



STUDY DAY – Saturday 28 October 2017, 10.30 - 4.30 (10 coffee)

Inns, Alehouses and Taverns

... an undeniably intoxicating subject ...

This year's WBR annual study day at Market Lavington Community Hall will look into places for drinking and hospitality. We shall consider their amenities and services provided, and explore how buildings were designed or adapted to meet the needs of the community they served.

Duncan James – Timber-framed Taverns In the past most town and villages had far more pubs than today. The majority now serve other functions, commercial or domestic. These smaller premises might well be adaptations of domestic buildings. Duncan's talk will focus on timber-framed buildings of 15th - 17th C, adapted to form alehouses. He will point out features to look for to identify them. Duncan has been analysing buildings for over 20 years in Herefordshire and surrounding counties, specialising in timber-framed structures. 'Insight – Historic Buildings Research' was established in 2002 in partnership with his wife, Alison. Duncan is a member of the Society of Architectural Historians and The Vernacular Architecture Group, is on the Committee of the Woolhope Club, Hereford. He is the author of a variety of publications.

Robert Jago – Inns and Innkeepers in 18th century Wiltshire Robert will talk about the background of innkeepers and the services they offered at their establishments, particularly the leisure activities they sponsored. He has gathered material from 3 major sources: probate records, insurance policy registers and (above all) newspapers. After working as an archives assistant in Cornwall Record Office at Truro, Robert attained his archives M.A. at Liverpool University. He's worked for Wiltshire Archives (first at Trowbridge, then Chippenham), and he's now in his 26th year in that post. For about the past 20 years he's been gathering information on 18th C Wiltshire inns.

David Carter – Alehouses and Pubs of North Devon People do like pubs. They are often the focus of village life and history. But what other purposes did they serve, and have their numbers increased or decreased over the years? David shows how the history of pubs and alehouses can be researched. He'll also give us an illustrated historical tour of pubs in North Devon and in particular, his home village of Appledore, with some startling conclusions. David lived in Swindon for almost 50 years before Devon. He worked in the architecture and building industry for 30 years, and now runs Nimrod Research with his wife Jenny. He undertakes research on buildings, and has just published his third book on the history of Appledore where he now lives.

Mike Marshman – Brewing in Late Saxon and Medieval Times Mike will give an overview on the development of brewing and retailing from Saxon to late medieval times for which there are very few remaining buildings. Mike recently retired after 28 years as Wiltshire's Local Studies Librarian, has written 7 books and over 150 articles, has researched brewing and ale selling for many years and has an interest in the medieval period.

Pam Slocombe – Early Inns; their Form and Function Pam will discuss the motives of the builders of early inns, the design of the buildings and what they offered to travellers and the local community. Pam founded the Wiltshire Buildings Record in 1979, co-founded the Wiltshire Local History Forum in 1985, and is the author of a variety of books. She is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Tickets £16.50, or £14 WBR members, Senior Citizens & Students. Optional buffet lunch, booked in advance, £8.75 per head. Contact Dorothy Treasure on **01249 705508**
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