

FISHERTON HISTORY SOCIETY PRESENT

SALISBURY  
**HISTORY**  
FESTIVAL



**A CELEBRATION OF  
SALISBURY AND ITS PEOPLE**

Lectures - Presentations - Music - Mock Trials - Guided Walks

# About the Festival

Salisbury History Festival is a celebration of Salisbury and its people. It is organised as part of the Fisherton History Society and began life in August 2018 with 5 days of events, including seminars, historical presentations, guided walks and films.

Since the success of our first history festival, the event has grown and now includes partnerships with other local organisations such as Wiltshire Creative, Timezone Productions and History At Large.

Salisbury History Festival offers a fascinating insight into the city's past and includes leading local history research - we show how history has influenced Salisbury from past events.

A key element of our commitment is to promote awareness of Salisbury's past to new audiences.

You may be surprised at just how relevant the Festival's events are to Salisbury today. Social history research makes a difference. From big ideas to the most detailed observations, social history affects us all everyday - at work, in school and within our communities.

Details of this year's festival will appear on this new website (**fisherton website address**) Please visit the website for regular updates listing details of festival events.

## **Purpose of the Festival**

- \* The Festival is designed to promote, and increase awareness of Salisbury's past social history.

## **Each year the Festival**

- \*Presents events throughout the in conjunction with other organisations
- \* Offers five days of activities celebrating the history of Salisbury and its people.
- \* Continues to increase the number of events focused on engaging the public and young people via local history research.
- \* Gives an award to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to local history.

## **Aims of the Festival**

- \* Encourage, support and create the opportunity for social history researchers to engage with non-academic audiences.
  - \* Promote and increase awareness of Salisbury's past history.
  - \* Enable the public to engage with research.
  - \* Engage with our delegates via face to face contact with historical presenters and lecturers.
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# Previous Festival Events

- \* The History of Local Highwaymen - Presentation at The Duke of York.
- \* The Trial of Percy Toplis - Mock Trial held at Salisbury Guildhall Old Oak Court.

## **Salisbury in the First World War - A Century of Memories**

- \* Will 100,000 Women Respond.
  - \* Conchies and The Great War.
  - \* Documentary film - 'My Great Grandfather, Ernest Collins.
  - \* Salisbury: peace and aftermath.
- Four presentations at the United Reformed Church, Salisbury.

## **Old Days In New Sarum**

- \* Fisherton Street Remembered.
  - \* Stonehenge and the man who bought it.
  - \* The Rise and Fall of Salisbury's Last Gas Holder.
  - \* Salisbury Remembered in Old Film.
- Four Presentations at The United Reformed Church, Salisbury.

## **Bar Trek**

A Series of Guided Walks Charting Salisbury's Most Famous Inns and Taverns.

## **Historic Salisbury**

- \* What used to be there? Old businesses and buildings around Salisbury Market Place.
  - \* Film and presentation charting the 1919 Children's Salisbury Peace Pageant.
  - \* Salisbury Crime and Punishment.
  - \* Further tales from Salisbury Healthcare History.
- Four Presentations at Salisbury Guildhall.

## **Salisbury Stage & Screen**

- \* The personalities that helped shape the Playhouse.
  - \* The Henry Marshall pantomimes at Salisbury Playhouse 1955-1985.
  - \* The Man who saved Salisbury Odeon.
  - \* Films and presentation of 20th Century Parades of Salisbury.
- Four Presentations at The White Hart Hotel.

- \* Secret Spitfires - Film and Norman Parker Presentation held at the Chapel, Salisbury.
- \* The Executions at Fisherton - Presentation at The Duke of York.
- \* One day True Crime Conference featuring 4 Speakers

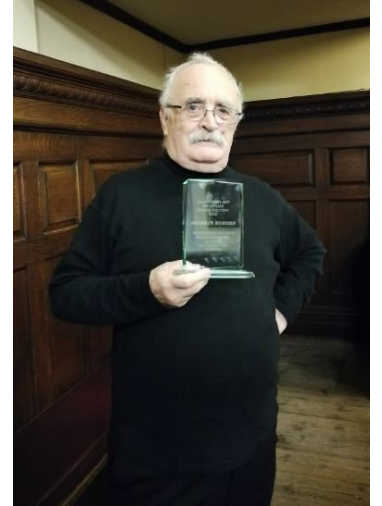
## **Salisbury History Festival Outstanding Contribution to Local History Awards**

- Past recipients -

\* George Fleming   \* Norman Parker   \* Lady Jo Benson

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A small selection from past events

# SALISBURY HISTORY FESTIVAL

22nd-26th AUGUST 2019

"A CELEBRATION OF SALISBURY AND ITS PEOPLE"

Following on from the success of last years Salisbury History Festival, the organisers are proud to present the 2019 event and we are sure you will be suitably impressed!

