



## BENFLEET & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### PROGRAMME

2026

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## MEETINGS PROGRAMME

2026

Membership fee £10 annually  
Visitors £3 per meeting  
Meetings held at 7.30 p.m. at Richmond Hall, Benfleet  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month (unless a Bank Holiday)

JANUARY  
5<sup>TH</sup>

**Joanne Larnar**  
'1066 - HAROLD'

FEBRUARY  
2<sup>ND</sup>

AGM FOLLOWED BY  
**Alan Clark, Singer**

MARCH  
2<sup>ND</sup>

**David Dunford**  
'GALLEYWOOD RACES'

APRIL  
20<sup>TH</sup>

**Brian Carline**  
'OUR STREET'

OCTOBER  
5<sup>TH</sup>

**Keith Lovell**  
'HISTORY THROUGH ESSEX TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS'

NOVEMBER  
2<sup>ND</sup>

**Elinor Prizeman**  
'THE HISTORY OF ESSEX WITCHES'

DECEMBER  
7<sup>TH</sup>

**Christmas Party**

## OUTINGS PROGRAMME

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Please note that due to the age and style of the buildings there will be a number of steps to negotiate and no lift, which may prevent some members enjoying full access.

Please check venue website for accessibility details.

Balance of payment is requested by cheque when boarding the coach.

MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
£43.50

**Tenterden & Godinton House  
Tour with Tea & Cake**

JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
£34.50

**Polesden Lacey, Surrey**

JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
£31

**Somerleyton Hall, Lowestoft**

AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>  
£45

**Jordans Mill & John Bunyan  
Community Boat Cruise &  
Cream Tea**

SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
£37

**Ascott House,  
Buckinghamshire**

DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
£19

**Kensington for Museums**