

NEWSLETTER July 2022



HRH The Princess Royal at Chester House Estate

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2022 has been a year of celebration both for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Heritage Forum's 20th anniversary. The Heritage Forum was delighted to be invited to have a stand at the official opening of Chester House Estate on 20 July attended by HRH The Princess Royal. After some very hot days thankfully, the weather was cooler for this special occasion which was attended by several hundred invited guests. HRH came to the Forum stand praising its current work and wishing us all the best for the future.



Since the April Newsletter, a Forum event was held in May at Desborough Heritage Centre with an interesting talk about the Symington family. The wonderful cakes on offer displayed flags reminding attendees of Symington products of the past.

In the current Newsletter you will see a full report of the Forum's 20th anniversary garden party held at The Prebendal Manor, Nassington. This was a wonderful occasion and provided the opportunity to thank Jane Baile, our host, for her previous work as Forum Chair.

The Heritage Forum committee were pleased to be invited to take part in the Platinum Jubilee pageant in Northampton, which was a wonderful display of the wide range of community organisations in the county.

The following day, I was delighted to attend the Jubilee celebrations of the Wellingborough District Hindu Association. WDHA have recently become Forum members in order to share the heritage of the South Asian community in Wellingborough over the past 60 years.

The Forum's celebrations continue with an outstanding event to be held at Stanwick Lakes on Thursday 22 September - an event not to be missed.

The Heritage Forum will hold its annual Awards ceremony on Thursday 6 October at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery to recognise the significant achievements of our members over the past year. This will be followed on Saturday 15 October by our History Day at Irthlingborough.

The Forum welcomes Liz Moran, the new Regional Development Manager of Museums Development East Midlands. We have been active in developing our partnerships with the two unitary authorities, the University of Northampton, Nenescape, Destination Nene Valley and the Nene Rivers Trust. Our relationship with Northamptonshire Surprise (Britain's Best Surprise) has developed further under its chair Rachel Mallows and we will be supporting Made in Northamptonshire in the coming year.

I'm sure that members are keen to engage with Heritage Open Days between 9 – 18 September and the Nene Valley Festival being held at the same time, as well as the Northampton Heritage Fair on Sunday 11 September.

Martin Lawrence MBE

ROYAL SEAL OF APPROVAL FOR THE CHESTER HOUSE ESTATE

Chester House Estate received a very special guest on Wednesday 20 July when Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, visited the nationally significant heritage site.

Before unveiling a plaque and officially opening the site, Her Royal Highness toured the Estate, met with North Northamptonshire Council's Chairman, Cllr Larry Henson, Cllr Helen Howell (Deputy Leader and Executive member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism) Kerry Purnell (Assistant Director for Housing and Communities) Jack Pishhorn (Manager) members of the Chester House Estate team, dedicated volunteers and representatives from key stakeholders including Historic England, The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Nenescape, The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Natural England and the Creating Tomorrow College.

Following a challenging and pioneering £15m heritage restoration project, the Chester House Estate opened to the public in October 2021 and to date has welcomed over 140,000 visitors to the estate.

During the visit, Cllr Helen Howell, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism for North Northamptonshire Council (who own the Chester House Estate) said: "We are extremely pleased to be able to see the completion of the Chester House Estate project and the successful first year that it has had. Since opening we have welcomed an astonishing 140,000 visitors, we have seen 5 new businesses open and thrive in their new premises, over 30 new local jobs have been created and we have also enjoyed 100's of local school children visiting us as part of our educational offering.



HRH The Princes Royal at Chester House Estate

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“The success of the estate couldn’t have happened without National Lottery Heritage Funding and Department of Media, Culture and Sport whose support over the years has really made the restoration possible.

“We are very proud of the Chester House Estate and what it encompasses by bringing businesses, residents and visitors of the area together.”

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council said: “The team and volunteers at the Chester House Estate were privileged and honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness to the site to witness first-hand their hard work and the excellent, historically important asset we have here in North Northamptonshire.

“The Estate team, alongside a dedicated group of volunteers, have worked so hard over the past few years, and especially since the site opened to the public, so it is great that we have received the Royal seal of approval with Her Royal Highness’ visit and a thank you to everyone who has made it possible.”

Anne Jenkins, Executive Director, Business Delivery at The National Lottery Heritage Fund said: “It was wonderful to welcome HRH The Princess Royal to officially open Chester House Estate. This important heritage site explores over 10,000 years of human history, and it’s thanks to National Lottery players that this site is now open and will inspire visitors of all ages to learn about Northamptonshire’s fascinating past.”

Press release supplied by Chester House Estate

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has sent in contributions for the Forum Newsletter.

If you have any comments, queries or suggestions for future editions, please let me know.

I can be contacted at: nhforumnewsletter@gmail.com

The deadline for the next edition is Sunday 3 October 2022

Janet Lawrence

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US — PARTY AT PREBENDAL MANOR

Over 40 members of the Heritage Forum attended the Forum 20th Birthday celebration on Thursday 23 June at The Prebendal Manor, Nassington.

Before sitting down to a wonderful buffet we were taken on a tour of the gardens by Michael Brown, previously head gardener here and a renowned expert of medieval gardens. Many of the plants, such as soapwort, have medicinal uses and the gardens also include many old varieties of rose. The layout and planting reflects the research Michael undertook when he recreated the medieval gardens.

Within the garden is a dovecote which is recorded in a 1649 survey. This provided a supply of fresh meat for the prebends who lived here. Across the fields are remnants of fishponds and beyond this was the deer park, now fields.

Next came a tour of the Manor led by Jane Baile, the owner. The building dates back to the time of King Cnut and it was the centre of a large royal estate at the time of Domesday. By 1116 it had been granted to the Bishop of Lincoln to be held 'in prebedam' ie for the prebends. The original building was replaced circa 1200 with a stone hall and chamber. Around 1450, major reconstruction was undertaken, as evidenced by recent tree ring dates. Work took place in the 16th century to replace the central hearth in the great hall with a large fireplace at the top end of the hall.

