

MARKET BOSWORTH SOCIETY

September 2022

Dear Member

Meeting Report

Our meeting in September was a lecture given by Alan Eames, who many of you will know. Alan's subject was "Growing Up at Hall Farm Osbaston." Alan lived at Hall Farm in the 1950's and was able to share his experiences with us. The farm was of 120 acres of mixed arable and pasture. Alan described it as a traditional old English farm. Alan's parents met at a local dance and married in 1941, Alan making his arrival in 1945 having been born at Bosworth Park Infirmary. Alan had the usual childhood illnesses including Scarlet Fever but survived. He recalls Dr Kelly and Dr Clarke; Dr Clarke was not a fierce as Dr Kelly! After an attack of pneumonia Penicillin, the new wonder treatment was administered, and recovery was swift. Alan recalls that all the farm's fields had names the origin of many names has been lost in the mists of time. Their landlord was Sir Thomas Cope who was a retired Brigadier General highly decorated in the First World War, and lived at Osbaston Hall, next door to the Hall Farm. Alan's home was the farmhouse, Georgian in style built in the late 1700's or early 1800's. No central heating in those days, there was a fireplace in every room, even the

bedrooms. The bedroom fires were never lit and only two were lit downstairs, so life mainly revolved around the kitchen because it was warm in Winter. Both coals, delivered by a coal merchant and wood was burnt to heat the rooms. Alan can remember seeing huge lumps of coal which were attacked with a hammer to break them up for the fire. In order to survive they had to make the most of the farm and had pigs as well as cattle. The cattle were Red Poll (seen left). They were not the best breed but gave milk and meat. They were eventually replaced by the more versatile Holsteins (shown below right). Holsteins produced much more milk than

the Red Polls, which generated much needed income for the family.

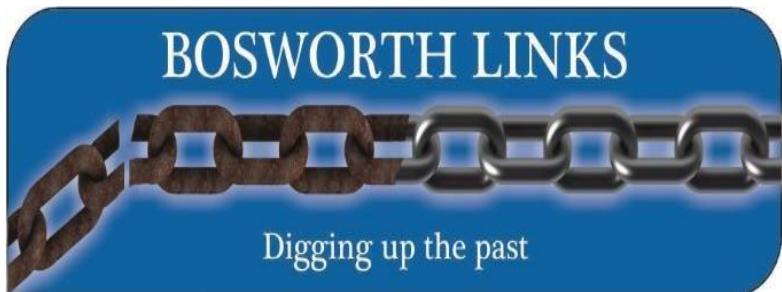
Alan remembers that he spent time with neighbours, the women taking it in turns to look after the neighbourhood children, something I recall from my own childhood. This carried on until Alan started his formal education aged 4 at Cadeby School. He then moved to Market Bosworth; to St. Peter's Junior School starting off in the prefabricated room known as St. Annes Lodge. This was situated in the old orchard not far from where the current rectory now stands. It was still in use when I started school in 1963. Alan recalled Mr (Bernard) Heathcote as his teacher. Mr Heathcote liked to relate stories of heroes and characters from history. Many of Mr Heathcote stories were quite gory but they were loved by his pupils. Harry Frost was the Headmaster and Alan recalls him as being a kind and thoughtful man. In the Winter, the schoolboys made slides in their playground at the back of the school (the girl's playground was at the front) until salt was used to melt the ice.

Alan remembers working on the farm and cleaned out the cow shed and helped with the harvest. They still used a threshing drum as the combine harvester was not usually available to small farms. Alan recalls that the drum was powered by belts from a pulley on a tractor. No guards on the belts which whizzed by inches from his ears as he helped to thresh the corn. He often saw Lady Cope and she was regularly seen walking across



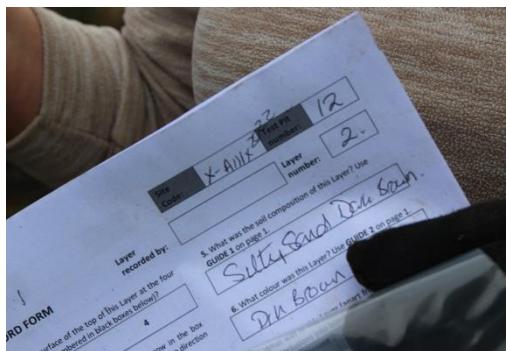
the farm, he remembers her as an elderly and kind lady. During the Second World War they had two POW workers Jules and John who worked on the farm busily trying to feed a hungry nation. It is impossible to capture the entire lecture, but I hope to have given a flavour of the lecture and have done Alan justice. After the question-and-answer session Alan chatted with many of the members and guests who had come to see and hear him. It was a lovely evening.

