

Historians' meeting 28 April 2023

Members' evening

The meeting started with member Roger Price giving a short talk about a button unearthed in his garden, which bore the Lane crest (the last lords of the Manor). Research has revealed that the button was made by Thomas Sherlock and Co., Covent Garden, sometime between 1845 and 1847. It would have been part of a male servant's livery and a photograph of Ivy Butcher's father, a groom employed by the Lane family, showed his livery with similar buttons.

Allan then screened a photograph of the old Toll House, which stood near the village boundary, Lupin Brook. Here in 1937 a murder was committed, but the person who confessed to the crime was imprisoned for only 5 years, as it was deemed to be a crime of passion.

On display around the Village Hall were many old title deeds and conveyances that had been kindly donated for the village archives, relating to the surrounding area, some dating back to the 18th century.

Val Price