In 1846 an Act of Parliament disbanded prebends and the Manor was sold into private ownership. Jane and her family came here in 1968 and have completely restored the property. Many of the original features are retained making it one of the most important and oldest inhabited homes in the county.

After those fascinating tours came tea! All the guests had contributed and we were treated to a wide selection of savouries and cakes. Mr Stuart Richmond-Watson DL made a short speech and helped to cut the birthday cakes.



Photograph courtesy of Monica Ozdemir



All in all, a lovely way to spend the afternoon in the company of friends and beautiful surroundings.

Our thanks to all of the committee who organised the event and in particular to Jane for sharing her home and gardens with us!

Angela Malin, Individual Member



JEYES HERITAGE CENTRE, EARLS BARTON

What better way to start a summer than to celebrate not **one** National Treasure but **two**.....

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her new best friend, **Paddington Bear!**

Well prepared for celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, in May we opened a new Royal Room – the country would come together to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 amazing years of service. Our donated royal memorabilia is displayed with our Church Lad's Brigade exhibition as The Queen is their patron too.



Our hearts were captured by a star-studded performance as Her Majesty invited

Paddington Bear to tea. We invited them for Afternoon Tea - our Paddingtons, a handbag (mine!) a jar of Northamptonshire marmalade, Eleanor Tomlinson's sketch - the scene has been set for all to enjoy – the party was not over!

August will see our John Clare garden complete – listen, read, learn and contemplate his poetry. Born in Northamptonshire, he loved the Nene, and sadly died in Northampton – our peasant poet.

English Heritage weeks focus on Astounding Inventions – no problem for The Jeyes family! John Jeyes “found out the way, to purify, cleanse and protect from decay”, whilst brother Philadelphus invented Carbocide – “Carbolic, carbolic with a smell diabolic”. Forum members Northamptonshire Transport Heritage will be bringing buses from Northampton town centre on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th – a warm, inventive welcome awaits.



Georgina Jeyes

EARLS BARTON MUSEUM

At Earls Barton Museum, housed above Jeyes in Earls Barton, we sadly report the passing of Hilary Bailey a founder, and Tricia Nicholls who had become a popular volunteer – we will miss them. We welcome two new trustees, Hilary Hillman and Mike Nicholls.

Spring cleaning duties over, we are ready to welcome visitors, those passing through or those searching their family roots – although our gate maybe closed we can be contacted for research, groups or bookings – the Jeyes team will open up too.

Our large collection of lace bobbins is to be displayed on the landing at Jeyes for the first time. We are sourcing suitable “thin” cabinets for the walls—we would be grateful if anyone knows of a supplier or of any that we could use. Earls Barton's rich history of lace-making, whilst the men-folk stitched leather, will be there for all to see.

Iona Flanagan, Chair

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE



Over 65 villagers and guests gathered on a lovely evening on Monday 11 July for a special ceremony at the Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton to hear the results of an event that celebrates the community spirit and quality of life in the county's villages. The annual Northamptonshire Village Awards (NVAs) celebrates how inclusive and sustainable a village is, two strands that reflect a thriving community and that add to the quality of life for all residents. This year the village of **Tiffield** was awarded a Gold level and the prestigious title

of **Northamptonshire Best Village 2022** along with a prize of £500 to be used for community projects. There was also a separate award for the Most Creative Use of a Communal Space, which was shared by **Orlingbury**, for their amazing churchyard, and **Nether Heyford**, for their excellent allotments and community orchard. Both groups received £100 each to be spent on community projects. A special mention and £50 was awarded to **Wappenham** for their very creative installation of superfast broadband by the villagers!

The level of award given for the NVAs is based upon how well a community does across a range of criteria covering all aspects of village life from its facilities and amenities, how welcoming it is, local activities, tidiness and presentation to its environment and green credentials, future sustainability and most importantly community spirit! Each entrant is awarded either a Bronze, Silver or Gold level certificate along with a small cash prize, courtesy of CPRE Northamptonshire, who sponsored this year's event.

Elaine O'Leary, CEO of Northamptonshire ACRE and a judge for the NVA, commented: "The wonderful quality of the communities we visited meant that the judges had great difficulty in deciding on the level of award for each village. It was a pleasure to meet a wide cross-section of villagers and to see the range of opportunities and initiatives that are generated in our rural communities. We want to compliment every village that participated and thank them all for making the judges visits so informative and enjoyable."

James Saunders Watson, HM Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and President of Northamptonshire ACRE presented all the awards to the groups and commented: "It was so good to be able to celebrate the best of our village communities across the county and well done to Tiffield for being chosen as Best Village".

This was the first year for the Most Creative Use of a Communal Space award, sponsored by Norris and Fisher Insurance Brokers, and all the entrants demonstrated how important these spaces are to village life. Orlingbury's lovely eco-friendly churchyard brings together all ages to maintain the space, producing a real haven of biodiversity that encourages tremendous engagement with the village and surrounding areas. They are even looking to develop an outdoor compost toilet for the volunteers! The judges felt that Nether Heyford's allotments and community orchard were well designed with sustainability and access in mind. There is an enormous range of volunteer friendly activities for all ages including the community cut flower garden and the village has developed a wonderful, biodiverse area benefiting all the community.

Details of all the awards can be found on the [Northamptonshire ACRE website](#) along with photographs of the presentations. For further information regarding the Awards for the NVA and the Communal Space, or to enquire about taking part in next year's awards, please contact:

Elaine O'Leary , Chief Executive

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE CONFERENCE

Want to learn how to make your community greener and more sustainable? Want to connect with other inspiring green organisations and charities in your neighbourhood?

We're delighted to invite you to our **Grow Green Together** conference on **Monday, September 12th, 10am-4pm**.

Northamptonshire ACRE, in partnership with **Climate Action West Northants** and the University of Northampton, will be hosting an eco-symposium - to give YOU the tools to make your community more biodiverse, green and sustainable.

