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# Palmerston

A Conference

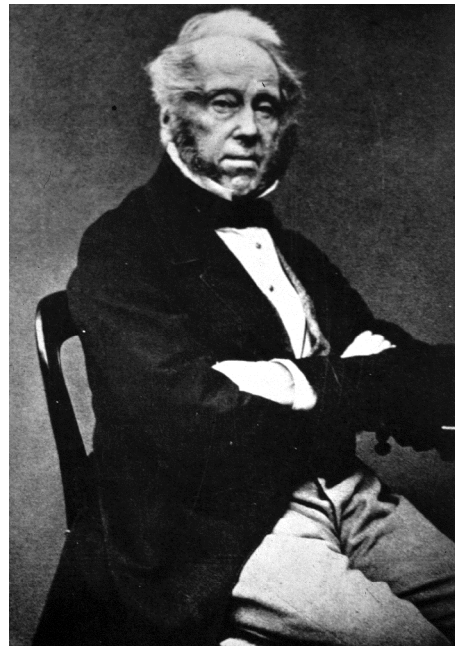
Palmerston - the Landlord

On

Saturday 29th March

Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road,  
Romsey SO51 8GL

From 9.30 to 4.45



# Speakers

Professor David Brown of the University of  
Southampton

Jean Brent BA

Barbara Burbridge BA(Hons)

Pat Goodwin MA

John Mc Keon, MA(Econ), Ph.D.

Karen Robson, Senior Archivist of the  
University of Southampton

Isobel Stark BA MA MCLIP

Chairman: Phoebe Merrick MPhil MA

# Organisers

The Conference is organised by

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## Romsey Local History Society

Romsey Local History Society is one of the largest local history societies in Hampshire. For many years it has been known as Lower Test Valley Archaeological Study Group or LTVAS, which is still its legal name.

The Society is dedicated to studying the history of Romsey and its environs. Since its inception in 1973, we have looked at many aspects of the history of Romsey, including aspects of Broadlands and the Palmerstons.

Because the three Viscounts Palmerston were in turn the owners of Broadlands to the south of Romsey, it is appropriate that we are organising this conference which will concentrate on the third viscount, looking at him as a landlord, rather than his more widely known role as a major international statesman.

The Society organises many public lectures and also runs two research workshops each week in the basement of Romsey Town Hall. We have published much of our research over the years.

## Palmerston's Estates

Palmerston's father, the second viscount, died in 1802 when his son became the third Viscount inheriting an Irish peerage and his father's estates in Dublin, in the west of Ireland and at Broadlands in southern Hampshire.

There is plenty of evidence that Palmerston, despite his high political office, took a very detailed interest in the administration of his estates and the people who lived on them.

This conference will focus on Palmerston's role as a nineteenth-century aristocratic landlord, looking at the administration of his estates and his attitude to his lands and people involved with them.

Our speakers will address topics about his management of his estates. His attitude to the rural poor will be considered in his reaction to the Irish potato famine of 1846, by evidence of his philanthropy and contrasting this with his attitude to poachers. His relations with the adjacent town of Romsey will also be discussed. The conference will benefit from a paper on the Broadlands archive, to which our speakers owe debts of gratitude.

## Lord Palmerston

Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston (1784-1865) is commonly remembered as a long-serving Foreign Secretary and then as the Prime Minister who came to office during the Crimean War.

His political apprenticeship had been spent as Secretary at War for nearly 20 years until 1828. He was Foreign Secretary from 1830 to 1841 and again between 1846 and 1851. In 1855 he became Prime Minister which office he retained until 1859 and again from 1859 until his death in October 1865.

He was a libertine whose private life was seen as scandalous at the time and would probably have him hounded from office by the modern popular press. In 1839 he married his long-term love, Emily Lamb who was by then the dowager, Lady Cowper. It is widely believed that one or more of her children were fathered by Palmerston.

Queen Victoria hated him, partly because he did not sufficiently consult her about British foreign policy.