

Dear Members

## OCTOBER UPDATE

Our September event was another huge success and guest speaker, Lorna Thompson, was enjoyed tremendously by all who attended. Thanks must go to all our members who brought in their old clothes for display. Folk are still talking about it and it was the best attended event for 2018.

We have a very busy time ahead at the close of 2018. Gilmorton Parish Council, with help from our history group, is putting on a remembrance event in the village hall to commemorate 100 years since WWI. This will be on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**.

There will a morning service in the church at 10.30 am. Muffled bells will be rung in respect. The village hall will be open from 11.00am till 3.00pm for free refreshments and displays. We hope to have flags, poppies, music of the time and articles from our archives. The church bells will be rung again during the afternoon (without the muffle) in celebration. In the evening, it's all down to the Pavilion for the celebratory lighting of the Beacon at 7pm along with other beacons across the Country. Although not one of our usual "events" it should be a very special day and we hope you can join us at any or all of these locations.

Our final event for 2018 will be **Ancient Gilmorton**. This will be on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.00am**. We have guest speaker Dale Trimble on Tuesday night talking about the findings of the Archaeological survey that was out carried in Mill Lane, prior to the building application there. Bob Wells is our second guest speaker on Wednesday morning. He is from Lutterworth Field walkers and will be giving us a talk and demonstrating "Flint Knapping". On loan from Lutterworth museum we have the Gilmorton Hoard complete with G4S security and armed guards!!! (Although it might be Bob). There will also be our usual displays around the hall. Not one to be missed.

Our **3<sup>rd</sup> AGM is Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**. We know that these can be boring at times but we have to have them. They are quite informal with the usual refreshments on hand. The group does need you there and it is your opportunity to have your say on any aspect of what we have done or the plans for the future.

We have already booked the village hall for event dates in 2019 as we have to "get in quick". The topics have yet to be decided but some have been ear marked along with suggestions for visits out. It looks like it will be another successful year.

**At both the November event and the AGM you have the opportunity to renew your GHG membership.**

Since the GHG began we have kept our membership and entry fees the same. We do feel that there is now a need to increase the annual membership fee. For 2019 the membership fee will go from £6 to £8 per year with the entry fee of £2 on the day remaining the same.

We do hope you understand the need for the increase as it will enable us to continue to provide professional, varied and interesting events/trips. Our guest speakers during 2018 each charged the history group a fee but we have not passed this on to members. Trips out generally do not make any profit as we try to make them as cheap as possible for members.

**PLEASE** come along - remember – this is **YOUR** history group.

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## **BREAKING NEWS ...**

As you may know for the past 2 years we have thought about, talked about, conjugated, procrastinated, investigated and finally decide to push forward have our own Web Site. We settled on a professional Web builder and designer who is also local, based in Lutterworth.

After providing us with an official quote our next hurdle was to secure funding. A few options were available and we finally decided to apply to the Wind Farm Fund via Gilmorton Parish Council. The application form was completed and submitted and this was subsequently discussed at Parish Council meeting on Monday evening.

We had to attend the meeting to put our case forward and respond to questions from the Parish Council committee.

Then finally on Tuesday morning a call came through from the Parish Council to say that we had been successful in our application!!!

It's great news for us, our members and the Gilmorton villagers too, even the wider community. Eventually everyone will have access to all our archives instead of them being locked away in a cupboard in a locked village hall.

We feel it's the way forward and are ready for some more hard work to get it established. But for now let's enjoy the success so far.