

Local Studies Group South

Visit to the Museum of English Rural Life, Reading & the LSG South AGM Monday 26th April 2010 2pm – 5pm Cost: Free

This visit will look at what is available at The Museum of English Rural Life (MERL) to help local and family historians find information on farms and the countryside. It will also give an insight into a successful volunteering project.

MERL houses the most comprehensive national collection of material relating to the history of food, farming and the countryside. As well as a tour of their collections of objects, books, photographs, film and sound recordings, we will visit MERL's archive, which includes material from farms, major agricultural manufacturing firms, agricultural organisations and cooperatives from across England. We will also visit the University of Reading's Rare Books Collection.

After the tour, Rhianedd Smith will give us a talk on her work with volunteers at MERL and further afield.

LSG South's AGM will start at 4.30pm.

Booking essential. Please contact Tony Pilmer via e-mail tony.pilmer@slough.gov.uk or telephone 01753 787523.

Items for the AGM agenda and nominations for the committee can be sent to Sheila Caws, Hon. Secretary via Sheila.Caws@IOW.gov.uk.



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