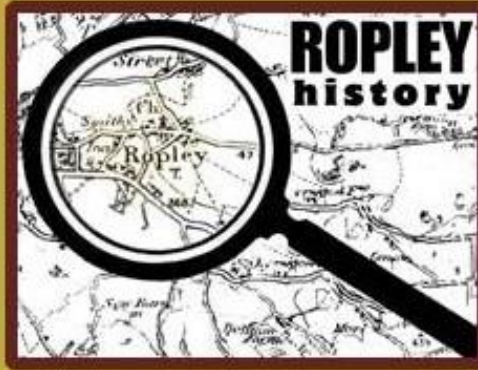


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Latest Projects

Two exciting events for 2023 - August 3rd and October 14th

Thursday August 3rd - Archaeology Talk

A talk on the Archaeology of Ropley – 50,000BCE to 1800C

***A talk of prehistoric gold, shrouded Saxon origins and Stuart controversy,
will all be revealed***

Ropley may not be at the centre of the history of Hampshire, let alone England, but this sleepy village hides ancient gold treasure.....

The talk will discuss Ropley's ancient history from Stone Age to the beginning of the Industrial Age seen through the finds and documents dug up by local historians and archaeologists. A landscape very different to ours now from the stone age rivers long since dried up, to Bronze age cemeteries and Brittonic and Roman farmsteads, to the beginning of Ropley – a Saxon settlement in a vast forest.

Venue and parking – Ropley Parish Hall, Ropley SO24 ODS

Time - 7pm for 7.30 start. Bar

Tickets- £5 to buy at Ropley Courtyard Stores, Church Street, Ropley or on the door on the night. Also available to reserve via our email

Saturday 14th October

Researching Your Local and Family History

Please come along to a day providing **two talks** that will give a great opportunity to learn about what records may be available locally and how to use them including guidance in researching family history, general and locally.

On the Day - 10.30am – 3.30pm – Open to all to view, free, throughout the day - displays and stands from local history groups with book and research information on sale. Also on show will be collections, from local archivists, of photographs and documents to view as a favourite feature of our events including our own website and some of its archives.

The Talks Tickets required £5 (per talk) via St Peters Church website. Also available to reserve via our email OR to buy at Ropley Courtyard Stores, Church Street, Ropley OR on the door on the day. But it would help very much if you would be kind enough to purchase your tickets beforehand to help us gauge numbers attending.

11.30am – 12.30pm - *Starting out on local history using Hampshire archives: illustrated with examples from Ropley and elsewhere.* - A talk by Sarah Lewin from the Hampshire Records Office

1.30pm – 2.30pm - *Your Ancestors Uncovered - how to start your own family history research.*

Fiona Ranger from the Hampshire Genealogy Society will give guidance on subjects that include certificates, censuses and parish registers, all very valuable resources for tracing your genealogy. The talk will end with how to record your research in a family tree.

Refreshments - Tea and Coffee will be available to buy, but if you staying for both talks please feel free to bring a packed lunch where there will be tables provided to eat, chat and relax.