Thank you, Alan.



Big Dig 2022

For a couple of days last month Bosworth Links became Carlton Links, and boy what a great time we had.



We wanted to carry on the fun and time traveling discovery after Bosworth Links in 2017 to 2019. Market Bosworth is a market town and the hub for a number of local villages. Not so obvious now but when I was a boy we had a hospital, Bosworth Park Infirmary. Our own Council, Market Bosworth Rural District Council now of course part of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. We had our own Fire Station, Doctor's Surgery (still do thankfully) and a Police Station. We even had our own Magistrates Court, Petrol Station, and a Co-operative store, which at the time was probably near to being a supermarket as we know them today.

There were also a variety of shops from butchers (three at one time) a bakery, greengrocer's and a variety of other independent shops and services, such as hairdressers and barbers, the list goes on.

We started Bosworth Links to discover what the history of our settlement was between the end of Roman rule in Britain and the completion of the Domesday Book in 1086. We actually managed to fill in the gaps for 5,000 years and know exactly how Bosworth and later Market Bosworth developed. The question then was, "How did the local villages develop?" Well, the only way to find out was to start digging and search out the answers. The National Lottery Heritage Fund who had supported Bosworth links came through again and agreed to fund us for another three years of digs.



We could have carried on anywhere but chose Carlton and we could not have chosen better. The residents supported the project in so many ways. Homeowners offered us their lawns and gardens for test pits, Carlton Parish Council offered us their greens, St. Andrews Church was made available to us for meetings and finds washing, a resident offered off road parking for volunteers and the BBQ was held on another resident's paddock. It was great to see our friends from previous digs mingling and working with new friends from Carlton. Every single volunteer who

registered to take part turned up, surely a record! We all had a brilliant two days. Below are some photographs of the dig. I cannot fit them all in so have loaded them onto the Society website:

<https://marketbosworthsociety.com/holding-page-for-carlton-2022-photographs/>

We found, or at least our wonderful volunteers found all manner of interesting and useful finds. There were examples of worked flint, at the moment our earliest finds, and then a range of pottery. Some Roman and

some early and late medieval all of which has gone off to the University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) for further examination and more accurate identification.

We did not expect to find the number of items we turned up in Market Bosworth, but we were surprised by the number and variety of finds. The full story will be revealed by Mathew our lead Archaeologist in a feedback session scheduled for February next year. I cannot wait to hear the story of Carlton and to see how and where it compares and contrasts with that of Market Bosworth. Bill Newsinger was also with us and has the makings of another brilliant video, watch out for news on both here in the coming months. Our next dig will be in April, so hurry and get on-board!



If you want to get involved go to <https://marketbosworthsociety.com/volunteer/> any questions ask gemma@marketbosworthsociety.com.

Collage Maker

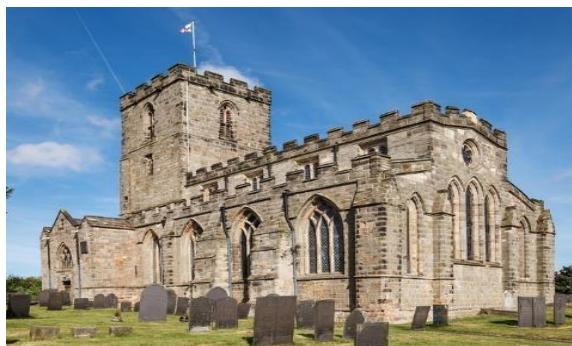


I together with the Bosworth Links Committee were extremely sad to hear of the passing of our wonderful and very dear queen. We were unsure whether to carry on or not, as were a lot of our volunteers who contacted us. We decided to proceed for two reasons. Firstly, the digs brought a community together and in times of such dreadful sorrow communities do need to come together. We also thought that Her Majesty would have insisted that we continue. I cannot speak for the others but during that weekend the work felt very special almost

that we were showing Her Majesty that we could carry on even without her steady hand we had come to know for over 70 years. God bless Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Rest in peace. God save the King.

