

Dear Member,

I hope you enjoyed the programme of talks we arranged for you last year. We welcomed over 170 attendees across the year, with our highest attendance reaching 47 people and an average attendance of nearly 30 per meeting.

Thank you for your continued and much-appreciated support. We sincerely hope you will now renew your membership for 2026.

I am pleased to let you know that we have kept our annual subscription for 2026 at **£15 per person**, which is now due. Payment can be made by cheque, bank transfer, or standing order. Full payment details can be found on the attached Subscription Form. All payments should be directed to our Membership Officer, **Graeme Stevenson**.

To make things even easier, if none of your personal details have changed since last year, you may simply notify Graeme by email once payment has been made, rather than completing the form. Email: graeme.stevenson2@btinternet.com

We are delighted to announce that we have invited six exciting and varied speakers to entertain and inform you throughout 2026. Our full programme of talks, including dates, is attached for your interest. If you would like a hard copy of the leaflet, you can pick one up from various places, including the Post Office, Hammonds Butchers, and both churches.

In addition, we are currently arranging a Saturday afternoon guided walk of the centre of Tunbridge Wells on 16th May. If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible. Email: tedinbrenchley@gmail.com

As always, our meetings will be held at **Matfield Village Hall** on the **third Thursday of each month**. You are warmly invited to join us from **7.30pm** for a prompt **8.00pm** start. Tea or coffee with biscuits will be available, for which a small donation would be much appreciated. All refreshment proceeds go towards the upkeep of the **Parish Archives**. Further information can be found on our website: <https://brenchleymatfieldhistsoc.com/>

If you have any difficulty getting to any of the talks, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other committee member, and we will be happy to arrange a lift.

Our **AGM** will be held on **Thursday 19th March 2026**, starting at the slightly earlier time of **7.30pm**. Once the brief formal business is completed, we will be holding a light-hearted **quiz**, which should be great fun and a wonderful opportunity to get to know other Society members (no team limits!). Refreshments will be provided by the Society.

Details of all talks, along with much more useful information, can always be found on our regularly updated website: <https://brenchleymatfieldhistsoc.com/>

Finally, if you would like to make a difference and help preserve this valued village asset, why not consider getting more involved by joining our committee team? You are very welcome to contribute for just one year to see if you enjoy the experience.

Very best wishes,

Ted Fisher Chairman

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