

## The Great Bed at Ware Museum

Ken Weeks is chairman of Ware Museum Trust. He masterminded the temporary return in 2012 of The Great Bed to its home town from the V & A Museum.

He will tell us how the loan was achieved and how it was beneficial to the people of Ware.



The Great Bed in the Museum, 2013  
Photograph by Terry Askew

## AGM

### Note change of venue from Ware to Hertford

Jean Riddell will talk about the humorous narrative poem, "The Diverting History of John Gilpin," written by William Cowper and published in 1782.

## Changes

I am now in my 6th year as the chairman, HWLHS. I have been fortunate to work with an excellent committee. However, there are going to be changes.

At the 2015 AGM, the resignations will take effect of Stuart Wright, our membership secretary, and Elizabeth Dodwell, our registration officer.

The following people will be resigning at the 2016 AGM: Janet Sheail, our programme secretary and Philip Sheail, our Journal editor.. By that date, I will have been chairman for 7 years and I feel it would be good to have someone else leading the Society.

If we are to continue beyond the 2016 AGM, it is evident that we will need several new committee members,. Please ring me on 01992 423879, if you would like to ensure the future of HWLHS by helping with its organisation. Thank you!

A Happy New Year to You All!

Gill Cordingley

# Hertford and Ware Local History Society

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Visitors and new members always  
welcome

Meetings commence at 8 pm

## Spring Programme 2015

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# Spring Programme 2015 at a glance

8h January at  
St Mary's Church Hall,  
Ware

**Treasures from the  
Hertfordshire Archives**  
Speaker: Marion Hill

## Treasures from the Hertfordshire Archives

Marion Hill is the recently appointed Learning & Access Officer at HALS. She will bring along pictures of items from the collection that she finds particularly interesting..

12th February at  
St Andrew Centre,  
Hertford

**The Great Rising of 1381**  
Speaker: Ian White

## The Great Rising of 1381

Ian White is a founder member of the Stanstead Abbots Local History Society. His talk will explore life in Medieval Hertfordshire during the time of the Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt.

12th March at St Mary's  
Church Hall, Ware

**The Pulhams of Brox-  
bourne**  
Speaker: Claude Hitching

## The Pulhams of Broxbourne

Claude Hitching has produced a book about the firm James Pulham of Broxbourne. This firm produced hard rock features for landscape gardens in Victorian and Edwardian times. To-day there are interesting Pulham gardens still in existence, many of which Claude has visited.

9th April at  
St Andrew Centre,  
Hertford

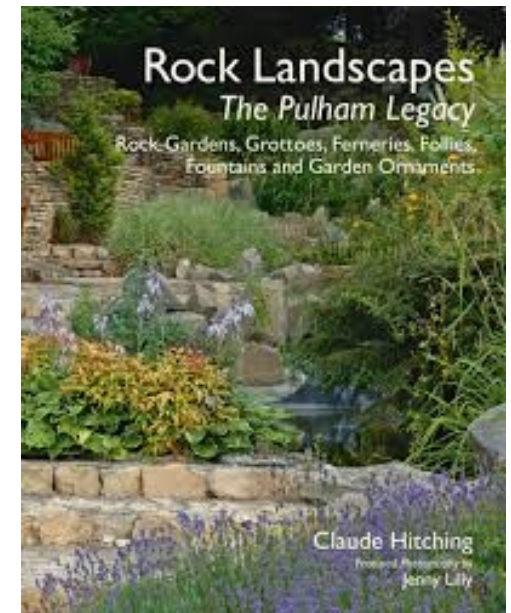
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Museum**  
Speaker: Ken Weeks

7th May at  
St Andrew Centre,  
Hertford

**A.G.M.  
John Gilpin's Ride**  
Speaker: Jean Riddell



A 15th Century representation of John Ball encouraging the rebels. Wat Tyler is dressed in red on the right of the picture.



**The cover of  
Claude Hitching's book**