Next Lecture: The Church in a Hillfort

We are delighted to welcome Peter Liddle MBE back to give us a lecture. Peter has chosen for his topic The



Church in a Hillfort, which is Breedon Church a magnificent parish church but was previously the private chapel of the Shirley family, an Augustinian Priory and before that an Anglo-Saxon monastery. It sat within the banks of an Iron Age hillfort (although badly damaged by quarrying) with evidence of Neolithic activity on the hill. This is one of Leicestershire's most important sites with magnificent Saxon sculpture, equally fine Tudor tombs and a large collection of Iron Age material

Time for a quiz.

This will test your medieval knowledge. As usual the answers will be at the end of the Newsletter.

No cheating!

1) Which international event was started by Pope Urban II's sermon at Clermont in 1095?

1. The Peace of God movement
2. The Hundred Years' War
3. The First Crusade
4. The Great Schism

2) Which 12th-century historian wrote the first detailed account of King Arthur?

1. Geoffrey of Monmouth
2. Chretien de Troyes
3. Gildas
4. William of Newburgh

3) What proportion of the English population is estimated to have been killed by the Black Death in 1348-9?

1. Three quarters
2. One tenth
3. One fifth
4. One third

4) Which of the following is not a clause in Magna Carta?

1. All peasants must be given time off to attend church on Sundays
2. An heir to land may not be forcibly married to someone of lower social standing
3. All fish-weirs are to be removed from the rivers Thames and Medway
4. No free man shall be seized or imprisoned except according to the judgement of his equals or the law of the land

5) Which 15th-century Norfolk family left behind a large letter collection that tells us much about the lives of the gentry in the period?

1. The Becketts
2. The Godfreys
3. The Plantagenets
4. The Pastons

6) Only one of the following was an essential part of the marriage ceremony in the Middle Ages. Which one?

1. Consent of the couple's parents
2. Blessing by a priest
3. Exchange of rings
4. Exchange of words of consent by the couple

7) Where did the popes spend much of the 14th century?

1. Avignon
2. Paris
3. Naples
4. Rome

8) Which English king rebuilt Westminster Abbey in the 13th century?

1. John
2. Henry III
3. Edward I
4. Edward the Confessor

9) Which was the last country in Europe to convert officially to Christianity, in 1387?

1. Norway
2. Estonia
3. Iceland
4. Lithuania

10) Which 15th-century English queen was accused by her enemies of using magic in order to marry the king?

1. Elizabeth Woodville
2. Anne of Bohemia
3. Margaret of Anjou
4. Elizabeth of York

The Purported Attack on the Lady Florence Dixie

We do love a mystery, and here is one. Like me, many will know of the claim made by Lady Florence of an attack upon her person. She claimed to have been saved by her St. Bernard dog. Peter Loseby continues his research into the Dixie family and has unearthed a report which is astonishing.

First, we should read Lady Florence's own account of the ordeal, on the 17th March 1883 as set out in an account that she passed along to newspapers:

"I was out walking near the Fishery last evening, about 4:30, when two very tall women came up and asked me the time. I replied that I had not got my watch with me, and, turning, left them. Opening a small gate which led into the private grounds of Capt. Brocklehurst...I made toward a stile, and was just going to get over, when I heard the gate open behind, and the two women followed me in. Somehow or other I felt all was not right, so I stopped and leaned against the rails, and then, as they came on, I went to meet them.

One on the right came forward and seized me by the neck, when by the strength of the clutch I felt it was no woman's power that pulled me down to the ground. In another second I saw the other would-be woman over me and remember seeing the steel of the knife come right down upon me, driven by this person's hand. It struck through my clothes and against the whalebone of my stays, which turned the point, merely grazing the skin. The knife was quickly withdrawn and plunged at me again. I seized it with both hands and shouted as loud as I could, when the person who first pulled me down pushed a large handful of earth into my mouth and nearly choked me.

Just as the person wrenched the knife from my hands, a very big and powerful St. Bernard dog I had with me broke through the wood. The last thing I remember was seeing the person with the knife pulled backward by him. Then I heard a confused sound of rumbling of wheels, and I remember no more.

When I came to myself, I was quite alone. From what I saw of the knife I believe it to be a dagger, and the persons were undoubtedly men. They were wearing (women's) clothes and were unnaturally tall for women; the one who stabbed me had on a thick veil, reaching below the mouth; the other was unveiled, but his face I did not notice much. This is all the information I can give. My head is very confused and painful, and I expect they must have stunned me. This is a wretched scrawl, but my hands are very much cut, and it pains me so much to write."

