



Newbury  
Cloth Hall  
1626 [now  
the town  
museum]

## Jack of Newbury

**Speaker : David Peacock**

David will describe the career and influence of John Winchcombe, sometimes known as "Jack of Newbury", who was a leading English clothier in the mid-1500s . When Tudor cloth-making was booming, Winchcombe was producing woollen cloth for export on an industrial scale. This included an order for 1,000 "cloths" to Thomas Cromwell. Thomas Fuller, a historian in the Civil War period, described him as "*the most considerable Clothier England ever beheld*". Starting as a poor apprentice, he married his boss's widow, became a wealthy landowner, spending over £4,000 on the purchase of the manors of Thatcham, Bucklebury, Farnborough, Lockinge and Ginge. This enabled him to join the Berkshire gentry and then become a Justice of the Peace and a Member of Parliament.

# Hanney History Group

**8.00 P.M  
TUESDAY  
24 SEPTEMBER**

## War Memorial Hall East Hanney

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WELCOME**



John Winchcombe