

**The Burtons' St Leonards Society**



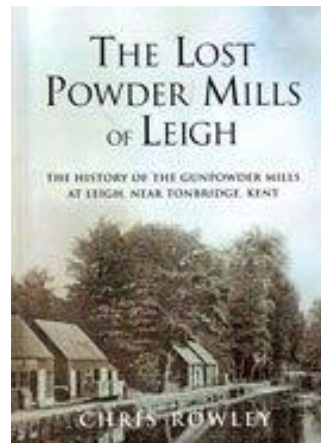
**THE BURTONS'  
ST LEONARDS  
SOCIETY**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
at 3pm**

**The Burton Room  
Royal Victoria Hotel, St Leonards**

## **The Burton Gunpowder Company**

**An illustrated talk by Chris Rowley  
Chair of the Leigh Historical Society**



Chris Rowley has extensively researched the Burton family involvement in the manufacture of gunpowder. James Burton, the founder of St Leonards, invested considerably in the industry from 1811.

The Gunpowder Mills were based at Leigh near Tonbridge. They were initially known as the Ramhurst Powder Mills, later the Tunbridge Gunpowder Works. The business was managed by James Burton in conjunction with his eldest son, William Ford Burton.

After James died, William continued to run the business until his death in 1856. His brother Alfred then took over. He later became mayor of Hastings.

Copies of Chris Rowley's book, *The Lost Powder Mills of Leigh*, will be available at the meeting. There is also a related dvd.

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Tickets: £2.50 members; £5.00 non-members

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