



Ropley History Network and Archive

Read our latest articles that can be viewed from the [homepage](#) of our website.

Our researchers and cataloguers have been working hard to produce some interesting articles that will be featured on our website in the next few months. If you have any information that you would like to share on any of these articles, please do comment at the bottom of their pages.

- **Four Marks and Ropley in the Stone Age**
- **The Red Rover Carriage ride 1953 re-enactment**
- **The extraordinary 1929 marriage** of George Evans, Master of the Hunt to Diana Stuart Smith the daughter of local JP of Hall Place, Ropley
- **1823 G and J Carey map** of the local area.
- **Luftwaffe Bombers Crash**, West Tisted 15th August 1940
- **A brief history of Hawthorn, Four Marks.**
- **Past Ropley School Class photos** (available from November)
- **The Bell Tower graves** at St Peter's church (available from November)
- **Images and memories from Ropley Horticultural Society** – many images and memories including their 1986 Christmas Party - (available from November)



1986 RHS Christmas Party in the Coffee rooms - Slide image lent by Rodney Skinner

- **December's Mystery photo - Amateur Dramatics and Operetta in Ropley** - Can you help with the mystery photo? (available from December)

Past Ropley School Class photograph collection - Thank you all those who have posted and sent us class photos, giving names to faces! Keep them coming. Please do look at the photos on our website (type 'Ropley Class' into Search)

October's Researching Local and Family History Day

Thank you to all who attended and took part. An enthusiastic audience enjoyed the two talks. Firstly from Hampshire Records Office who, we learnt, have an amazing amount of records related to our area – available to view in Winchester. Next, Fiona Ranger of Hampshire Genealogy Society also showed us how many records are available locally or online that can help us research our family history. See both of their websites for further information of records that they hold.

Stands from The HGS, The Curtis Museum, Alresford Historical and Literacy Society and Mid Hants Railway were supported by displays from local collectors and, of course, us at Ropley History. New connections were made and much information was shared. A rewarding day!



Getting involved Can you offer your time – however much you feel you can give – to help us develop and grow the archive? Perhaps by joining the Steering group or learning new skills in cataloguing or researching projects. Any contribution would help us preserve our local history

Do you have any local history documents that you would like to share or need some help with? Please get in touch or come along to our fortnightly archive workshop sessions.

Thursdays , November 9th and 23rd /December 7th and 21st from 2-4pm

A Winter Project? Research of your own? If you have an area of local interest that you would like to research but do not know how to get started, get in touch and we can give you some guidance on how to move it forward.

Some queries from Facebook page – Can you help?

'Thank you for adding me to the group. I have been doing some family tree tracing. My mothers name is Joan Privett. I have traced the Privett family back as far 1700's and they are from Ropley. I assume though, that at some point we originated in Privett given the surname.

Our Privett branch are all Londoners. I came out to Australia in 1986. I have now discovered there's a branch of the Privett tree over here from convict days!

If anyone has any information on the family I would love to hear from them.

Fascinating stuff! - from Sally-Ann Barbara

'Hi! I'm new to this group. I recently joined because I am researching my family the Zillwoods or Sellwoods and my husband is researching his family, Tocker or Tucker, we live in NZ and are planning a trip over in 2025' - from Elaine Tocker

***Thank you for your continued interest, involvement and support
Ropley History Network and Archive Steering Group***

www.ropleyhistory.org.uk

ropleyhistory@gmail.com