

GENERAL HISTORY GROUP

We resumed our meetings in November and confirmed our decision to adopt a theme of “Time” for our forthcoming programme.

Quite a challenging concept which requires some lateral thinking. We started with Malcolm Kimber talking about the way the advent and expansion of the railways had an impact on clocks and led to a standardisation of time across the country. Timetables are fundamental to railway operations and in the early days the “time interval” system was used to regulate the trains. The dangers of this led on to the evolution of the signalling system.

In order to give time for members to research their topics the December session was a series of short talks from each member about some aspect of Christmas or the New Year. We suspended meetings again in the New Year but in March Susan Lee considered “time savings, acceleration of travel and global impacts”. Planned sessions are on “clocks through the ages”, and “timing in music”

Our normal meeting time is the first Thursday in the month at 2.00 pm. If you are interested please contact Malcolm Kimber.