As well as delicious lunch provided by Fruitful Abundance, there will be inspirational guest speakers - including environmental writer and campaigner Dr Mark Avery - to guide you through some of the steps to green-up your area, from planting trees to creating sustainable food networks.

You can learn from West and North Northants Unitary Authorities about what they are doing to achieve climate targets and how you can engage with them. And meet local community groups, showcasing their environmental projects.

The conference will take place at the Hunsbury Hill Centre in Northampton NN4 9QX. Tickets are £25 each (which includes lunch and refreshments).

For more information and tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grow-green-together-conference-tickets-361995928567>.

Elaine O'Leary, Chief Executive

Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)

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DIARY OF FORUM EVENTS—MEMBERS ONLY

August

No events

September

Full Forum Meeting

Stanwick Lakes

Thursday 22 September

Further details to follow

October

Heritage Awards Ceremony

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery

Thursday 6 October

6.30pm for 7pm start

October

History Day at Irthlingborough

Saturday 15 October

Further details to follow

November

Big Fat History Quiz

Date to be confirmed

Details to be arranged

December

No events



NEW DATE

Thursday 6 October

6.00pm for 7.00pm start

In person at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery and also as a hybrid event with the option to attend in person or by Zoom

STANWICK LAKES TO HOST THE FORUM MEETING ON 22 SEPTEMBER

Stanwick Lakes are delighted to play host to the Heritage Forum meeting on the 22nd of September. The 20th anniversary of the Forum is a huge achievement and a cause for celebration: the last 20 years have seen it go from strength to strength.



Stanwick Lakes are also celebrating a number of things. We re-opened our Visitor Centre in April having undergone refurbishment including developing a new heritage exhibition on the mezzanine level of the building.

This exhibition tells the amazing stories of the site's many settlers and features displays of some of the fantastic archaeological finds discovered here over the 10,000 year story.



The Heritage team also secured funding from the National Lottery Heritage fund to develop our next, exciting, three yearlong project. This project has three main strands:

- The restoration of the Bronze Age Round Barrow, bringing it back to its former glory in the landscape, and raising awareness of its historical and cultural significance.
- Building a Community Replica Bronze Age Boat, with the assistance of volunteers from the community and with specialist advice, using wherever possible, ancient skills and tools.
- Building a typical Iron Age farm settlement, with the assistance of community volunteers, to be a focal point for a 'Living History Experience'.

It feels very fitting that we have been given the privilege to host the Forum meeting, giving us the opportunity to mark these achievements. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to our site on Thursday the 22nd of September. There will be the opportunity to attend a talk about our Bronze Age Round Barrow; the chance to see traditional crafters demonstrating age-old traditional crafting methods; there'll be networking and of course the meeting itself. More details and timings to follow, but please put this date in your diary.

Becky Gill, Heritage Manager

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Heritage Fair

Sunday 11 September 2022

10am - 4pm

**Abington Park Museum and
Northampton Museum and Art Gallery**

There will be lots of stands showcasing local organisations as well as activities for the children.

Some of those joining in are:

Northampton Transport Heritage;

Northamptonshire Family History Society,

Northamptonshire Heritage Forum,

Heritage Hunters, Chester House, Masque Theatre,

Northampton & District Model Railway;

Northampton Philatelic Society, Jeyes Museum &

Northamptonshire Magicians

plus many other local history societies and heritage groups.

Northampton Transport Heritage will be providing free classic bus services in and around Northampton linking venues participating in Heritage Open Days.

Free admittance

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHIVES SERVICE

Things truly are looking up at the Archives Service. The roofing of the Service's building has been cleaned and repaired for the first time in 30 years. You will notice that there has been some external painting done as well, so the building looks rather more inviting than it did. Internal painting works are scheduled for later in the year. Staff are especially pleased that the works will protect the archives, but also hope the programme, once completed, will make the public rooms nicer to work in.

We would also be pleased if a few more visitors came to explore the amazing collections that we hold. Whether you are doing your family history, local history or the history of your own house, we will hold some records of interest to you if your search relates to Northamptonshire. If you are not sure where to start, come along to one of the very useful Family History 'surgeries' provided by the Family History Society on the first Saturday in each month. Guidance can be given on the sorts of resources that can be found here, especially all those that cannot be found online, and how to navigate the various hard copy catalogues and indexes.

Alternatively, if you have not visited before, or not recently, why not book to visit during the national Heritage Open Days? The Service will be open on Saturday 10 September with a chance for you to see a small selection of the types of documents that we hold, plus a tour behind the scenes. We do not often open up the repositories where the archives are stored, because of the need to regulate temperature and humidity. There is nothing like seeing the scale of the collections to appreciate the importance of the work done that is invisible to you when you visit. The tours have to be pre-booked because of numbers, please (bookings open from August).

In other news, we are pleased to note that we have also recently taken delivery of some additional shelving. In the archive profession there is a constant pressure (and excitement) of new records arriving that need to be processed. Professionally, part of the archivist's role is to assess whether records offered to us are worthy of permanent preservation. If it is decided that they are, space is needed in which to store them. Space is at a premium in busy Services where new material is being received every week, so this has given us some 'breathing space'.

Among recent accessions are many modern parish council records, which will be especially useful to future historians studying local histories, plus a number of archives from societies and organisations, such as the Northamptonshire Philharmonic Choir. The archive of this group dates back to the 1890s and includes some lovely programmes of works performed, including, for example, appearances by Malcolm Arnold and Peter Pears in the 1940s.

Do please let me know if there are any subjects you would like to hear updates about and we shall be pleased to try to help.

