



Programme

HIGHAM VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

2026 - 27

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Programme for 2026 - 2027

May 21st 8pm

AGM followed by History of Halling

Philip Badman

June 25th 6.30pm

A Walk around Mid-Higham

Andrew Rootes

July 16th 8pm

Chatham Intra: The Rochester End

Rob Flood

September 12th

Heritage Open day - History of Working Lives

September 17th 8pm

Murder: 4 local cases reviewed

Keith Whitnell

November 19th 8pm

Seasonal Myths of Kent

Mark Lewis

January 21st 8pm

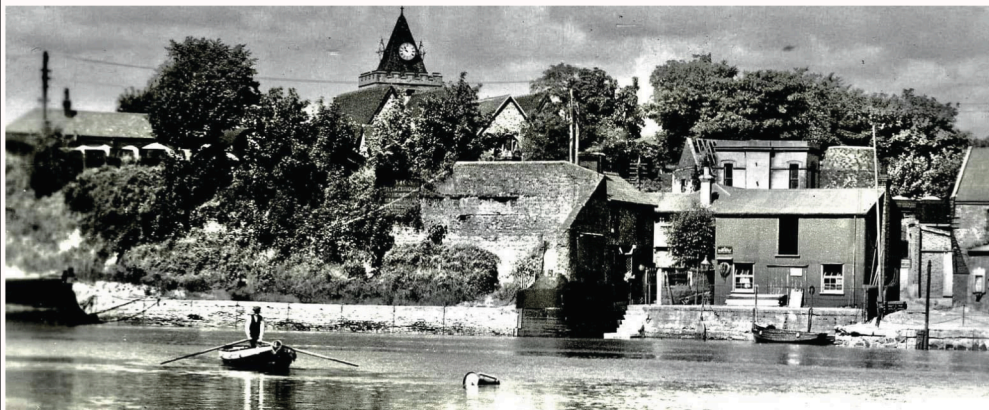
Higham: Buildings & Architecture

Andrew Rootes

March 18th 8pm

The Feminine Touch at Sea

Andy Theobald



AGM
FOLLOWED BY
HISTORY OF HALLING
21 MAY 2026, 8PM
PHILIP BADMAN

**Halling's name; famous residents;
links with Rochester; the Bishops' Palace;
'Cement City'; Halling's oldest buildings;
the ferry; local farming and river industries;
medieval wall paintings in St John the Baptist Church.**

St John's Church Hall

Hermitage Rd

Higham ME3 7DB

Members: Free

Guests: £5.00

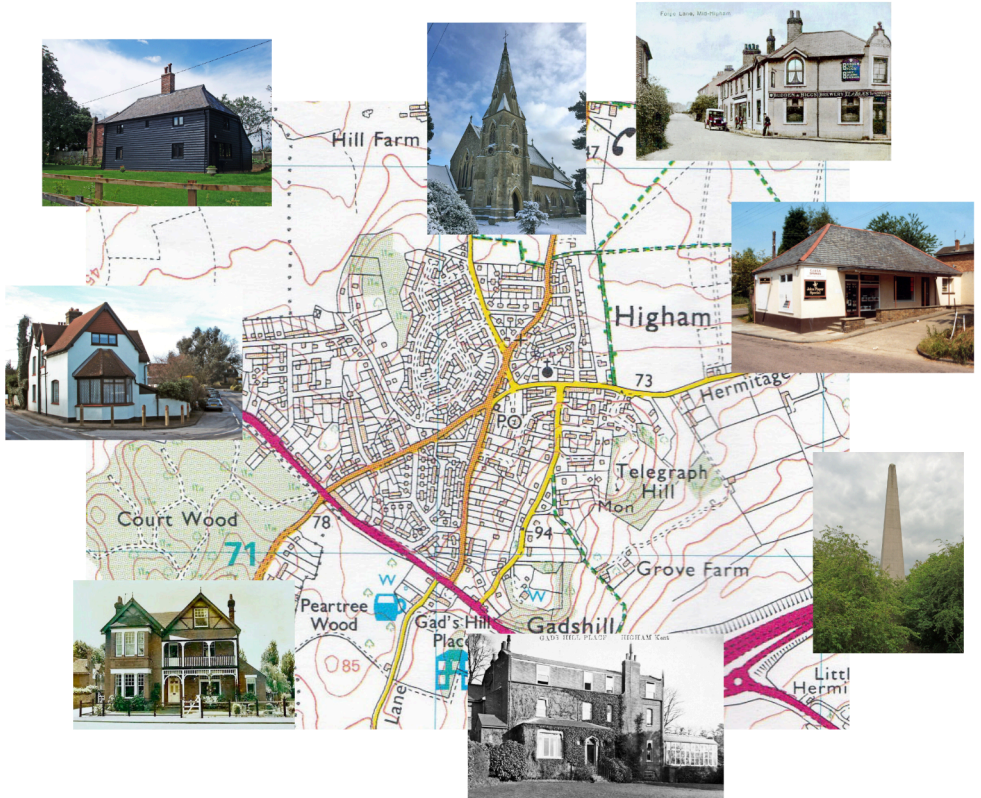
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**HIGHAM VILLAGE
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A Walk around Mid-Higham with Andrew Rootes



