

The Amberley Society

The aim of the Society, which has more than 200 members, is the conservation and improvement of the amenities, character and interests of Amberley and its surroundings

Autumn Meeting — Friday 15th October 2010 7.30pm Amberley Church Hall

The Long Gallery at Parham House: how was it built? by Joe Thompson



Joe Thompson, who restored and lives in Ivy Cottage in Hog Lane, is Carpenter in Residence at the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton. He is passionately interested in historic carpentry tools and techniques.

His presentation will illustrate how the Elizabethan carpenters might have prefabricated the roof timbers, based on the extensive evidence that remains on the surfaces of the timbers. Much of the interpretation will be relevant to the many timber-framed houses that were built in Amberley from the late 1400s to the 1700s.

This talk arises out of research Joe was commissioned to undertake by Dr Jayne Kirk, author of a recent book on Parham House.

Amberley Society Archive

Sandy Guthrie, whose late father, Duncan, was a previous Chairman of the Amberley Society, has kindly donated a collection of interesting material. Among the collection are the following:

- Auction documents and details of several properties in the village from the late 1800s and early 1900s.
- Domesday Book of Sussex
- Various maps, some early, some showing WW2 training areas etc
- Pencil drawings and prints of cottages and village scenes

As many of these interesting documents relate to the homes of our members, they will be available for inspection at the meeting.

Society Membership

Non-members are welcome to join us for the meeting for a nominal charge, and we will be happy to receive membership renewals.