Sarah Bridges, Archives and Heritage Services Manager

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WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT HINDU ASSOCIATION

The Hindu community has a long history in Wellingborough, with the first settlers coming to the town from 1960 onwards. Wellingborough District Hindu Association (WDHA) was started by a group of community volunteers in the early 1970s. We have continued to serve the community in Wellingborough and across Northamptonshire for over 40 years, hosting numerous religious, cultural events, festivals and educational programmes for children, families, and local schools. The Hindu Mandir has become an established and recognised centre in the community, working in partnership with other faith-based organisations and community support services and is recognised for its valuable contribution to the town. It has earned the respect through dedicated hard work, unity, and determination from many volunteers over the years. Moving forward, we are keen to explore opportunities to develop programmes and events which celebrate the arts, cultures, and heritage of South Asian communities.

Ishver Patel MBE, Patron

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WELLINGBOROUGH SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE PROJECT

The Wellingborough South Asian Heritage Project was an opportunity to capture a collection of short stories and photo-video montages, from first generation Asian pioneers who settled in Wellingborough. These stories provide a brief glimpse into their history and a backdrop of experiences that shaped their journey to United Kingdom.

The stories interweave their struggles and challenges and how through hard work, determination and sacrifice they were able to make a new life for themselves and their families. Each story demonstrates their individual commitment and contribution to the community of Wellingborough.

The project was developed in partnership with WDHA, Human Values in Action Foundation, Asha Deep, Support Northamptonshire, Made With Many, with support from Arts Council England.

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SYREHSAM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Jubilee Event, Saturday June 4th 2022

As part of our village celebratory programme over the Jubilee Weekend, Syresham & District History Society postponed its June 1st regular meeting in favour of a Platinum Celebratory tea party and film, to the Saturday afternoon.

We are fortunate enough to have a skilled free-lance TV cameraman in the village who can construct video recordings of events and village activities. We had an hour's film show of the past 70 years, covering national, local, international and village events.

This included a record of the acquisition and construction of a new Village Hall, the 75th anniversary of VE Day as well as many famous events and people.

The audience of over 75 enjoyed the film show and then tucked into an afternoon tea party – *all free*, courtesy of the Village Hall Committee and many contributors from around the village!

We had so many very welcome compliments for an afternoon well organised and spent. Our village community turned up trumps as always!

Ian Draper, Chairman



SYWELL AVIATION MUSEUM BOOK AND MODEL APPEAL

After the success of the Sywell Aviation Museum book and model sale earlier this year, the Museum is actively seeking the donation of more items to help raise funds to restore its 1969 Handley Page Jetstream aircraft into a classroom. If we can collect enough then we hope to hold another sale later this year or early next.

If you have any surplus second hand military/aviation books, diecast models, model kits or accessories you would be able to donate we would love to hear from you (we can collect).

Based at Sywell Aerodrome, the Museum is free to enter and relies on donations to survive. It remains open each weekend and bank holiday until the end of September between 1030-1630hrs and each Tuesday and Wednesday 1200-1600.

We are also actively recruiting new members so if you are interested please get in touch.

For more information please email sywellaviationmuseum@gmail.com or call 07968061708

DAVENTRY MUSEUM



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Exhibition

To mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, on 25th May 2022, Daventry Museum opened a commemorative display marking the Queen's 70 year reign.

Displays look back at The Queen's previous Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees, with memorabilia from past Jubilee celebrations in the town.

The museum invited their Pen Pals at Daventry's Caring Kindergarten's to help with Jubilee decorations, and they didn't disappoint! The museum's little friends created a wonderful Union Jack Collage and Jubilee bunting to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

A spokesperson from Caring Kindergarten's said: "Thank you for letting us join in with the amazing opportunity, we really enjoyed ourselves".

Young visitors to the museum can learn more about the Queen by taking part in a Jubilee Trail,



and getting royally creative with some colouring in, and making Union Jack fortune tellers!

The special Jubilee display is open for the summer until 25th August 2022, and you can visit the exhibition during the following opening times: Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm and the following Saturdays from 10am to 4pm: 11th June, 2nd July, 6th August 2022.



BBC – A Centenary of Sights & Sounds

2nd July 2022 — 3rd December 2022



Daventry Museum will be celebrating the BBC's centenary this year with a commemorative BBC 100th Anniversary exhibition. Exhibits will include radio receivers from the start of the BBC through to the pop music revolution, and an early television in a 1950s room setting entitled, "Television comes to Daventry". The exhibition also celebrates the 90th anniversary of the Empire Short Wave Service from Borough Hill (opened in December 1932), marking the first broadcast to the Empire from the UK, the impact it had on the town, and later how it affected television reception!

Sophie Good, Museum Officer

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FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH, MAREFAIR

We have had much pleasure as 'Live' events resume and visitors return, less threatened by Covid.

"Cakes with Carvings" was perfect for the 'Live' season launch - with musical entertainment on 7th May.

St Peter's prepared for the Platinum Jubilee with superb work by the garden volunteers. A red, white, and blue planting theme marks the year to honour our Queen. This volunteer team meets most Tuesday mornings. They tend the garden; they clean and care for the building. They love newcomers to help and welcome casual visitors. Heritage is happiness at St Peter's!

There was bunting to greet visitors to a historic bell ringing on 4 June.



Our Tower team rang a quarter peal in joyful celebration. Friends of St Peter's hosted refreshments. The ringers commented that it was the first time they had received applause after a session. This was an event for the history books!

Click this file to watch the *St Peter's Bells* video:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/k4NkIP7E3eI>

Current plans now focus on theatre performances: booking is open, don't delay!

Wednesday 31st August 7 pm 'This is my Theatre' make a welcome return with 'Pride and Prejudice'.

We have a steady stream of visitors making individual and group bookings. A recent comment from a history society: "this building is magnificent, why haven't we been here before".

Our next organised general public opening is for Heritage Open Days.

All at 2-4 pm: the church will open on 9th, 10th, 11th and 17th and 18th September.

Friday 9th Sept visitors can have a look at the work at the Old Black Lion regeneration from the courtyard.

Please check the Heritage Open Days details nearer the time.

