

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
**Noel, Noel, Well.**

Derek Harris.

The show consists of a debate between the Christmas tree decorations as to who should have the coveted spot at the top of the tree. There is some audience participation.

**2021**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**'Any Old Iron': The History of the Butlin Family and their Furnaces in Wellingborough.**

Jon-Paul Carr.

An illustrated and informative talk of the history of a Northamptonshire family and involvement in the 19th century and early 20th century iron ore manufacturing industry

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**The Home Guard.**

Chris Bazeley

The talk considers the national and local scene with anecdotes from former members. What led to the formation of Dad's Army and what did they actually achieve?

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**AGM** followed by:

**The History of Country Houses since 1900**

Neil Lyon

This illustrated talk traces the changing fortunes of the principal houses and landed estates over the past century. It is not a story of decline and fall; on the contrary, it is the story of survival and the renaissance of our local country houses.

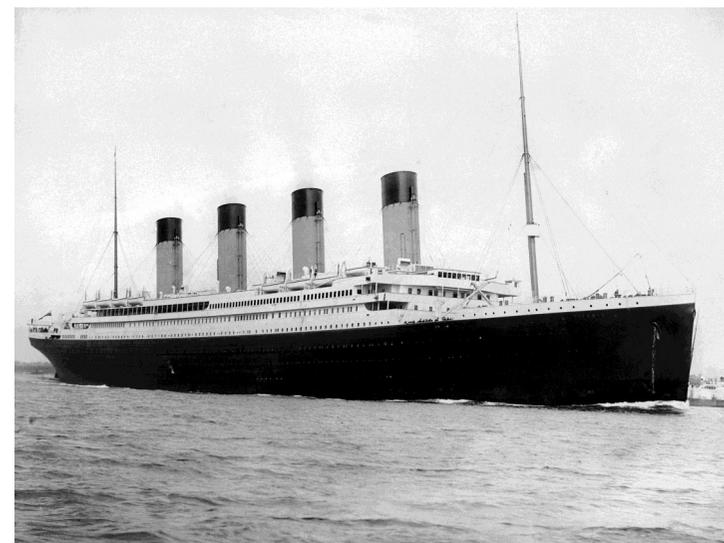
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# **Cogenhoe and Whiston Heritage Society**

## **Programme of Open Meetings 2020-2021**



RMS Titanic - see our October meeting

**Admission: Members £3.00**

**Visitors £4.00**

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### 2020-2021 Open Meetings

All meetings will start at 7.30pm in the York Room, Cogenhoe Village Hall, York Avenue, Cogenhoe NN7 1NB unless otherwise stated.

#### 2020

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### **The Life and Times of the Wellingborough Diggers of 1649**

Paul Crofts

Although the Wellingborough Diggers were active for only a brief time, their influence can still be felt at the annual Diggers Festival which was set up in 2011 by a group of local people who respected the Diggers ethos and wanted to commemorate the nine men who were acknowledged in the Declaration of 1649. At that time poverty in the area was widespread and on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1649 they formed a committee to enable the purchase of land.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Operation D Day**

Ingram Murray.

This presentation concentrates on one or two aspects of the operation with which the speaker is thoroughly familiar, such as the airborne operations on the flanks.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Knight of the Shire**

Elizabeth Thompson

The life and times of a Buckinghamshire boy who became a Knight of the Realm.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

#### **78 Derngate.**

Robert Kendall

78 Derngate was owned by Bassett Lowke and in 1916 was renovated by the architect Rennie Mackintosh of Glasgow fame. His most famous work is owned by the museum which has burned down for the second time. The style is quite astonishing. They have just one wooden chair on display which is on loan and is worth £250,000. The restoration project cost millions and is really worth a visit.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

#### **The Battle of Waterloo.**

Roy York.

A blockbuster film was made in Irthlingborough in 1913. The 70 minute presentation describes choosing the area, the filming, world wide distribution before the loss of part of the film following WW1 – the discovery of part of the film by the Irthlingborough Historical Society – plus a tragic ending. We show 19 minutes of the rediscovered film and also the Evan Bros ‘parody’ Pimples Battle of Waterloo.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September .

#### **Northampton to Bedford Railway.**

Richard Deacon.

Not just another Railway history, but a detailed look at how to go about the legal process of building a railway in Victorian times and then a journey following the railway then and now of what was chronologically the last railway to link Northampton to another town.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

#### **‘The Ship of Dreams’: The Life and Death of R M S Titanic.**

Steve Dimmer

375 miles south of Newfoundland, 2.5 miles beneath the Atlantic Ocean lies the wreck of the most famous ship ever, R M S Titanic. We examine its journey through its conception, construction, triumphant launch and catastrophic maiden voyage, showing the many mistakes that were made and the lessons that we learned too late.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

#### **The Life of Bassett-Lowke of Northampton.**

Douglas Goddard

Illustrated by a selection of postcards, catalogues, publications and ephemera, this talk traces how W. J. Bassett- Lowke developed his hobby into a model making business with a name established throughout the world. It also shows his large-scale commissions, his life and work as an author, photographer and designer and his civic achievements for Northampton.