

TEST-PIT DIGGING – JULY 20TH 2014 Last year’s theme for the Group was archaeology, and we are extremely grateful to Rachel Clarke and David Kenny for providing us with a great deal of information about the subject across two workshops last July. Part 1 was a presentation about archaeological processes and techniques, with advice and guidance about the practicalities involved in investigations. Part 2 provided us with the opportunity to put some of the theory into practice with test-pit digging in the garden at Clerk’s Cottage, Tilty. Although we



didn’t discover any buried treasure, we did come across many interesting items of various kinds, and thoroughly enjoyed the process of digging them out. The day’s events were well attended, and people participated in a variety of tasks, including digging, clearing and sieving the earth from the pits, and washing, sorting and recording the finds. It was a useful learning

experience, and we are planning another dig this autumn – over two days in September.

We had a good turnout for the Pillbox Walk on **SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER** – 25 people, and one dog! Alf Wright lead us on an interesting tour around the numerous pillboxes in the vicinity – most of which can be viewed from public footpaths. However, we were also very grateful to several people who allowed us to take a look inside pillboxes located in their gardens. Alf also put together a Pillbox Quiz for the day; results and prizes were announced at the A.G.M. in January (congratulations to the winner, John Stevens). If you haven’t taken a look yet, Alf’s report on local pillboxes can be found on the Group’s website at:



<http://www.tiltyhistoryprojects.co.uk/all-our-stories/places-and-events/pillboxes>

GENERAL MEETINGS – AUTUMN 2014

The September Meeting was entitled ‘The Best Years of our Lives’, and **Darren Stone** and **Alf Wright** gave us a presentation on local schools, scholars and teachers. There were some great stories, and several people shared memories of their formative years with us. **Tim Turner** was the speaker at our November meeting, and provided us with a fascinating and informative evening on the subject of tea and its significance in British history and culture. There was also a lively Q&A session, and the chance for people to take a look at the many interesting artefacts relating to tea (and its consumption) that Tim – and several of our members – had brought along to the meeting.

We had a really interesting range of speakers and talks in 2014, and our programme for 2015 is now available on the website.

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH:

A HISTORY OF EASTON LODGE – THE COUNTESS AND HER GARDENS

A talk by **Claire Matthews**

And don’t forget ‘Snowdrop Sundays’
at the Gardens of Easton Lodge –

22nd February and 1st March



2015 -- GENERAL MEETING DATES:

Tues	MARCH 10th
Tues	MAY 12th
Tues	JULY 14th
Tues	SEPTEMBER 8th
Tues	NOVEMBER 10th