Mrs Jean Hawkins, Chairman

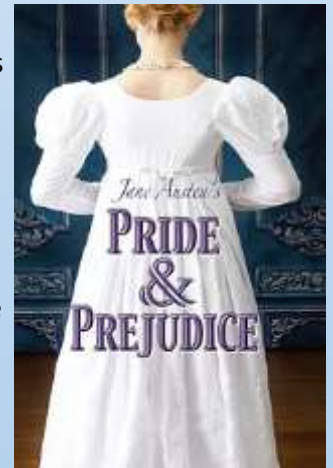
Friends of St Peter's welcome new members and volunteers.

Find more details about on Our Friends Webpage <https://www.fostp.org.uk>

Individual and group visits can be arranged:

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HOLY SEPULCHRE (NORTHAMPTON) RESTORATION TRUST

Here in Northampton's world famous Holy Sepulchre Church the combined efforts of PCC and Restoration Trust opened up with "Jubilee Showcase" on Friday 3rd June 2022 in the hope and expectation of a goodly public response...and we were not disappointed with the visitor numbers.

The combination of Pat Kightley's floral expertise and John Willis setting up a street party scene alongside the short tours by John Kightley MBE and David Parish MBE gave our visitors plenty of jubilee memories to take home with so many promising to return for Heritage Open Days in September and the autumn concerts "Last Night of the Proms" and "We Will Remember Them"...both concerts with National Award Winning Northampton Concert Band.



We ran a mini competition for our visitors to guess how many visitors had been to Holy Sepulchre since the Restoration Trust was set up in 1982 and how many had attended our super 175 concerts with many different bands local and military.

John Kightley MBE, Director/



Secretary

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BRIXWORTH HISTORY SOCIETY

May saw the last of our inside meetings until the autumn. But there was a lot to look forward to. Beginning with the planting of the Jubilee Tree outside the Village Hall in Holcot Road, which joins the Jubilee Tree planted in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

Then the village looked forward to the Platinum Celebrations. These began on Thursday, 2nd June when a large crowd saw the lighting of the beacon near All Saints Church.

On Sunday, June 5th the celebrations centred around the Community Centre in Spratton Road, where a display from the History Society archives showed previous celebrations in the village, including coronations, VE Day, May Days and the 1980 celebrations concerning the 1300th anniversary of All Saints. There was a joint open-air service outside led by the Reverends Reith and Lloyd Williams from All Saints and Brixworth Community Church. This was followed in the afternoon by a Fancy Dress Competition, Moulton 77 Brass Band, Brixworth U3A Singers and Krystal's Dancers, all accompanied by cream teas served from the Olive Branch Coffee Shop.



These celebrations were in addition to several street parties held in the village.

The Society.

Throughout the summer months we concentrate on visits to local places of interest: in June we visited Sywell Airport Museum where we had an excellent introduction to the memorabilia by Ben Brown; in June there was a visit to the Chester House Estate; in July we are visiting Silverstone Museum and in August a visit to Northampton Museum is planned.

The autumn programme begins on September 15th with a talk on the Northampton Tunnels by John Knightley MBE. This will be followed on

October 20th when Ruth Thomas will talk about Northampton Castle and on November 17th Graham Evans will talk us through the county's country house sieges during the civil war. Our December meeting will be our Christmas social. All meetings take place at the Village Hall in Holcot Road and begin at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Throughout the summer **Brixworth Heritage Centre** is open at weekends from 2.30-5pm for visitors to the village with free entry. The centre is run by the Friends of Brixworth Church and there is a display put on by the History Society concentrating on some of the fantastic buildings in the village and items of interest concerning them. Refreshments are also available.

There is a Heritage Trail around the village following the blue plaques. Leaflets are available at the Library/Information Centre and at the Heritage Centre. The History Society can also undertake guided walks of the village for groups.

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78 DERNGATE

A picture produced piece by piece

A dazzling jigsaw featuring just a small part of Mackintosh's magic in the hall/lounge @ 78 Derngate is now on sale both in the shop and online! This perfectly perplexing puzzle is set to challenge the most ardent of jigsaw fans and is priced at just £19.50!

A nod to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

78 Derngate and Bassett-Lowke, in particular, has got quite a few royal connections of which to be proud and we gathered some of them together to put on display for all to see over the exciting Platinum Jubilee weekend. Among the items on display is a piece chronicling Bassett-Lowke's contributions to Queen Mary's famous Dolls' House featuring the tiniest train which pulls into a station aptly named Windsor. Notably, Margaret Mackintosh also created a little painting for the dolls' house and all this information has rekindled a lot of interest in people re-visiting the wonderful Lutyens-designed gem which can be seen in all its glory at Windsor Castle.



Some of our lovely volunteers - who were more than just a twinkle in their parents' eyes at the time - sent in a photo taken in 1952 and it is quite fun having a guess to see who's who!



78 Derngate Jubilee Pageant Participants

Our three participants just ahead of the start of the procession. They are dressed up as Lottie, the maid who lived here with Mr & Mrs Bassett-Lowke; Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Mrs Bassett-Lowke. What a cold morning it was, but a great turnout!

Throughout September we will be hosting 7 individual artists from the Northamptonshire Open Studios collection. Their work will be on display in our Upstairs Galleries and also in display cases in the Reception area. All work will be for sale and there are some great prizes up for grabs in a whole range of categories, so the exhibition has an element of competition to it! Our galleries are open every day except Monday (unless it is a BHM) and entry is free, but combining a visit to The Charles Rennie Mackintosh House @ 78 – for which there is an entry fee - together with a browse in the shop, followed by an afternoon tea, which will need to be booked in advance, if possible, is a great way to spend a few hours in Northampton town!

Liz Jansson, House Manager

NORTHANTS OPEN STUDIOS

BIGGER and BETTER than ever before, Northants Open Studios Art Festival returns and you're all invited to discover something new, this September!

This September take a journey throughout Northamptonshire and its borders and discover the county's artistic talent in this year's Northants Open Studios, the largest visual arts festival in and around the county.