Peter Loseby contacted me and explained "Whilst examining the latest tranche of the Dixie archives loaned to me by Caroline Dixie, I came across the following newspaper cutting reporting the circumstances of an attempted assassination of Lady Florence who at approximately 4:30 pm on Saturday the 17th of March 1883 was walking along the Maidenhead Road accompanied by her St Bernard dog named Hubert when the two assassins approached her".

The report was as follows:-

The supposed attempted assassination of Lady Florence Dixie is as great a mystery as ever. People here are wondering what it all means and asking who besides her Ladyship saw the two "dark men disguised as women" where they came from, and how they disappeared. The police of the county and borough, as well as the Scotland Yard and Windsor Castle detectives, have been busily seeking information in all directions, only to find neither trace nor clue to the alleged miscreants. One after another the parties who passed along the road at the time of the reported attack have been found and interrogated, but none of them either heard or saw anything calculated to excite their suspicion. As for the two men dressed in women's clothes who, Lady Dixie states, assaulted her nobody can be found who has seen any persons at all answering the description. The cart with the dun pony, upon which it was at first thought assailants came and went, has been tracked to the residence of Colonel Harford, Down Place, which is about three quarters of a mile further along the Maidenhead Road from the abode of Lady Dixie. The occupants where an elderly grey headed gentleman and his wife, who were visiting their daughter, the latter being a servant at Down Place.

The gardener named Grove at Captain Brocklehurst's place, The Willows, was working on Saturday upon the opposite side of the road to where the scene of the assault took place and states that he was out in the fields from four to five o'clock, neither heard nor saw anything unusual from where he was. He has often heard Sir Beaumont and Lady Dixie converse as they passed through the shrubbery, and he is surprised at not having heard screams or the dog barking, the distance scarcely being more than twenty yards.

The soldier spoken of by Lady Dixie has been found. He is Private Bates, of the Scot Guards, at present stationed at the Victoria Barracks, Windsor. Bates says he walked from Windsor as far as the bridge in the direction of Maidenhead, in company with a young woman. They saw Lady Florence Dixie while passing the Fishery both going and returning. The first time, on his outward walk she was on the highway, but the next time he saw her she was in the plantation near Captain Brocklehurst's house, The Willows. He then observed her more particularly than on the first occasion and was specially struck with the size and beauty of a St Bernard's dog which was with her. He saw nothing whatever of the two females referred to by Lady Dixie although according to her Ladyship's account, Bates must have passed the spot within a very few

minutes of the attack. The woman who was with him corroborates his statement. In fact, nearly a dozen people who are proved to have past close by the spot within a very few minutes of the actual time of the assault have been seen, and their answers are that they know nothing which can throw any lights on the affair.

Sir Henry Ponsonby, Lord Methuen and other gentlemen from Windsor Castle again visited the Fishery today.

Lady Florence Dixie, in the course of an interview with our reporter this evening said that excepting slight giddiness which still remains, she felt none the worse from the attack. She was however, feeling much better than she did yesterday, and she attributed the giddiness either to the shock or the blow she received upon the head. She could suggest nothing further in the way of description of the two men dressed as women, who assaulted her. A rumour had reach her that they been arrested at Staines but whether they were the men or not she could not say. She believed all has been done that could be to catch the men. Referring to what had appeared in certain London morning papers about the case Lady Florence Dixie observed "I am sorry to see that people have quoted me as having stated that I thought this outrage was in connection with the Land League. I wish to say that whatever my opinions maybe, I would rather at this present moment keep them to myself and say nothing about the matter. I think that when a thing of this sort happens the English people are too apt to rush to conclusions, and I desire to do nothing that may lead to mistakes. Although I think the Land League an outrageous organisation, I should not like the public to think I am in anyway vindictive. It has also been stated that I thought the attack upon me was because of my writings against the Fenians. Now, I have never written against the Fenians, not one line; on the contrary, I have never spoken well of them, because I consider them honest men, although misguided. I think there is a very great gulf separating the Land Leaguers and the Fenians namely, the one is honest, and the others are not. The Fenians have, I know, assassinated people who betrayed them, but they have never assassinated people who wrote or spoke against them, or merely crossed them in some way. I don't agree with them in anything they do, but they are honest according to their lights." Her Ladyship further expressed her regret that so much had been made of the case. With respect to the rumour of the arrest of the two men at Staines, to which she alluded, it was found to be unfounded.

