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From your Chairman

We'd like to wish you a Happy New Year!

This update on our plans for the next few months is a change from your usual newsletter as Garry Poulson has been tied up with moving house.

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Dates for Your Diary – 2019

Saturday 26th January, 7:00pm:

History Duel – Bricks and Mortar at the Frank Hutchins Community Hall, Bradley Moore Square, Thatcham RG18 4QH. A follow-on from last year's event – details overleaf

Talks are held in the **Parish Room, St John's Church**, St John's Road, Newbury RG14 7PY.

The Parish Room is on the north side of the Church building, accessed from Newtown Road. The Church has a small car park or on-street parking in the meter bays on Newtown Road is currently free in the evenings.

Admission is free for members or £2.50 for non-members to include tea or coffee and biscuits.

Visitors are most welcome.

Thursday 14th February, 7:30pm – Richard Bennett:

Civic Societies responding to the challenge: a Reading perspective

This talk will cover the history of Reading Civic Society, its membership, projects, member engagement and reflections on Georgian Reading. Richard will comment on Planning Applications and engaging with developers at an early stage; the Reading University prize, and the Civic Voice Design Awards; Its role as part of the Reading Conservation Area Advisory Committee; Updating Conservation Area Appraisals, Contributions to the Local Plan, Article 4 Directions; Using social media and engaging with others who do.

Richard has been chair of the Reading Civic Society since the mid-1990s, chair of Reading's Conservation Area Advisory Committee since 2016, and Hon. Sec. of the Watlington House Trust, a Grade II* listed building, Reading's oldest secular building. He worked in finance for Whitbread, British Rail and the Ministry of Defence, and in January 2018 was commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire

Thursday 14th March, 7:30pm – Phil Wood:

The History of Pubs in Newbury

This talk covers pubs in Newbury past and present, from the earliest records in Tudor times to the introduction of the current licensing system in 2005. Phil will consider how legislation and social change affected pub numbers as well as telling stories of how people from all walks of life used (or abused) their local.

After a career in electronic engineering Phil retired, delighted to have more time to pursue his hobbies. Soon one hobby, local history, took over his life and he now gives talks on a variety of topics related to Newbury's history, the Great War, and family history. He is responsible for the West Berkshire War Memorials website and has researched over 300 names from the Newbury war memorial.

Thursday 11th April, 7:30pm – David Canning: 60 Years at Newbury Station – 1958 to 2018

Thursday 9th May, 7:30pm – Iain Wolloff: Newbury College – the first 70 years and the next 10

The History Duel

Bricks and Mortar

*Which of our two towns has the most important or impressive buildings?
duelling For Newbury and For Thatcham*

Dr. David Peacock



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Dr. Nick Young



Thatcham Historical Society

The Newbury Society is once again bringing together two duelling doctors who will pitch their wit and knowledge against one another and defend their towns' historic edifices.

You can decide which town has the most important buildings from
The medieval, Tudor, Stuart, Georgian or Victorian periods

Booking slip enclosed – 40 tickets per town available, first come first served

Come and support your town duelling doctor on

Saturday 26th January 2019, 7:00pm at

The Frank Hutchings Community Hall

Bradley Moore Square, Thatcham RG18 4QH

Tickets are £8 each to include a drink and nibbles. Further drinks are available.

There is ample parking at Bradley Moore Square which is off Harts Hill Road
immediately south of Floral Way

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