



HARPENDEN & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



Eric Morecambe Centre
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Harpenden Local History Day – 20 April

Harpenden History Society showcases Fighting the Roman invasion at Wheathampstead

Cassivellaunus, the tribal leader believed to have fought the Romans at Wheathampstead is just one of many characters to be found at the Harpenden Local History Day on 20 April at the Eric Morecambe Centre.

Using rarely seen maps and images from its archive, the History Society will track the history of the area we now know as Harpenden from pre-Roman times to the present. From Cassivellaunus to steam trains, to the Rothamsted Ramblers Ladies Hockey Club, you will see the town's development from rural village to thriving town.

You will be able to track Harpenden's growth on historic maps showing the spread of new building and communities over the centuries. Notably, the dramatic expansion over the period 1879 to 1939.

The exhibition will be accompanied by short talks on key features of Harpenden's past:

Dr Alan Punter – *Victorian Village Life*
Dr Alexander Thomas – *Railways*
David Kendall – *Sports*
Rosemary Ross – *Harpenden Schools*

Harpenden & District Local History Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with limited liability in England and Wales under the Charities Act 2011 with charity number 1183526 whose principal office is at Eric Morecambe Centre, Rothamsted Park, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2FR. www.harpenden-history.org.uk

Member of The National Council for Voluntary Organisations and we have adopted the Code of Ethics for Museums of the Museums Association.

EDITOR'S NOTE

With kind permission of the Eric Morecambe Centre, Harpenden, the Harpenden & District Local History Society, a charity, will be utilising the entire EMC for the day as Harpenden Local History Day, on Saturday 20 April, marking both the Society's 50th anniversary and the official opening of our new Museum.

The event will be presided by Annie Brewster, High Sheriff of Hertfordshire 2024-25 (in Nomination). Highlights to include exhibitions on the history of Harpenden and district, other local society exhibitions, a special children's competition, and history talks throughout the day. Further details will be released in due course.

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An AI interpretation of Cassivellaunus, the tribal leader believed to have fought the Romans at Wheathampstead (AI generated image/Bing Image Creator)



Rothamsted Ramblers Hockey Club