June 25th, meet in

Gardeners' car park 6.30 pm

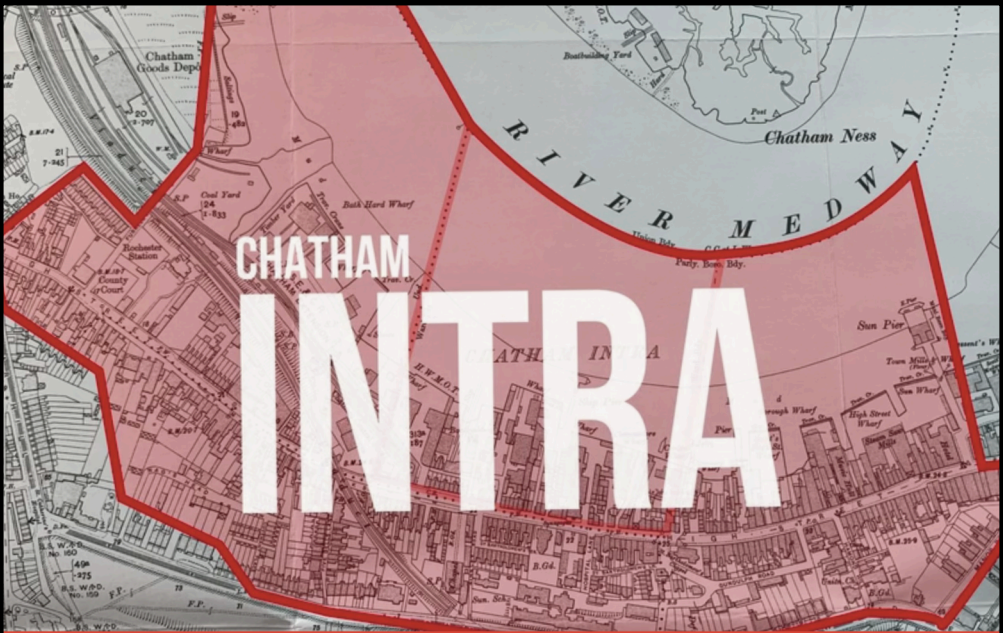
We would be particularly interested afterwards to see any old photographs of the village people might wish to share.

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THE ROCHESTER END a talk by Rob Flood 16TH JULY 2026

St John's Church Hall,
Hermitage Rd,
Higham ME3 7DB

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Intra is a bit like a safety pin. It holds the historic city-towns of Rochester and Chatham together, pinned tight against the outside of an acute bend in Kent's greatest river – the River Medway. Intra's spine is Watling Street (the old A2) built by the Romans between London and Canterbury, via Rochester – the furthest downstream crossing point of the Medway

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Heritage Open Day 'History of Working Lives'



**Our display will be at St John's Church in Higham on
12th September from 11am to 4pm.**

Further details will be available nearer the time



**Join us in 2026 on the
12th September**

As ever Ride+Stride is a wonderful way to enjoy getting out and about safely as well as raising much-needed funds to support Grant applications from churches and chapels across the country.