Sir Beaumont Dixie called at Scotland Yard this afternoon and announced his intention of offering a large reward for the discovery of the two persons who attacked his wife.

We understand that consequent upon the outrage committed on Saturday a representation has been made to Sir Henry Ponsonby as to the alleged inefficient manner in which Windsor Castle is guarded.

A note was received this morning from the Prince of Wales, making enquiry as to Lady Florence Dixie's health. To this Lady Dixie telegraphed a reply assuring His Royal Highness that she was none the worse for her desperate adventure and was in the enjoyment of good health. A similar enquiry has likewise been made on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Lord Methuen, as representing the Duke and Duchess of Albany, called at The Fishery this morning and a visit has also been paid to Lady Dixie by Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon, who conveyed to her Ladyship the congratulations of the Prince and Princess Christian. Other members of the Royal family have also been in communication with Sir Beaumont and Lady Dixie and expressed the pleasure which they heard of her escape.

The following telegram was received in the course of the morning from Farnborough Hill from the Countess de Pierrefonds on behalf of the Empress Eugenie: - "Just learnt by the press the murderous attempt made on you. I can congratulate you on the escape, and hope your health is not worse for it."

The gloves which her Ladyship wore on the occasion of the attack had been forwarded to Scotland Yard for examination. The cut in its glove is described as almost identical in character.

CONCLUSION

Peter offers his views on the affair. It would seem, from the report, that there was no evidence to support Lady Florence's claim that she was attacked other than she was seen out with her dog on Saturday afternoon.

If, as it seems, the story was a fabrication why did Lady Florence instigate such a scheme? After all it was, she who issued a statement to the press on Sunday afternoon describing the circumstances of the attack which was then taken up by the London morning papers.

It could have been some jape concocted by Sir Beaumont and his wife when under the influence of drink that got horribly out of hand, and they were forced to play out the plot especially when the Royal family became involved.

My regard for Lady Florence is such that I prefer to think that although the claim was questionable it might have been to generate public opinion against the Land Leaguers of Ireland whom she had attacked in an article in *Vanity Fair*.

It has been claimed that at the Prince of Wales possible instigation his mother Queen Victoria sent John Brown to investigate the claim. He subsequently died after catching a chill which the Queen claimed he caught whilst carrying out the investigation. The report does not mention him although he might have been one of the gentlemen who accompanied Sir Henry Ponsonby, who was Queen Victoria's Private Secretary, and Lord Methuen, 3rd Baron of Corsham who later became a Field Marshall in the British Army, when they called upon Lady Florence.

It would seem that despite the financial difficulties being experienced by Sir Alexander the couple still enjoyed the friendship of many well-connected people. The Empress Eugene was the wife of Napoleon III who had given shelter to the mother of Lady Florence and her brothers, James, and Archibald, when they had sought sanctuary in France.

Although it is claimed that any publicity is good publicity this incident did damage the reputation of Lady Florence and it took some time to restore her creditability.

Not so for Hubert who became a personality in his own right and was taken to a number of dog shows. The following satirical poem was written about him; -

*So, thou art Hubert, canine stout,
Whose teeth — good gracious, what a row!
Put banded murderers to rout.
(At least we are told that this was so.)
The massive throat bayed noble rage
As at the dastard pair you flew,
Just like a dog upon the stage!
(That is, if what's been said is true).*



What do you think?

Vagaries of the press or did Lady Florence have a good reason to gain some celebrity at that time. She had published "A Defence of Zululand and its King from the Blue Books" and also shorter works "The Case of Ireland" in *Vanity Fair* in May 1882 and that August published "Cetshwayo and Zululand" followed by "In the Land of Misfortune also in 1882". In 1885 Bosworth Hall was sold to pay off debts and Land, Lady Florence had previously written "For some time past I have been fighting against the terrible consequences of my husband's immense losses on the Turf and at gambling. It was a great blow to me to find that the last

remnant of a once splendid fortune must at once go to pay this debt. Ruin ..." Could this have been a desperate attempt to sell more books? Could it have been a jape? We may never know.

Free Lectures On-Line

I often receive emails from Gresham College and this time they wrote:

Dear Local History Society President! (Promotion at last)!

Gresham College has just launched its new programme of free public lectures and I am listing the new series below which include Professor Ronald Hutton, Professor Simon Thurley, Professor Joanna Bourke and more!

