



REDBOURN

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Notes and Information from the Chair

Christmas Meeting

Wednesday 17th December at Redbourn Village Hall

Our talk was titled –

'The History of Christmas Music' - The Willson Consort

Led by Lynn Willson we were guided through a fascinating history of Christmas Music, interspersed with performances by the six-strong Willson Consort, who played examples of Christmas music through the ages, from Renaissance to the present day. The audience was able to sing along to some of the better known carols and many were mesmerised by the different sounds produced by the various instruments, including a variety of recorders.

Christmas Lunch

This event had been attended by 80 members and one guest, so a great response once more. As usual, it was a joyous occasion, and we were very well looked after by the restaurant and kitchen staff. Please note that next year's Christmas Lunch will once again be held at the Golf Club on Monday 7th December. Do hope you will be able to join us.

The Big Quiz – 2026

The Big Quiz will be held once again next year, on Saturday 24th October and will be limited to 60 people, seated at 10 tables.

Theatre and Social events

The Christmas Market outing to Winchester went very well and appeared to be enjoyed by all. Our social calendar for 2025 has concluded, with grateful thanks to Annette for another year of great entertainment that so many of us were able to enjoy.

Annette is busy preparing social events throughout 2026. See 2026 Diary dates below.

So, lots of entertainment for you to look out for and enjoy!

Please contact Annette via annette.cotter@icloud.com with your suggestions on what events you might like her to consider.

Interest Groups – Currently we have 52 groups, with quite a few more in the pipeline, so there is lots of choice. Most groups are able to welcome new members, but if you wish to join a group that is advertised as being currently full, please contact the group

leader direct, or our groups coordinator, Val Brown, via vabrown50@gmail.com or 01582 793174

Diary Dates for 2026

12th February – ‘Red Shoes’ ballet. MK Theatre

April/May – Hampton Court Tulip Festival (TBC)

May – ‘To Kill A Mocking Bird’ MK Theatre (TBC)

Summer – Visit to a Royal Garden (TBC)

August – Coach Outing, destination (TBD)

24th October – The BIG Quiz

Wed 21st January

‘Family History Research in Herts’ - Felicity Brimblecombe

Our New Year opens with Felicity Brimblecombe, who is Chair of the Hertfordshire Family History Society and, having researched family history for over 50 years, she will be talking to us about how to research your own ancestry using both obvious and obscure resources. Intriguing topics such as “What is an orphan?” and “Why do places in America and Australia have Hertfordshire names?” will be included. If you are new to family history, or need help progressing further, then Felicity may well be able to help. Who knows, you might end up finding out that you are related to royalty!!

Finally – if you have any issues or are unsure who to contact, please reach out to me.

I wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year as we look forward to another 12 months of enjoyment and fulfilment.

Barry Welch, Chair

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