This year Northants Open Studios is back, BIGGER and BETTER than ever before!! With over 160 artists taking part, there is lots to see this Autumn.

Artists welcome you inside their studios to find out the inspiration behind their work, as you explore and discover something new. Learn how to make a pot in the various potteries, understand different printing techniques, have a go at creating beautiful jewellery and if you are feeling inspired, why not start your own collection?

As well as all the studios, we have over 15 venues hosting group exhibitions so there are more opportunities than ever to see more artists in the same place. What's more, don't forget the Central Exhibition at Lamport Hall, which will give you the perfect starting point to decide where to visit if you can't make up your mind.



Mikki Longley studio



Claire Mycock working in her studio

Out of all the venues hosting artists this year, 10 are members of the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum, which we hope will bring new audiences and new interest to our amazing heritage sites.

Taking part are 78 Derngate, Delapre Abby, Lamport Hall, Jeyes of Earls Barton, Abington Park Museum, Wicksteed Park, Boughton House, Pytchley Church, Stanwick Lakes and Chester House.

Sponsored by the Lamport Hall Trust, Northants Open Studios is a free event, welcoming everyone to delve into the world of **ART**.

The county and its surrounding borders hold a wealth of talent just waiting to be found, so why not grab a friend and explore together this September!

For more information about our venues and what's on, visit northantsopenstudios.co.uk or contact the artists directly.

EVENTS:

Launch Event

Friday 2nd September, 6pm onwards

Lamport Hall

Central Exhibition

3rd – 25th September, Wednesday – Sunday, 10am – 4pm

Lamport Hall

Closing Party and Awards Ceremony

Saturday 24th September, 5pm onwards

Lamport Hall

Katie Boyce, Director, East Midlands Art

[07746318347](tel:07746318347)



Gordon Monk

LAMPORT HALL

We continue to be very busy with group visits, and general open days on Wednesday and Thursdays. The walled garden continues to impress everyone, and we still have Ann, who originally planted it, working in the garden. She has 'fond' memories of weeks of endless planting, then hand-seeding and hand-rolling the lawn.

We get many enquiries about the Lamport Gnome and the Rockery – Sir Charles Isham's personal interest – but for the past few months we have been concentrating on renovating one of the fountains that he installed, in the Italian garden. The fountain represents the sea floor – a huge shell sits on a plinth of rocks and coral. The pond has been sealed, all the workings have been replaced, the new pump has arrived, so we're really pleased to be continuing Sir Charles' 19th century vision for the gardens.

Our programme for August - September:

13 August **NGS Open Gardens**

Enjoy the gardens at Lamport whilst raising money for charity

28/28 August **Antiques and Vintage Fairs**

Antiques, vintage and collectors fair, organised by Antiques2Go

September **Northamptonshire Open Studios**

As the work on the Library/Alfred East Gallery in Kettering continues, artists from Northamptonshire Open Studios will be exhibiting in the Carriage House at Lamport throughout September

Sarah Stringer, Lamport Hall Preservation Trust Ltd

ROADE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

27th April: Edgar Mobbs - the life and death of a Northampton sporting icon

Saints' historian and BBC commentator Graham McKechnie gave us a very lively and inspiring talk about Edgar Mobbs. He was Saints' first rugby superstar - a prolific try-scorer and England captain, adored by the Northampton public. In 1914 he joined the army and formed a company of men who went with him to fight in the First World War.



Photo of Graham McKechnie

25th May: Roade's 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Peter Mawby's excellent slide show brought back memories for most of the audience with an entertaining selection of photos of the fun and games ten years ago. It was good to remember people who are no longer with us and people who were not here in 2012 enjoyed the evening too.



Photo of Peter Mawby 2012

5th June: Reigns and Coronations Exhibition: (part of Roade's Big Jubilee Lunch event)

Roade's Jubilee event was certainly big with many stalls and attractions inside and outside the Village Hall, including a dog show. It was very well-organized and well-attended in spite of occasional showers. Our exhibition included much memorabilia and accounts of local people's contacts with the Queen.



28th Sept 7.30pm St Mary's Church Hall: Hartwell and its links with Roade

We are looking forward to a talk by Angela Malin who is Chair of the Northamptonshire Family History Society. She will cover the historical links between Roade and Hartwell (and Ashton) including records from the Duke of Grafton estate collection.

26th October 7.30pm St Mary's Church Hall: Fifty years of Archaeology in Northamptonshire

We are pleased to be welcoming Andy Chapman who will be taking us through finds he has excavated from Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age settlements in Northamptonshire.

"Cutting Remarks The Story of Roade's Railways and Cutting through the Ages", written by our Chairman Chris Hillyard, is available at The Heritage Hub at Jeyes of Earls Barton, RLHS events and via our website

www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk

Margaret Smith, Events Secretary

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

We held our long-awaited conference on 14 May at the Park Inn in Northampton. Like other events around the country, we had to postpone our conference during Covid but at last we were able to hold our one-day conference. We were able to meet up with friends old and new from around the country and listen to four excellent speakers:

DANIEL WILLIAMS has been the County Archivist for Buckinghamshire since November 2020 and was previously Operational Manager for Northamptonshire Archives for 13 years. Daniel has spoken many times before at our conferences and meetings on a wide range of subjects. This time he gave us an historical overview of religious nonconformity in England. He then went on to highlight archival sources that are available to research our nonconformist ancestors.



DAVE ANNAL has over forty years' experience of working with many of the records we use to trace our family history. He is a popular lecturer, well-known on the family history circuit, and has also spoken at Family Tree Live and other major family history events.

Sifting through the evidence to find the truth (or what passes for the truth) is a skill which all serious family historians need to develop. The information left by our ancestors is all-too-frequently misleading, inaccurate or just plain wrong! Using real examples, his talk looked at some of the reasons why our ancestors might have lied and offered suggestions on how to recognise their varying degrees of ignorance, half-truths and wilful deception.

