



MAY 2023 is liberally studded with Bank Holiday Mondays – on the 1st, 8th and 29th. The extra holiday on the 8th is, of course, for the Coronation of King Charles III on May 6th. And as there are



several events taking place locally to mark the occasion, we're setting up a 'Coronation Events' section on the TALHG website for contributions. Stories and photographs are welcomed, if you'd care to share them. And we are also interested in items relating to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, on 2nd June 1953. We've already been given a copy of a Souvenir Programme produced by the Borough of Saffron Walden. It has some intriguing items amongst a range of celebratory events. In the 'Children's Entertainments' section, for example, it announces that the first child born in the Borough on or after Coronation Day will receive a decorated Christening Cake and Cheque. And that the second child born on or after the day will receive 'a handsome gift of a Silver Spoon'. It would be interesting to know if anything similar is planned locally for King Charles's Coronation!



OTHER EVENTS IN MAY

NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND will be taking place on 13th/14th May. In Essex, Beeleigh Steam Mill and Finchingfield Post Mill are open on both days, and Alderford Water Mill, Mountnessing Post Mill and Stock Tower Mill on Sunday 14th. Information about these mills and the Mills Weekend can be found here: <https://www.explore-essex.com/blog/national-mills-weekend>

TALHG – in conjunction with the Gardens of Easton Lodge – will be having an information stand at a "Love Your Local Library Day" in Dunmow Library, as the theme for the event is Local History. This will be taking place on Saturday 27th May, and we'll be there from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. And on Sunday 28th May we'll be having an information stand at The Three Horseshoes in Dutton Hill, as part of the "Tilty Flower Festival on Tour" event. The Beer Festival is also taking place that weekend (from 26th-29th May)!

GENERAL MEETINGS: SEPTEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023

Our meetings have been very well attended, and the presenters much appreciated. In **SEPTEMBER 2022** Peter Walker, an author and map expert, gave a talk about the County Maps of Essex from 1576 to the first Ordnance Survey Map of 1805. Peter has published an excellent book on the subject, and brought along several examples of the maps discussed for us to look at. It was an interesting and informative evening, with many insights into the social history of the periods covered. In fact we liked Peter's presentation so much that we invited him back, and he gave us an enjoyable follow-up talk in **MARCH 2023** on the changing face of OS maps from 1805-2020.

Derek Connell gave a talk entitled "Philatelic Aspects of London" in **NOVEMBER 2022**, which featured a selection from his extensive collection of first-day covers and postage stamps. The first part of the talk related to historic events in London, and the second part to notable buildings. Stanley Gibbons have published a series of articles by Derek on this subject.



Our AGM went well in **JANUARY 2023** – finances are sound, membership strong, and the Committee willing to continue! There was a good turnout, and we thoroughly enjoyed Tim Turner's presentation on "Tactile Antiques". He brought along an eclectic selection of items for us to look at, and to handle – from bamboo canes to silver spoons. It was an interesting and sociable evening – and there was cake!

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023

There is an external speaker for this meeting: Ken McDonald, from the Hundred Parishes Society, with a presentation entitled "A Stroll Through the Hundred Parishes"