

## **JAMES SADLER**

# **OXFORD PASTRY COOK & FIRST ENGLISH AERONAUT**

**Mark Davies**

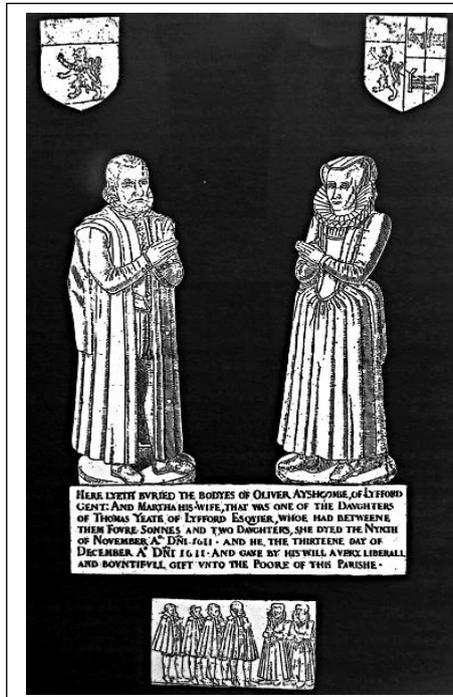
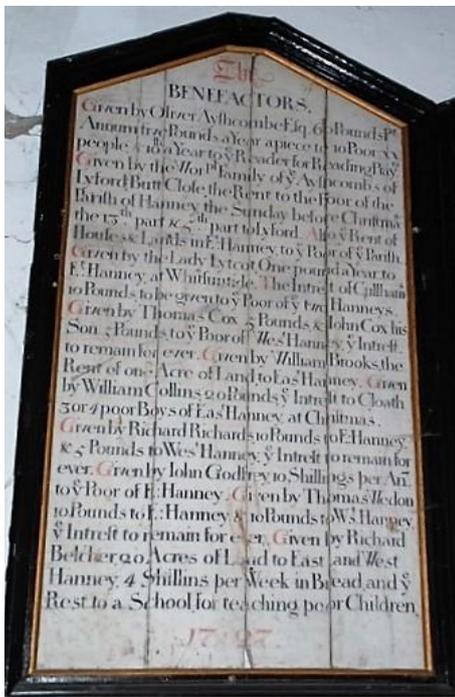
**Mark will describe the extraordinarily full and varied life of James Sadler who flew his balloon from Oxford in 1784. Subsequently an engineer, inventor, and naval chemist, he returned to ballooning in Oxford in 1810, travelled faster than anyone previously in 1811, and narrowly failed to cross the Irish Sea in 1812 (but helped his son to be the first to do so in 1817). He also enabled the first ascent by an English woman. But despite an adventurous life of huge achievement, praised by no less than Nelson, he died impoverished in 1824 and his life is little remembered today.**

# **Hanne History Group**

**TUESDAY 27  
SEPTEMBER  
2016  
8.00 P.M.**

**War  
Memorial  
Hall  
East  
Hanney**

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new members  
are welcome**



OLIVER AYSHCOMBE, FOUNDER OF ONE LOCAL CHARITY, IS REMEMBERED TWICE IN WEST

## ANCIENT VILLAGE CHARITIES IN A MODERN WORLD

**Speaker: Angela Cousins**

Charitable giving to the poor is centuries old but increased after the dissolution of the monasteries in the 1530's. In the 'Ancient Parish of Hanney', (Lyford, East and West Hanney), many small charities were endowed from the late 16th century until the end of the 19th century. Payments were regularly made to the local poor by members of the vestry or churchwardens, who were responsible for their organisation.

Most are now either forgotten, closed or amalgamated, but eight remain, the earliest dating back to 1611. The Charity Commission united these in 1928 and, managed by local Trustees, they now operate as Hanney Parochial Charities. The challenge is to support those in need in the three villages, whilst maintaining due regard to the original benefactors' intentions,

# Hanney History Group

**TUESDAY 25**

**OCTOBER**

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**8.00 p.m.**

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Hanney History Group  
Michaelmas Fayre 2016

# HANNEY HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY EXHIBITION + FREE FINDS ANALYSIS

THE CHANCEL, ST JAMES CHURCH  
2-5.00 p.m. Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>



*Have you found treasure in your garden or the loft?  
Bring your unusual 'found' objects to our finds  
archaeologist in St James Church  
Bring items of any age you have found in the Hanneys or  
nearby for free expert identification and recording.*



**SAXON BROOCH FOUND  
IN WEST HANNEY**



A detail of the "Monks'

## **THE ABINGDON "MONKS' MAP"**

**Manfred Brod**

**The so-called Monks' Map now in the Abingdon County Hall Museum was long believed to have been produced at Abingdon Abbey in the 15th century. Recent conservation work and archive research have revealed its true origin as an administrative and legal document of the sixteenth, and show it as an important source of information on the history of Abingdon and its neighbouring villages. The talk will describe the evidence and discuss the personalities and events involved in the map's production and early use.**

