

## Shopping in 17th Century Hertford

Alan Thomson is a member of our Society. Several years ago, he gave us a fascinating talk on the Ware Mutiny. The Parliamentary troops had not been paid for a long time and their lack of cash was one of the factors behind the rebellion.

Presumably, the soldiers did not do much shopping in Hertford! However, for most of its history Hertford has been a prosperous commercial centre.

Did the good ladies of the 17th Century follow the maxim of “shop till you drop”? Alan will no doubt enlighten us.



### Oliver Cromwell 1599—1658

His decisive handling of the mutiny on the Meads between Hertford and Ware was a turning point in his career. Was he interested in the Hertford shops?

## How the Town was Run: Hertford Corporation 1900

Philip is a member of our Society. He has made a particular study of the civic life of Hertford in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

Decision making and contracting for public works was carried out by the men of a few important families: e.g. Longmores and MacMullens. These men sent their employees on errands and tasks around the town. They acted both as clients and contractors.

Administration was remarkably simple. Things got done! (The Library had been opened in 1888.)



Hertford Borough Library

### An Evening with Eddie

Eddie Roche is well known to many local people. He was born in Hertford, educated at Hertford Grammar School and for many years ran a business in the town.

He has access to a fine collection of slides and is sure to provide us with an interesting and entertaining presentation.



# Hertford and Ware Local History Society

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St Andrew's Church, Hertford

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# Spring Programme 2009 at a glance

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

**The Buxtons of Easneye**  
Speaker: Dr Paul Davies

12th February at  
St. Andrew's Church,  
Hertford

**Carrington and the Gentry**  
A further look at  
Carrington's Diary  
Speaker: Jean Riddell &  
Gill Cordingley

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

**Shopping in 17th Century  
Hertford**

Speaker: Dr Alan Thomson

9th April at  
St. Andrew's Church,  
Hertford

**How the Town was Run:  
Hertford Corporation  
1900**

Speaker: Philip Sheail

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

**A.G.M.**

**An Evening with Eddie**

Speaker: Eddie Roche

## The Buxtons of Easneye

All Nations Christian College at Stanstead Abbots was once the home of the Buxton family. They were committed to working towards the abolition of slavery.

Dr. Paul Davies is a lecturer at the college and has made a special study of the Buxtons' social concerns and philanthropy.

Recently HALS has completed a research project "Hidden Histories". This project has been concerned with the impact of slavery on the history of Hertfordshire. Dr. Davies' talk will be of particular interest as it will link with the findings of the project.



All Nations Christian College

## Carrington and the Gentry

Jean and Gill, as members already know, are particularly fascinated by the remarkable diary kept by John Carrington, farmer of Bramfield, from 1798—1810. In this diary he gives information about people from the whole spectrum of C18th society.

In this presentation, we will look at his entries about the local gentry and we will also include the nobility and royalty. The Prince Regent was to be found at the Horse Races.



The Prince Regent, later George IV, 1762—1830