I have also written this in chronological order immediately below this message in case this is how you prefer to share items coming up, but I've done that just to Christmas, by month for those sending updates to their Society monthly and will send you Jan-April next year when we have the venues ready! Venues are correct up to Christmas now. They are all ticketed but free!

All best wishes

Lucia

I have looked into this and many of the lectures are on-line and therefore you do not need to attend in person. You will be asked to open an account, which is free. I did so and can now register to watch any of the on-line lectures. Registration is a simple process, name, email address and password. You will then receive a confirmation email and once the enclosed link is clicked the account will be active. This is not an excuse not to come to MBS lecture meetings! There are some interesting topics. If anyone has any comments or would like to offer some feedback having viewed a lecture, please contact me.

Here is the list for you.

October

Thurs 6, 6pm, [**Tuberculosis: A Cultural History**](#) Professor Joanna Bourke, Barnard's Inn Hall/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/tb-history

Weds 12, 6pm, [**The Lost Cities and Amazing Heritage of Kenya**](#), Robin Walker, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/kenya-cities

Mon 17, 6pm, [**Toussaint Louverture and the Haitian Revolution**](#), Sudhir Hazareesingh, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/toussaint-louverture

Tues 18, 6pm [**Britain's Foreign Policy in a Fast-Changing World**](#), Peter Ricketts, Mercers' Hall/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/britains-fp

Thurs 20, 6pm [**The Politics of Fabric and Fashion in Africa 1960-Today**](#) Christine Checinska David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later, gres.hm/Africa-fashion

November

Tues 1, 6pm, [**Partition of British India, 75 Years On**](#) Kavita Puri, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/India-partition

Mon 7, 6pm [**The Trials of Alexei Navalny**](#) Thomas Grant QC Barnard's Inn Hall, Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/navalny-trials

Tues 8, 6pm, [**Why did Europe's Economies Diverge from Asia?**](#) Professor Martin Daunton, Barnard's Inn Hall, Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/diverge-asia

Thurs 10, 6pm, [**Polio: A Cultural History**](#), Professor Joanna Bourke Barnards' Inn Hall, Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/polio-history

Weds 16, 6pm [**The Irish Question and the Ulster Question Then and Now**](#), Professor Vernon Bogdanor David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/irish-ulster

Weds 23, 6pm [**Lives in Limbo: Jewish Refugees in Portugal, 1940-45**](#) Professor Marion Kaplan, Barnard's Inn Hall/ Online/ Watch Later gres.hm/refugees-portugal

December

Mon 5, 6pm [**London's Air: The 70th Anniversary of the Great London Smog**](#) Visiting Professor Ian Mudway, Barnard's Inn Hall/ Online/ Watch later [gres.hm/londons-air](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/londons-air) (this is an Environmental Health Professor, not strictly History, but should be of interest to local societies)

Tues 6, 1pm, [**The Israel-Palestine Conflict: Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding**](#) by Professor Jolyon Mitchell, Barnard's Inn Hall/ Online/ Watch later [gres.hm/israel-palestine](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/israel-palestine)

Weds 7, 6pm, [**Paganism in Roman Britain**](#), Professor Ronald Hutton, David Game College/ Online/ Watch Later [gres.hm/paganism-roman](https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/paganism-roman)

BY SERIES

[**Finding Britain's Lost Gods \(History of Religion\)**](#)

Professor Ronald Hutton

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/lost-gods>

This is the first series of three sets of lectures devoted to the perennial ‘others’ of the European Christian tradition, those phenomena which have always been present as active forces or cultural memories in Christian Europe and which theological orthodoxy has regarded as suspect. The first of the phenomena consists of the pre-Christian religions of Europe, defined in Christian tradition as paganism. These were suppressed as religious systems at the time of conversion to Christianity but elements of them survived as major components of literature, art, and folklore.