- \* PRESENTATIONS
- \* FILMS
- \* SCHOOL'S WRITING COMPETITION
- \* MOCK TRIAL
- \* GUIDED WALKS
- \* AND LOTS MORE!

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## A FESTIVAL OF SALISBURY HISTORY

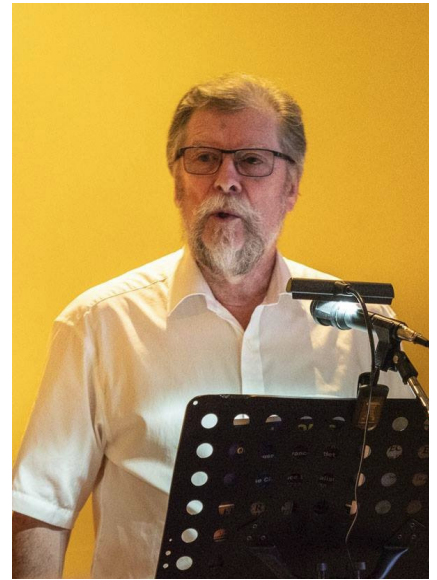
HISTORY AT LARGE PRESENT

### MONOCLED MURDERER?

A MOCK TRIAL OF PERCY TOPLIS (A.K.A. "THE MONOCLED MUTINEER") FOR THE MURDER OF SIDNEY SPICER - SALISBURY TAXI DRIVER - 25th APRIL 1920

ON FRIDAY 24th AUGUST IN THE GUILDHALL COURTROOM - 7.30 pm

Details of tickets will appear here soon



FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2019 - 7PM  
THE CHAPEL CLUB, MILFORD STREET, SALISBURY

They built thousands of Spitfires hidden in sheds, garages, bus depots and a hotel but nobody ever knew  
A TRUE STORY OF ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

the **SECRET SPITFIRES** DIRECTOR'S CUT

secretspitfires.com

a film by HOWMAN & CEINTAS

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SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY HISTORICAL ADVISOR & WWII SPITFIRE ENGINEER, NORMAN PARKER

FULL BOOKING DETAILS ON [www.salisburyhistoryfestival.co.uk](http://www.salisburyhistoryfestival.co.uk)

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## DOWN AMONG THE DEADMEN THE EXECUTIONS AT FISHERTON

Presented by Ruby Vitorino Moody

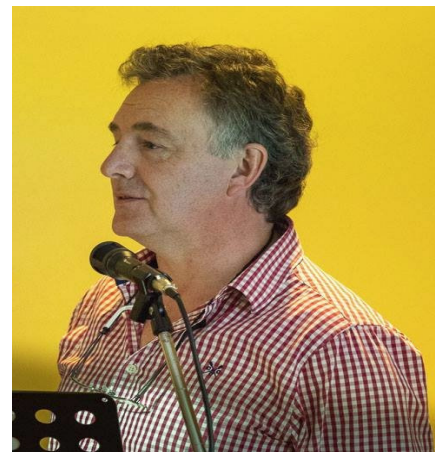
A FESTIVAL OF SALISBURY HISTORY  
SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 2018

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SALISBURY IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR  
A CENTURY OF MEMORIES

AT THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH,  
FISHERTON STREET, SALISBURY  
1.30pm - 6.30pm - £7.00 (In aid of the poppy appeal)

FEATURING PRESENTATIONS BY  
KEN SMITH · GEORGE FLEMING · RUTH BUTLER · NICK WALKER



# SALISBURY

## STAGE & SCREEN

THE WHITE HART HOTEL  
St. JOHN'S STREET, SALISBURY

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2019  
1.00 pm until 6.00 pm  
- 4 Presentations -  
(with a break for refreshments)

FREE ENTRY!  
But only with a ticket available from July 2019  
Ticket detail will appear here shortly....

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# SALISBURY HISTORY FESTIVAL 2024



## WHAT'S PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR?

THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME IS  
BEING PLANNED AND THE FIRST  
EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED  
IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE

### A FEW TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST EVENTS

*A brilliant community event - very well attended - John Glen MP*

*Magical and superb - S. Hulass (London)*

*This Salisbury based film in such an iconic building as  
The Chapel was inspirational - R. Newman*

*So much research and presented extremely well - M. Webb*

*Fabulous talk brought to life with local involvement - M. Burns*

*Well acted and very well put together - L. Fatcher*

*Excellent evenings entertainment - K. Smith*

*An excellent Festival and very educational - L. Siviter (London)*