

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We meet at 2.30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month, in the Elmsleigh Room at West Leigh Baptist Church. We are a friendly group, and welcome new members who have a like-minded interest in the local area – its history, its buildings, and its people.

We cover a wide range of topics, from Saxon times up to the present day, and we often have discussions about our own memories of days gone by – who danced at the Kursaal? – What was Keddies like? – Which cinemas did you visit? – Do you know the history of your home?



Historical topics are agreed and then researched by members – either from the internet or through books. Then we share our research findings at a subsequent meeting.

However, it's not all about doing research. We set off on foot or by car share to various places of interest: Old Leigh; Shoebury Garrison; Foulness Island; Hadleigh; Porters (the Mayor's Civic residence); Rayleigh Town Museum; to name but a few we have visited so far; and we go on walks of discovery when members are encouraged to take photographs to go into the u3a's monthly Newsletter and for our website. We also have two or three guest speakers each year.



Foulness Island



Shoebury Garrison