

Report for SHAL year ending April 2024.

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This last year has been full of excitement for SHAL members now over 50 strong and the coming year, also holds lots of possibilities for exploring our lovely historic village.

We've had a wide range of talks this year starting with a

A Visit to Dover in May to see the Bronze Age boat and Painted house. We were all impressed by the Museum and the display of the boat, but disappointed to find that the Painted house was closed temporarily so another visit in due course perhaps.

In June John Jarvest kindly organised a visit to the National Trust Fan Bay Site on the Dover cliffs. Lots of steps and a network of tunnels used during the second world war, during the defence of the Dover Strait. John has been involved in digging out the site and we really appreciated his guidance,

In July our own member Janet Powell, gave a talk on the tithe revolt of the 1930s. Who knew that the local farmers and landowners were such a belligerent group and staged lots of local protests . Eventually these tithes were stopped, but before that farmers could be imprisoned for non payment so not surprisingly they objected, especially if they were non conformists and didn't support the local C of E Church.

In August the highlight of the year, our dig on Beacon field from August 14th to - 27th . Richard Taylor is coming to talk to us at this year's AGM on April 16th to tell us about the findings, so I won't elaborate here, but the whole experience was amazing, well worth the hard work put in by diggers, pot washers and detectorists. Our thanks to everyone.

In September James Holman came to talk to us about Medieval New Romney and its Importance as a town at this early date with three churches and a large harbour area.

The October talk was given by Andy Linklater, who has a collection of glass slides from a local newspaper archive illustrating life in Kent during the 1940s and early 1950s. Amazing pictures, which some of us recognised from our early life !

Vince Williams returned in November to talk to us about places of worship in Folkestone that have disappeared or been converted. More than 30 places ranging from small chapels to large Victorian Churches. Patronised by everyone from railway workers to fishermen as well as wealthy tourists and residents.

In December we were able to hold our Christmas dinner and social evening at Lympne Castle courtesy of the new owners. An amazing evening thoroughly enjoyed by all in the superbly decorated Great Hall.

In January members and guests were invited to bring information or memories of the two World Wars in Lympne to the meeting. John Simpson of the Airfield Group gave a fascinating talk to open the meeting. He concentrated on the various houses that were taken over by the armed forces to house officers and men, and started a lot of discussion of wartime Lympne.

In February we had a talk by Chris Shaw of Shornecliffe Trust on Shornecliffe Barracks & SE Defences. He has promised a guided tour at some stage too so we will probably take him up on that.

In March Andy Linklater- gave a talk entitled 'The Romans are coming' discussing the two Roman invasions under Julius Caesar and Claudius and the change to the culture from that of the Iron Age.

Lots more talks and events planned for the coming year and out thanks to you the members, the committee and all those who help keep SHAL alive and active .

Rosemary

SHAL

Studying History and Archaeology in Lymgne

Registered Charity No. 1168727 Unaudited Accounts

INCOME	2023/24	2022/23
Membership Fees	1470.00	710.00
Donations on the Day	77.40	99.00
Other Donations	118.97	50.00
Roman Dig 1 Donations	653.80	1050.00
Plaque Replacement Donations	121.20	
Gift Aid		146.24
Smile Amazon		10.56
Christmas Meal	900.00	
Visits and Events	500.00	
Interest on Savings Account	22.92	
Total Income	3864.29	2065.80

EXPENDITURE

Venue Hire	358.00	206.15
Speakers and Events	860.00	395.00
Annual Dig	916.80	1078.62
KAS Membership	50.00	25.00
Insurance	151.22	96.00
Refreshments	51.11	20.80
Remembrance Wreath	23.98	21.63
Renewal of Domain Name	38.39	
Christmas Meal	945.00	
Capital -Plaque, Dig Boxes	189.20	
Other Expenditure	10.97	
Total Expenditure	3594.67	1843.20

Surplus	269.62	222.60
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ASSETS AND LIABILITITES	2023/24	2022/23
Cash in hand and bank B/fwd	1563.27	1340.67
Income	3864.29	2065.80
Expenditure	-3594.67	-1843.20
Balance Carried Forward	1832.89	1563.27

REPRESENTED BY

Metro Bank - Current Account	299.97	1553.27
Metro Bank - Savings Account	1522.92	
Cash in Hand	10.00	10.00
Total	1832.89	1563.27