**HANNEY HISTORY GROUP SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME**

Dear Members and Friends,

Please find below the walks programme organised by the group for the summer period. The first of these is relatively soon so please book for that, and ideally others, as soon as possible. The guides we have chosen are all well recommended and we feel the topics will have wide appeal. All are being held on Mondays in the evening so should help those who still work. All offer easy walking and do not exceed 2 miles @ 1 mph. We have maintained last year’s fee of £10 each for all three events .

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| **Walk title** | **Broad content - distance** | **Leader[s]** | **Start time**  | **Cost** |
| **The Old Half Timbered Houses of Radley** | A tour of Lower Radley’s collection of old dwellings and a visit to one of them – around a mile - flat | Richard Dudding | 6.30pmJune 27th Lower Radley | £10 |
| **Oxford and the Civil War** | A tour of the places of interest during the siege of the royal court in Oxford – up to 2 miles - flat | Stephen Barker | 6.30pmJuly 25thSt GilesOxford | £10 |
| **The Architecture of Oxford** | A historical review of key buildings in the centre of Oxford, both ancient and modern – up to 2 miles - flat | Victoria Bentata | 6.30pm August 15th TBAOxford | £10 |

* Richard Dudding lives among the half-timbered houses of Radley and has made a study of their construction and social history. This is an often overlooked part of the county which benefits from a specialist interpreter.
* Stephen Barker is a professional heritage project organiser and guide. The English Civil War is one of his main subjects and he will reveal much of the actions of both Royalists and Parliamentarians in the Oxford area, especially when the court moved to the city.
* Victoria Bentata is an Oxford Green Badge guide who led our tour of the mediaeval Jewish quarter with professionalism, broad knowledge and enthusiasm. Even if you have some knowledge of Oxford’s architecture , you will probably pick up a lot more from her well researched itinerary here.

**How to book?**

Please book as soon as possible in order for us to be able to confirm the reservation of our guides, ideally by the end of April. In the event of you being unable to attend, booking fees will be refunded if cancelled up to 48 hours\* before the chosen event [ \*Most walks are restricted to about 20 places and anyone on a waiting list may need a little notice] .

Transport: If you are unable to reach a particular venue, contact a history group committee member to arrange car sharing or other assistance. Radley have asked us to car share where we can, in order to limit the impact of the group on the neighbourhood – the mind boggles at what the HHG excesses might be but it seems a fair request!

It is very helpful if you can pay when you book by using our bank account

*HHG Bank details: Barclays; Sort code 20-45-45; A/C 90541400*

Please Identify which walks you wish to attend – eg ‘Radley;’ ‘Civil War’; ‘Architecture’;

Many thanks for your interest – if you have any unanswered queries contact walks organiser Bill Orson on 01235 868859 or w.orson@btopenworld.com.

Best wishes

– we hope to see you in the summer,

**The Hanney History Group Committee**

**LETCOMBE BROOK WALK SATURDAY MAY 7th**

 The Letcombe Brook Walk, planned for May 7th @ 2.00p.m, is being organised separately from the HHG summer walks. If you would like to attend this event, which repeats last August’s highly praised ecological, archaeological and historical itinerary, using the same expert leaders, and lasts about 2 ½ hours, please send your name to Bill Orson at the above e-mail as soon as possible [and phone him if you would like more information.] The walk is under 2 miles and is on easy terrain which may be muddy depending on the weather.