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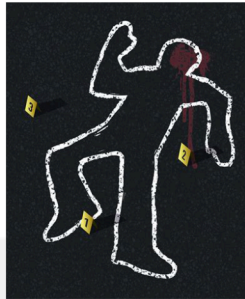
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MURDER : 4 local cases

a talk by **Keith Whitnell**
17th September 2026



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Seasonal Customs of Kent Mark Lewis

19th November 2026, 8pm

**St John's Church Hall
Hermitage Rd
Higham ME3 7DB**

**Members: Free
Guests: £5.00
Inc. Seasonal refreshments**



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**WHO BUILT THE
STRUCTURES WE
SEE AROUND US**



**WHY WERE THEY
BUILT**

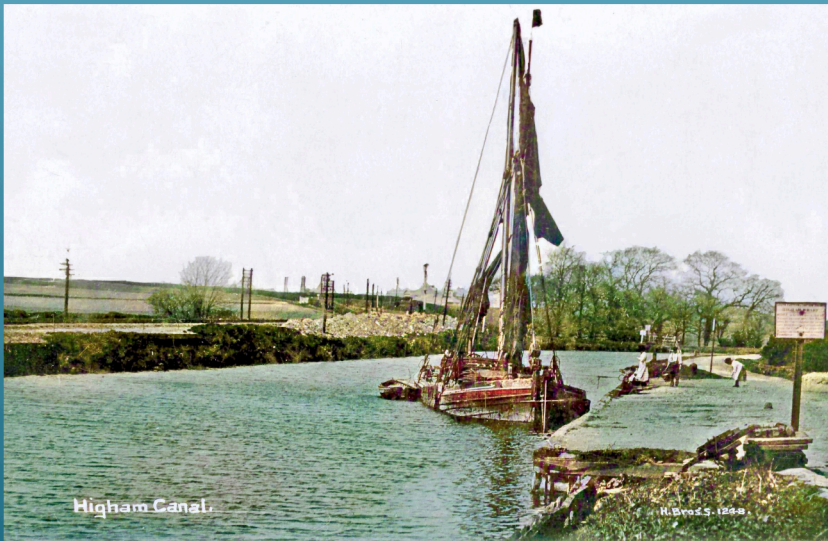


**HOW WERE THEY
BUILT**



**WHAT IMPACT
HAVE THEY HAD**

HIGHAM: BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURE



A talk by Andrew Rootes

St John's Church Hall,
Hermitage Rd,
Higham ME3 7DB

21st January 2027

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Guests: £5.00
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The Feminine Touch at Sea:

Cleopatra's fleet; female pirates; whores & lovers; WRNS
and the modern fighting woman

A talk by Andy Theobald
18th March 2027



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Annual membership 2026/27 costs £15 per person.

If you would like to become a member or renew your membership of the Higham Village History Group, please either go on line to our website at

www.highamvillagehistory.org.uk

and follow the instructions to join,

or complete the information below and forward it, with payment, to

The Membership Secretary, 12, Villa Rd, Higham,
Rochester, Kent ME3 7BS,

or pay at the next meeting.

NAME:

Address:

Tel No:

Email Address:



The Archive Drop-in sessions are on the first Friday of the month in Higham Library.

All are welcome to drop in anytime between 11.00am and 12.00pm to take a look at our collection of photographs, maps and other items relating to Higham over the years. Members of the Committee will be in the Library to help. Just come along or if you have a specific question, drop us an email or phone us on 01634 718285 and we can do some research in advance.

As a new venture we have created a library of many of our historical photographs for you to visit online. Each photograph is available to digitally download to your computer at a small cost of £1:50+vat per image.

Other formats are available online.

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