

The Story of St Leonard's Church

Gill is fortunate to live very near St Leonard's Church. In fact, she sees it every day from her window. Her talk is based on historical facts, information from the archives, evidence from the building itself and informed conjecture.

The cult of St Leonard was spread throughout Europe and there are many churches dedicated to this good man. He is the patron saint of prisoners.



St Leonard's Church, Bengoe
Hertford's oldest building.

An Open and Shut Case

Stuart has agreed to liven up the formality of our A.G.M. by giving us a light-hearted presentation which will, no doubt, make us all laugh. We will, therefore, be ending our current season of talks in an amusing way. Thank you Stuart! Thanks also for being our membership secretary!

The River Lea

Richard Thomas is a well known local historian. He will talk about the river with a particular emphasis on its importance in the development and prosperity of the town of Ware.



Gazebos on the River Lea at Ware



St. Mary's Church, Ware



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St Andrew's Church, Hertford

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Spring Programme 2008 at a glance

10th January at
St. Andrew's Church,
Hertford

George Augustus Towers
(1802-1882)
Speaker: Frances Luck

14th February at
St Mary's Church Annexe,
Ware

Inns and Incumbents
A further look at
Carrington's Diary
Speaker: Jean Riddell

13th March at
St. Andrew's Church,
Hertford

**The Story of
St Leonard's Church**

Speaker: Gill Cordingley

10th April at
St Mary's Church Annexe,
Ware

The River Lea

Speaker: Richard Thomas

8th May at
St Mary's Church Annexe,
Ware

A.G.M.

An Open and Shut Case

Speaker: Stuart Wright

George Augustus Towers

The full title of Frances's talk is:
"*The Old Man and the "C"*". The excellent life and curious death of George Augustus Towers (1802—1882). "Mr Towers worked as a surgeon at Hertford County Hospital where he also lived. In his leisure time he painted accomplished water colours of local scenes.

Frances works as a registrar at County Hall. Her trained mind gives her a special awareness of the possible stories that might lie behind the written facts recorded in the registers. She has certain suspicions about the death of Mr Towers. The "C" refers to "chloral hydrate." This was a substance used as an anaesthetic. Did Mr Towers accidentally overdose himself or did someone close to him administer a fatal dose? Frances will reveal all (or at any rate as much as she can!)



Hertford County Hospital

Inns and Incumbents

John Carrington, the C18th diarist from Bramfield, had a great many connections with local inn keepers. As an overseer of the poor and a tax collector, John also had dealings with the local clergy. Jean will remind us of some of the events of John's life.



The Salisbury Arms Hotel, Hertford