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**TUESDAY 22**

**NOVEMBER**

**2016**

**8.00 P.M.**

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## **Pendon Museum - modelling the past for the future**

**David Day**

**Pendon Museum was created in the 1930's to preserve the landscape of the Vale of the White Horse at that time of great change in a perfect miniature form. Its founder was an Australian! Pendon remains a unique achievement and a benchmark for architectural, landscape and railway modelling. David will relate the history of the museum and the methods used to achieve its near perfection. His talk will be profusely illustrated and will describe the selection and recreation of the buildings from the Vale that Pendon Museum has reproduced. The Vale miniature landscape at Pendon represents life in rural England in all its forms and continues to evolve.**

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**TUESDAY 24  
JANUARY  
2017  
8.00 P.M.**

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## **Papists at the Manor – the Yates and Throckmortons of Buckland and Lyford in the Vale of White Horse**

**Tony Hadland**

**In the 17th and 18th centuries, against the odds, Buckland became one of the most Catholic parishes in southern England. This was due to the lords of the manor, the Yate and Throckmorton families, harbouring Catholic chaplains when this was strictly illegal. Another branch of the Yate family lived nearby at Lyford, where they sheltered clandestine nuns and the Jesuit Edmund Campion. By the time legal penalties were lifted, Buckland's Catholic congregation numbered 200. The Throckmorton family, successors to the Yates, then erected the first Catholic Church in the Vale of White Horse since the Reformation. Much of this story has been airbrushed out of history but this talk puts that right**

# **Hanney History Group**

**TUESDAY 28**

**FEBRUARY**

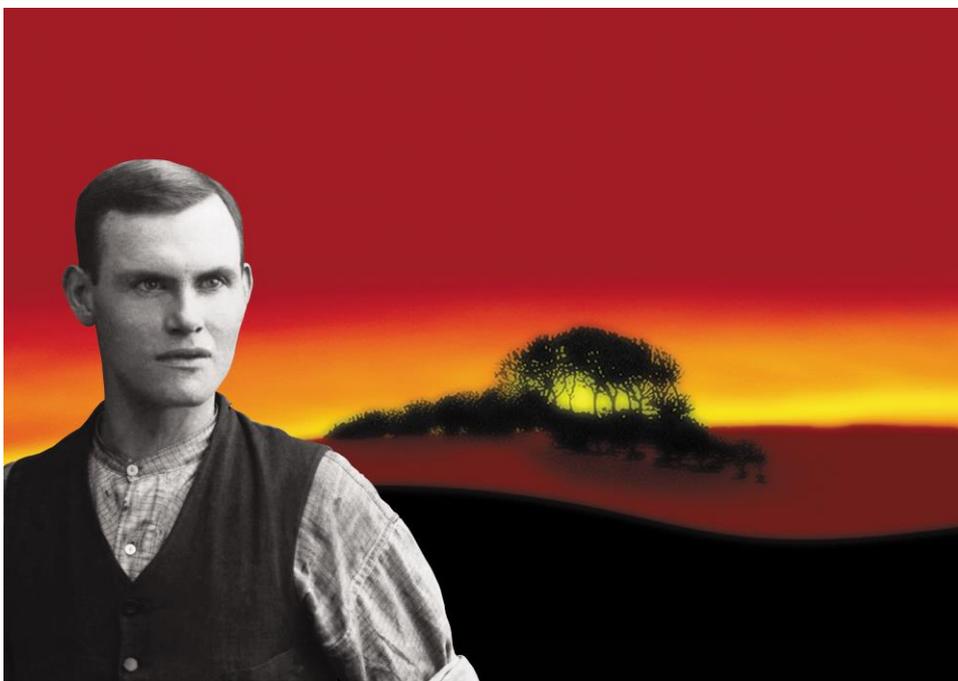
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## **The Life of Alfred Williams 'The Hammerman Poet'**

**Graham Carter**

**Graham Carter, co-founder and vice-chair of the Alfred Williams Heritage Society, gives an illustrated talk about the extraordinary life of 'The Hammerman Poet' (1877-1930). A self-educated Swindon railwayman who published six volumes of poetry and several books of prose, Alfred's works included 'Villages of the White Horse', published in 1913. He is also renowned for completing a self-appointed project to preserve folk song lyrics across a region he called 'The Upper Thames'.**

# **Hanney History Group**

**TUESDAY 28**

**MARCH**

**2017**

**8.00 P.M.**

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## **Westgate: Initial results from Oxford's largest excavation**

**Ben Ford**

**A richly illustrated talk on the archaeological results from the largest excavations to have been conducted in the City of Oxford, which included a prehistoric floodplain, a medieval friary, Civil War defences and Victorian terraces. Ben Ford will discuss the changing landscape on the southern edge of the Oxford promontory, where the city meets the Thames floodplain, and how it was used and changed by human action over the last 3000 years. The talk will touch on possible prehistoric and Saxon activity, deal in depth with the extensive structural and artefactual remains of the Greyfriars complex (1244 - 1538), before revealing evidence from the Civil War, and the more recent Victorian St Ebbes.**

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APRIL 2017  
8.00 P.M.**

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