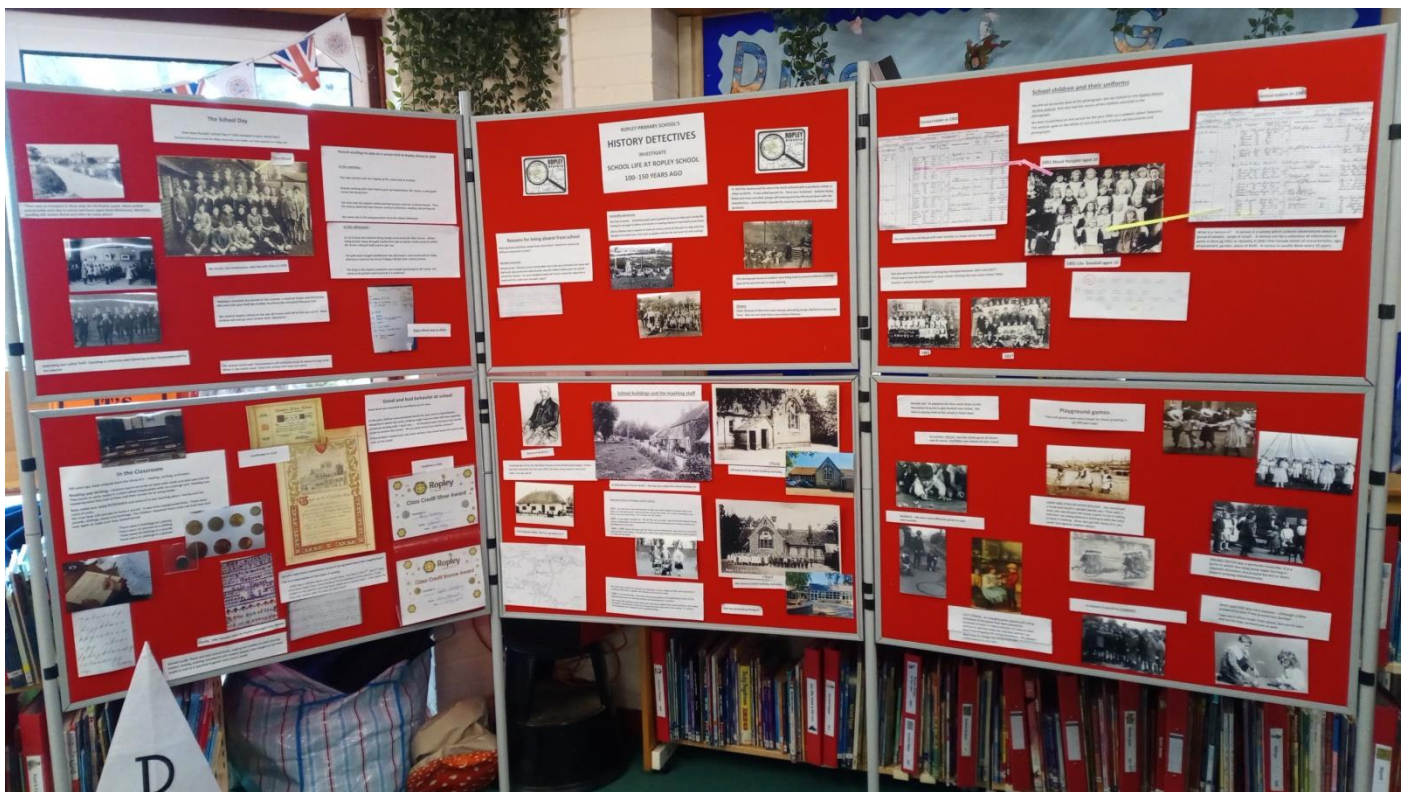
Venue and parking – St Peters Church, Ropley SO24 0DS or Ropley Parish Hall car park. (Further details on our Events page)

Support - is always very much appreciated. If you would like to support us with these events we would very much appreciate your help.... Manning the door, making refreshments, setting up etc. Please can you contact us via email or on 773243 Thank you.

Ropley Primary School's HISTORY DETECTIVES have investigated school life at Ropley 100 years ago. They researched the school buildings, staff and lessons and how they compared to the present day. But they also looked at playground games, school uniform, why a child might be absent from school and even good and bad behaviour and how it was dealt with in those days.

The display is at present up at the school but very soon a PDF version of their project will be available to view on our website - we will advertise as soon as it is available.

History Detectives will be back in next spring but if you would like further details about it please go to ropleyhistory.org.uk or contact us via email.



Pram Race Archive on the Website – Thank you to all those who contributed to our ever growing Pram Race photographic collection on our website. Please continue to do so. We also hope you enjoyed the display on this year's race day too! We intend to come back next year.

To learn about the history of the pram race, to view the hundreds of photos of past pram races and help put names to faces - go to our website –

<https://www.ropleyhistory.org.uk/village-history/ropley-pram-race>

Latest Projects – If you have any information- even just photos, about the history of

- **Myrtle farm history** – please contact us on Ropleyhistory@gmail.co
- **Stapley Lane/Parkstone Road and Webb Lane history** – please contact - Richard Venn at Langdale, Stapley Lane or r_venn@icloud.com

Getting involved - Our Archiving Thursday workshops, getting involved and other latest news, can also be found on the website and on our Facebook page. Our next session is on the Thursday 6th July (2-4pm)and then fortnightly after that. If you would like to join and help our band of volunteers - you would be very welcome. Or if you have any documents that you would like to share or have some help with, please come along or get in touch.

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