Dr NICK BARRATT is an author, broadcaster and historian best known for his work on BBC's Who Do You Think You Are? He is a past President of the Family History Federation, and sits on the Executive Committee of the Community Archives and Heritage Group. Using a case study from his own family tree, Nick explained how to research and write up a family history into a story, showcasing some of the key sources that you will need to explore – some familiar, some more unusual.

MELANIE BACKE-HANSEN is an independent historian, writer, and speaker, specialising in the social history of houses. Melanie is a research consultant for A House Through Time. She was series historical consultant for Phil Spencer's History of Britain in 100 Homes. She is also the author of House Histories: The Secrets Behind Your Front Door. Melanie's work involves original research for home owners to provide research reports and bespoke house history books. Melanie is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, member of the Royal Historical Society, and an Honorary Teaching Fellow at the University of Dundee. Melanie discussed the sources and archive material for researching the history of houses. While detailing the different sources, along with top tips, Melanie also revealed fascinating (and often unexpected) stories of people and events she has uncovered in her work researching the history of houses.

Northamptonshire Archives joined us for the day, and we had book stalls, and search services available. Our day included our President, Dr Colin Chapman presenting life membership certificates to three of our long-standing members in recognition of their hard work on behalf of the Society over many years – we even managed to keep it a secret from them!

Take a look at our website: [Home | Northamptonshire Family History Society \(northants-fhs.org\)](https://northants-fhs.org) or follow us on facebook. We would love you to join our Society and enjoy our fascinating hobby.

Janet Lawrence, Vice Chair

PYTCHLEY CHURCH HERITAGE TRUST

Pytchley Church Heritage Trust put on an exhibition over the Platinum Jubilee weekend in All Saints' Church, Pytchley, entitled "Seven decades of Pytchley life". The exhibition included a range of photographic and other material loaned by village residents and one of our trustees. It also featured a hand-drawn map of Pytchley as it was in 1953, along with details of who lived where at that time. The exhibition was well-attended and the map, in particular, created a lot of interest, especially among long-term villagers who were keen to share their memories.

On Saturday 2nd July we were pleased to hold a musical evening featuring pianist Lincoln Noel.

DIARY DATE: On Saturday 10th September PCHT will be welcoming a number of artists into All Saints' Church, Pytchley, as part of the Northamptonshire Open Studios event.

Kate Everard, Treasurer

ST ANDREW'S HERITAGE SOCIETY

'If Stone Could Talk': Celebration of the 900th anniversary of Spratton Church

A play about the medieval knight, Sir John Swinford, should have been performed in 2020, along with other events and concerts, but unfortunately the pandemic shut us all down.

Rehearsals are now up and running again and the play 'If Stone Could Talk' will now be performed at 7.30 pm on Saturday 24th September in St Andrew's Church and also on Sunday 25th September at 3.30 pm. There are 20 villagers in the cast, together with musicians, dancers, banner makers, costume designers, flower arrangers and technical wizards. Sir John himself is the narrator.

Further information can be obtained from David Bennett [07962 231798](tel:07962231798), or

Enid Jarvis [01604 821269](tel:01604821269)



SPRATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Spratton LHS took part in the celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the village's Church of England Primary School. An exhibition was held to display the work of the children in researching the history of their school from its foundation in 1819. The pandemic prevented the display being held earlier. History Society members were interviewed by the children and filmed. We also provided books and documents.

The youngest children decided what items would represent the present day school to future generations and they put them in a Time Capsule and buried it in the school grounds.

The next class examined the school building, looking particularly at the bricks and stonework to decide what was the original school as distinct from extensions.

Older children were excited by a visit to the Northamptonshire Record Office where staff had prepared documents about the school for them to look at and showed them how to be real historians looking for evidence and checking facts. The highlight was a visit to the temperature-controlled store room.

Finally, the top class studied the two World Wars and looked for evidence of the young people from the village who had attended the school and then served in the wars.

The children were delighted to meet Professor Lord Robert Winston who opened the exhibition and talked to them all. They found themselves the centre of attention with items on TV news and Radio Northampton.

Enid Jarvis, Chairman



Members of the history society were interviewed



Professor Lord Robert Winston

The older pupils designed their own First World War memorial to all the young men from Spratton, killed in the war, who had attended the primary school.



KETTERING CIVIC SOCIETY

As part of the Kettering Cultural Consortium, Kettering Civic Society took part KETTFEST festivities. *(We look forward to hearing all about it next time—Editor)*

On Saturday 2nd July we launched our **new young person's membership of the Society**, and they will be called **Time Travellers**. Kettering Civic Society takes an interest in the town's past, present and future, hence the name.



Recently, the Society has received requests for information about the history of Kettering from primary school teachers. Visits have been made to Kettering station and Fuller Heritage Museum. **This gave us the idea of producing a series of children's comics telling the town's history.**

The first comic has been printed and is '**Walking in the footsteps of the Reverend Maidwell, Thomas Toller,**

William Carey and William Knibb' -the Non-Conformists.

The comic was researched and written by me (Monica Ozdemir) edited by Kathy Haigh and illustrated by Max Champion who is with Picture the Difference, a group based at the William Knibb Centre.



Through the Kettering Cultural Consortium, Historic England has funded an art project which has been led by artist Carol Miles. Last year we held a 'memory day' at Wicksteed Park and Carol has taken these memories and created craft boxes which will be available from the Society, with activity sheets for children too.

Events

Thursday 11th August 3.00 pm for 3.30pm start at Bonkers Theatre, 27C Victoria Street, Kettering NN16 0BU. Parking in School Lane car park is free after 3pm.

an illustrated talk by Dave Clemo

'An illustrated talk exploring Kettering's past through illustrations, maps and photographs of the different phases of the open field system of the 18th century, the birth of the iron industry and quarrying on Brambleside and finally land restoration and housebuilding since 1960s'

Kettering Civic Society members £3, non-members £5. To book please phone **01536 723682** -spaces are limited in this small and cosy theatre.

