Village Visit to South Luffenham  
Saturday 16th September 2023

The Society regularly organises a visit to one of Rutland’s historic villages for an afternoon of local history. We have a village-related talk, a leaflet-guided historical walk and a Rutland local history bookstall. It is also a great opportunity to meet others who are interested in village history.

Our visit this year is to South Luffenham, a unique village divided into two parts by the Morcott Brook, and once part of a royal Mercian estate, later held by Edith, the Saxon Queen of England. With evidence of earlier Roman occupation, it has been an agricultural community for over 1,000 years. Like other Rutland villages, it developed as a nucleated settlement of cottages and farmsteads, a characteristic of medieval open field farming communities. Today it is an attractive commuter village, but it is no longer a self-sufficient community. There is much to see that reveals its historic past.

The venues for this visit will be St Mary’s Church in The Street and the nearby Village Hall in Hall Lane. See the attached map for their locations. The postcode for the church is LE15 8NX.

Programme:

**St Mary’s Church**
2.00  Welcome and Introduction – Tony Martin.  
2.05  Aspects of South Luffenham – A PowerPoint Presentation by Debbie Frearson.

**South Luffenham Village Hall**
3.20  Light Refreshments.  
- Parish Boundary Project Exhibition.  
- Local History bookstall.  
- South Luffenham leaflet guided historical walk starting at the village hall.

**Admission**
Admission to this event is £7.00 per person payable in advance. Light refreshments are included. Please book your place(s) online using the Eventbrite link below. Payment is by credit or debit card.

[Click here to book](#)

The closing date is Friday 8th September. Places are limited, so early booking is advised. No tickets will be issued but Eventbrite will confirm acceptance by email. (Details will be sent by post only to those members who have not provided a current email address).

**Car Parking**
Only on-street parking is available in South Luffenham. Please park sensibly with due respect to residents and other road users. There is no ‘Blue Badge’ parking for disabled visitors in the village. Depending on weather conditions, field parking adjacent to St Mary’s Church may become available. Those who have pre-booked online will be advised of this just before the event. By using this car park, you accept that the Society is not responsible in any way for loss or damage to your vehicle or its contents.
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