

## Cuddington History Society

The society was formed in 1992, and presently has around 60 members. Its interests have expanded from purely Cuddington-based topics, to the history of events and people with connections to Buckinghamshire.

One of the founder members, Peter Wenham, has been by turn – Chairman, Secretary, and chairman again. Peter handed over the responsibility of chairmanship in January this year, but he continues to book our speakers.

We meet at the playing fields clubhouse on 8 occasions during the year, with a break for the summer months when members tend to be on holiday. Most of our speakers are fairly local, so their topics have local interest. In the past the society has organised trips to sites of historical interest in the Home counties, but declining interest in such trips has resulted in their being held in abeyance for the time being.

We have our own web site

[\(http://www.bucksinfo.net/cuddingtonhistorysociety/cuddington-s-history/\)](http://www.bucksinfo.net/cuddingtonhistorysociety/cuddington-s-history/), and this has generated enquiries from people all over the world, endeavouring to trace ancestors. Last year, a mother and daughter from Portland, Oregon, USA came to England to visit sites where their ancestors had lived, and we spent a pleasant day showing them around Cuddington (where they identified the grave of a distant ancestor in the churchyard), and Haddenham.

Other people contact us from time to time, with enquiries about ancestors; Peter Wenham, who knows more of Cuddington's history than most of us, often helps with answers. Peter has also written a number of books about Cuddington's history.

New members are always welcome. Do come to one our meetings, or telephone the chairman David Holland (01844 290982) or membership secretary Brenda Williams (01844 290633)

Peter Wenham has already booked speakers for 2010, and next year's programme will be published after Christmas. However, here is a copy of the programme for the remainder of this year:

<b>September 15th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	“Eric Gill, Buckinghamshire Stone – carver, Typographer and Engraver” Dr N Wheeler Robinson
<b>October 20th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	“The History and Work of the Chiltern Society” Cicely Upcott
<b>November 24th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	“Tales of the Unexpected” Alan Copeland
<b>December</b>	<b>No meeting</b>	