[**Gods of Prehistoric Britain**](#)

6pm, Weds 21 Sep 2022, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/prehistoric-gods>

[**Paganism in Roman Britain**](#)

6pm, Weds 7 Dec 2022, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/paganism-roman>

[**Anglo-Saxon Pagan Gods**](#)

6pm, Weds 1 Feb 2022, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/anglo-saxon-gods>

[**Viking Pagan Gods in Britain**](#)

6pm, Weds 8 Mar 2022, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/viking-gods>

[**Finding Lost Gods in Wales**](#)

6pm, Weds 26 April 2023, City of London Venue tbc / Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/wales-gods>

[**How Pagan Was Medieval Britain**](#)

6pm, Weds 7 June 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/medieval-pagan>

[**Britain's Empire and the Economy**](#) (Economic History)

Professor Martin Daunton

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/britains-empire>

This lecture series by Economic Historian Martin Daunton considers the role of the empire in the growth and development of the British economy. Why did Asia, with levels of income that were similar or even superior to Europe, diverge from Europe from the end of the Middle Ages and even more from 1800? Did

Britain drain wealth from India and impoverish its economy, as argued by nationalist critics? To what extent did Atlantic slavery and plantations underpin the industrial revolution?

Why did Europe's Economies Diverge from Asia

6pm, Tues 8 Nov 2022, Barnard's Inn Hall London/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/diverge-asia>

Slavery and the British Economy

6pm, Tues 7 Feb 2022, City of London Venue to be confirmed (tbc)

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/slavery-british>

Who Benefited from the British Empire

6pm, Tues 4 April 2022, City of London Venue tbc

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/benefit-empire>

Black History Month

Robin Walker, Dr Sudhir Hazareesingh, Dr Christine Checinska

In 2022-3 the series will cover African fashion since Independence; the lost cities and civilisations of Kenya; and Toussaint Louverture and the Haitian revolution.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/black-history-month>

The Lost Cities and Amazing Heritage of Kenya, Robin Walker

6pm, Weds 12 Oct 2022, David Game College, Aldgate, / Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/kenya-cities>

Toussaint Louverture and the Haitian Revolution, Sudhir Hazareesingh

6pm, Mon 17 Oct 2022, David Game College, Aldgate, / Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/toussaint-louverture>

The Politics of Fabric and Fashion in Africa 1960-Today, Dr Christine Checinska

6pm, Thurs 20 Oct 2022, David Game College, Aldgate, / Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/africa-fashion>

A Cultural History of Disease (Medical History)

Professor Joanna Bourke

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/cultural-disease>

Acclaimed cultural historian Professor Joanna Bourke will be exploring six physical maladies that have afflicted people throughout the world: tuberculosis, polio, breast cancer, AIDS, sickle cell disease, and dementia.

Lectures are free, hybrid (in the City of London or online) and can be viewed later. They are all ticketed.

Tuberculosis: A Cultural History

6pm, Thurs 6 Oct 2022, Barnard's Inn Hall London/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/tb-history>

Polio: A Cultural History

6pm Thurs 10 Nov 2022, Barnard's Inn Hall London/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/polio-history>

Breast Cancer: A Cultural History

6pm Thurs 12 Jan 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/breast-history>

AIDS: A Cultural History

6pm, Thurs 16 Feb 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/aids-history>

Sickle Cell Disease: A Cultural History

6pm, Thurs 16 Mar 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/sickle-cell-history>

Dementia: A Cultural History

6pm, Thurs 11 May 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/dementia-history>

More History of Medicine:

The History of Barts' Hospital: Barts at 900, Charles Knight
6pm, Thurs 4 May 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/barts-900>

Ancient Landscapes of Britain (Archaeology)

Mike Pitts, Martin Millett, and Helena Hamerow

Three of Britain's leading Archaeologists present the latest research on Stonehenge, the landscapes of Roman Britain, and the medieval Agricultural Revolution.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/ancient-britain>

Stonehenge: A History

Mike Pitts

6pm, Thurs 23 Feb 2023 City of London Venue tbc/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/stonehenge-history>

Landscapes of Roman Britain

Martin Millett

6pm, Weds 15 Mar 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/roman-landscapes>

The Medieval Agricultural Revolution: New Evidence

Helena Hamerow

6pm, Thurs 23 Mar 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/agricultural-rev>

Portraiture and Power (Art History)

In this series, leading art historians will discuss some of the world's greatest patrons of the arts, and the challenges of depicting them, from Louis XIV and Versailles to images of Queen Victoria, and Queen Elizabeth II. There is also a lecture on portraits of Native American leaders from Pocahontas to Sitting Bull.
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/portrait-power>

Louis XIV: Versailles, Europe and the Arts

Philip Mansel

6pm, Weds 25 Jan 2023 City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/versailles-arts>

Queen Victoria: Images of Power and Empire

Jane Ridley

6pm, Weds 15 Feb 2023 City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/victoria-portraits>

