



Heritage Crafts & Industries: a closer look at a bygone era

FEE: £12.50 for TVN MEMBERS
 £14.50 FOR NON TVN

St Paul's Parish Rooms, Reading Rd, Wokingham, RG41 1EH
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Many small agricultural settlements developed into larger market towns by serving each other and then the wider community. Wokingham was no exception; Royal Charters from 1219 granted 'the right to hold a market every week' and, as money was to be made, business and industry arrived over the subsequent years.

A closer look at the heritage crafts and industries which made Wokingham is both fascinating and varied - crafts which sustained whole families have gradually died out and factories which employed a good percentage of the population have come and gone.

Programme

- 10.00 Registration & Refreshments
- 10.20 Welcome
- 10.30-1130 The Silk Industry; The Ups & Downs of Silk Stockings - Meridith Towne
- 11.30-1145 Comfort Break
- 11.45-12.45 Bricks & Bells - John Harrison
- 12.45 Lunch - Susie Berry (Chair of TVN) will be catering for a delicious pre-booked buffet lunch at £6.00 per head

AFTERNOON OPTIONS

- 14.00 Option A - Talk: The Traditional Broom Makers, with demo from a modern craftsman
 Option B - Walk: 'Blue Plaque Trail' around Wokingham's historic centre with Anne & John Harrison. (Meet at the front door for this 2 mile stroll of approx. 1.5 hours)
- 15.00-15.30 Berkshire Record Office gives an overview of their connected holdings with a view to continued personal research
- 15.30 Close - with refreshments before departure

Meridith Towne - Meridith is a costume historian and, as a historical dressmaker, she helps museums and historical properties to create costumes to compliment exhibitions and enhance visitor experience. Meridith also tours the country offering lively informative presentations told through fashion.

John Harrison - John is a member of Wokingham U3A and has a wide variety of interests. He is a photographer, hill-walker, engineer, ergonomist, author, bell ringer and more! John has shared his knowledge and enthusiasm for many years by giving a wide range of special interest talks.

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