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## Newbury District Field Club

Newbury is located in the historic county of Berkshire in central southern England. Today it is the hub of the Unitary Authority area of West Berkshire. The southern boundary of Newbury is also the county border with Hampshire; thus the interests of the Field Club stray out of Berkshire and into the nearby parts of North Hampshire.

The area is rich in archaeology, even within the boundaries of modern Newbury there have been finds from every era since the Mesolithic. Newbury has also played its part in recorded history from its foundation soon after the Norman Conquest. Perhaps best known to historians as the location of two major Civil War battles it has also been involved in every other major element of English history in some way or another, from the Anarchy of Stephen and Matilda to the nuclear bomb and the communications age.

The area is also rich in natural history with designated areas of outstanding natural beauty almost touching the town centre. Snelsmore Common to the north and the better known Greenham Common to the south are wildlife havens. While, running through the centre of Newbury are the beautiful Kennet and Avon Canal and River Kennet (once famed for its enormous trout).

Past members of the Club include many well known local figures such as: the Earl of Carnarvon of Tutankhamun fame; Walter Money, Newbury's most celebrated historian; and Air Vice Marshall Southby, lepidopterist *extraordinaire*. Our current secretary, Tony Higgott, is well known for his books on Newbury, based on the experience he gained as Curator of Newbury District Museum.



## Newbury District Field Club

The Newbury District Field Club was founded in 1870 to encourage the study of the local history, archaeology, and natural history of Newbury and its surrounding district. For 140 years the club has been pursuing these aims through programmes of lectures and its publication, the *Transactions*.

## JOIN US!

- \* Six afternoon lectures each year at 2.30pm on the second Friday in the months of Oct to Apr inclusive at the Town Hall, Newbury.
- \* Nine evening lectures each year when there is a small charge of £1 for members (£3 non-members) at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday in the months of Sep to Nov and Jan to Jun at the Parish Room of St John's Church, Newbury.
- \* Coach excursions in the Summer months to visit historic buildings, gardens and towns in southern England.
- \* A free copy of the *Transactions of the District Field Club* published every two to three years.

# Membership Application Form\*

I / we wish to become members of the Newbury District Field Club at the rate of £10 for individual membership, or £16 for joint membership where two members are at the same address.

Name(s)				Title(s)	
Address					
Postal Code		Telephone			
E-mail					

Please note, we shall keep your contact details on a database to allow us to send you our programme each year. We shall not pass on this information to anyone else.

I / we enclose a cheque or postal order to the value of:

- £10 Individual Membership
- £16 Joint Membership

Please make your cheque / PO payable to 'Newbury District Field Club' and send it with this form to:

Mr R Godfrey, Hon Treasurer NDFC  
 10 Salcombe Road, Newbury, RG14 6ED  
 Tel: (01635) 43605

- I would like my name/our names to appear in the Members List in future editions of the Transactions.  
 (Entries will be in the form J Smith, Acacia Avenue, Newbury or Miss J Doe, Country Lane, Newtown)

\* If you join after 1st October, your subscription covers the next membership year.

## Afternoon Programme 2011/12

Date	Title	Speaker
11 Mar	Half a Century of Railways	David Canning
8 Apr	The Vyne, Sherborne St John	Dr Hamish Sloan
14 Oct	The Renewal Project of the River Lambourn	Vicky Pudner & Lesley Atkinson
11 Nov	Cadet to Commodore and Beyond	Cdre Ian Gibb
9 Dec	Stone Age Thatcham	Malcolm Langford
13 Jan	To Be Arranged	
10 Feb	AGM, Presidential Address	Phil Wood

## Evening Programme 2011/12

22 Feb	Roman Roads	Hugh Davies
22 Mar	The History of Thatcham	Dr Nick Young
26 Apr	Rev. John M Bacon	Fred Davison
24 May	The Historic Monuments Record	Jane Golding
28 Jun	West Berkshire Historic Environment Record	Sarah Orr
27 Sep	The Road Names of Newbury	Roy Tubb
25 Oct	Nonconformity in Newbury	Phil Wood
22 Nov	Newtown Road Cemetery	Jane Burrell
24 Jan	Members' Research	Members

## Excursion Programme 2011

To be announced