Portraits of Queen Elizabeth II: The Artist's Challenges

Philip Mould

6pm, Thurs 2 Mar 2023 City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/victoria-portraits>

Portraits of Native Americans from Pocahontas to Sitting Bull

Stephanie Pratt

6pm, Tues 28 Mar 2023 City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/american-portraits>

Wren 300

Sir Christopher Wren is probably the most famous Gresham Professor in history: a polymath, architect, mathematician, astronomer, anatomist, and courtier. On the 300th anniversary of his death, this series will explore different aspects of his work.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/wren-300>

Christopher Wren's Cosmos

Professor Katherine Blundell

6pm, Weds 22 Feb 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/wren-cosmos>

The Mathematical Life of Sir Christopher Wren

Professor Sarah Hart

1pm, Tues 7 Mar 2023 City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/maths-wren>

Christopher Wren's Medical Discoveries: The 'Architect of Human Anatomy'

Professor Jaideep Pandit

6pm, Weds 17 May 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/wren-medical>

Sir Christopher Wren: Architect & Courtier

Visiting Professor & Provost Simon Thurley

6pm, Weds 14 June 2023, City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/wren-courtier>

More on Architecture & The Court from Simon Thurley

Progresses: Royal Courts on the Move in Tudor and Stuart England

Visiting Professor & Provost Simon Thurley

6pm, Weds 14 June 2023 City of London Venue tbc/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/royal-progresses>

Holocaust History

Lives in Limbo: Jewish Refugees in Portugal 1940-1945

Professor Marion Kaplan

6pm, Weds 23 Nov 2022, Barnard's Inn Hall/ Online/ Watch Later

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/refugees-portugal>

Politics, Power and Nationhood

This series on Power, Politics and Nationhood has a stellar cast of speakers including Kavita Puri, Vernon Bogdanor, Richard J Evans, Rory Stewart, and Peter Ricketts, and it covers a wide range of topics from the Partition of British India to the Israel-Palestine Conflict and War and Peace in Europe from Hitler to Putin. Visiting Professor Thomas Grant QC will look at Opposition in Russia: The Trials of Alexei Navalny.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/power-politics>

War and Peace in Europe from Hitler to Putin

Professor Richard J Evans
6pm, Tues 27 Sep 2022, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/hitler-putin>

[Britain's Foreign Policy in a Fast-Changing World](#)
Peter Ricketts
6pm, Tues 18 Oct 2022 Mercers' Hall/ Online/ Watch Later
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/britains-fp>

[Partition of British India: 75 Years On](#)
Kavita Puri
6pm, Tues 1 Nov 2022, David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/india-partition>

[Opposition in Russia: The Trials of Alexei Navalny](#)
Thomas Grant
6pm, Mon 7 Nov 2022, Barnard's Inn Hall/ Online/ Watch Later
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/navalny-trials>

[The Irish Question and the Ulster Question Then and Now](#)
Vernon Bogdanor
6pm, Weds 16 Nov 2022 David Game College, Aldgate/ Online/ Watch Later
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/irish-ulster>

[The Israel-Palestine Conflict: Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding](#)
Jolyon Mitchell
1pm Tues 6 Dec 2022, Barnard's Inn Hall/ Online/ Watch Later
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/israel-palestine>

[Afghanistan](#)
Rory Stewart
City of London venue tbc/ Online
6pm, Thurs 8 June 2023
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/thomas-gresham-23>

Women in World Religions
In this series, three historians will discuss: Reclaiming Women in the Hebrew Bible, Women Leaders in Early Christianity and Women, Islam, and Prophecy.
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/series/women-religions>

[Women Leaders in Early Christianity](#)
Morwenna Ludlow
1pm, Weds 5 April 2023
City of London venue tbc/ Online
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/women-christianity>

[Reclaiming Women in the Hebrew Bible](#)
Deborah Kahn-Harris
1pm, Tues 25 April 2023
City of London venue tbc/ Online
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/women-hebrew-bible>

Women, Islam & Prophecy

Shuruq Naguib

1pm, Tues 9 May 2023

City of London venue tbc/ Online

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/women-islam>

Something for everyone, if you do attend any of the lectures in person or virtually, please write a short report about it for the Newsletter.

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Quiz Answers

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- 1) 3
- 2) 1
- 3) 4
- 4) 1
- 5) 4
- 6) 4
- 7) 1
- 8) 2
- 9) 4
- 10) 1