fabulous one-man interpretation of Henry V set in WW2.

RESEARCH

Denise Derbyshire continued to oversee the development and progress of Cusop history projects. Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths, Church Monuments and old Church magazines are now on the website and will be of help in future research.

THANKS

Thank you to all our volunteers, helpers, speakers, researchers and attendees. Without all of you we would not be thriving.

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