Thursday 27th October

The Black Country Museum

Departure 9.00am from Cornmarket Hall. Return to Cornmarket Hall at 6.15 pm

Step back in time at this very popular living museum. Go down a mine, or back to school, watch some of the old crafts brought back to life or just enjoy fish & chips in newspaper. Something for all the family.

Members: Adults: £36.00. Non-members: £38.00

Members: Seniors: £33.50. Non-Members: £35.50

Members: Children: £25.50 Non-Members: £27.50

Kettering Station

Several members of Kettering Civic Society are 'Station Adopters' belonging to Community Rail Network who play an active part in ensuring that the station is inviting. In this role we were able to apply to East Midlands Trains and Community Rail Network for funds to improve the station—in this case the purchase of planters and plants.

Successful in our bid, we received a delivery of two very large planters that now stand proudly outside the main station entrance and four barrel-planters for platform 1.



The large planters required a substantial amount of soil and Boughton Loam kindly donated a huge sack full. This valuable contribution will enable us to continue buying plants throughout the season with funds set aside.

Four volunteers spent four hours filling and planting.



We look forward to seeing the plants blossom as volunteers water several times a week.

Monica Ozdemir, Secretary



THE FRIENDS OF KETTERING ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

Whilst the Gallery and Museum have remained closed, we have not been idle. We held several events to inform people of the progress of works (delayed unfortunately). In May we were invited on a 'hard hat' tour of the works ongoing. Still a lot to be done!

With the lifting of Covid restrictions, we decided that members would like to get out and about as a change from being stuck in meetings. We had a full and exciting program of events at Kettfest with support from our recently trained body of volunteers, and a visit to Derby Museums and Cromford Mill Arkwright centre in early July. Acknowledgement of the degree to which we have been working ever closer with Kettering District Arts society will be celebrated by a Grand Picnic at Boughton House for all members.

Around town, our QR plaque scheme is now progressively being put in place: if you are coming to visit the town, make sure to download a QR reader onto your Smartphone to enjoy the experience. We thought that we'd take a breather in August, before our next main event which will be a visit to Drayton House in the autumn.

However, we couldn't resist the temptation to schedule two cemetery tours on Sunday 21st August at 11am and 2pm and two town tours on Sunday 16th October at 11am and 2 pm. Watch out for more details on our social media platforms later.

David Brown, Chairman

NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Do you have any objects that relate to the Northamptonshire Regiment or the Northamptonshire Yeomanry? These could be generic objects or objects relating to individual soldiers and families or family histories. If you would be interested in donating them to the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery then please contact us through our website or on **01604 83111** or contact Jon-Paul Carr on **Jon-Paul.Carr@westnorthants.gov.uk**.

NMAG has received £3600 of grant funding from the Army Museums Ogilby Trust which will be matched with £3682 from the Northamptonshire Regimental Museum Trust. The funding will be spent on researching, recording, packing and storing a backlog of recently donated objects to best practice museum standards. This project will benefit our collections, making objects accessible for researchers and members of the public. Objects will also be available for exhibitions and events.

Jane Seddon, Collections Manager

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WHATS ON IN 2022

THE PANTALOONS PRESENT THE WAR OF THE WORLDS
OUTDOOR THEATRE (SPECIAL EVENT)
SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022
£16 Adults; £12 Under 18; £50 Family (2+2); Under 5s Free

SUMMER ACTIVITY WEEKS
SUNDAY 24TH JULY TO SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

THE THREE INCH FOOLS PRESENT TWELFTH NIGHT
OUTDOOR THEATRE (SPECIAL EVENT)
TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022
£18 Adult; £10 Under 18; £50 Family (2+2); Under 5s Free

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TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As part of the extended celebration from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022, we set up an exhibition to celebrate the whole 70 years. The intention was to include matters of national note but also more local items, particularly the memories and experiences of villagers over that period.

An appeal was put out and it brought forth many of the souvenirs of events from the Coronation through to the Diamond Jubilee.

A notable absence was personal photography from the time of the Coronation and even the early Jubilees. Maybe we overlook that, nowadays, almost everyone carries a camera – the smart phone – and that taking photographs to store on electronic devices is universal and virtually free of cost. This does, however, overlook that these private photographs are not readily inherited by the family and might, indeed, be irrecoverably erased anytime by a spanner in the works – or fat fingers!

The Heritage Society has decided to put together two booklets covering as much as possible of the community activity over the Platinum Jubilee celebration period, as both a memento and a permanent archive for future generations. They will, alas, be electronic but that means it can be free to members and encompass a much larger content without cost.

The star of the show was this amazing 1949 television, the first TV in Cogenhoe, which was showing a contemporary documentary about The Coronation.

The cricket club were sensational and made screens which related cricket activity to major events in Royal life.



And there was lots more printed material from the seven decades.

This was enriched by the generous loan of souvenirs, books and newspapers etc. to give a fully rounded exhibition which surprised and amazed.



Robert Vaughan, Secretary



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Kelmarsh Hall	Storytelling in the Gardens at Kelmarsh		9 and 10 Aug	Eleanor Laverick	01604 686543
Northamptonshire Family History Society by ZOOM	No meetings		August	Angela Malin	chairman@northants-fhs-org
Northamptonshire Family History Society by ZOOM	Breach of Promise to Marry	Denise Bates	05-Sep	Angela Malin	chairman@northants-fhs-org
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Northamptonshire Family History Society NORTHAMPTON	Northampton and the Great War . The role of postcards and the portrayal of wartime. Northampton	Douglas Goddard	21-Nov	Angela Malin	chairman@northants-fhs-org
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Kelmarsh Hall	Hansons Auctioneer Days at Kelmarsh Hall		17-Nov	Eleanor Laverick	01604 686543

EVENTS DIARY—by Date

Organisation	Event	Speaker	Date	Point of Contact	Email/ telephone
Northamptonshire Family History Society NORTHAMPTON	Northampton and the Great War. The role of postcards and the portrayal of wartime. Northampton	Douglas Goddard	21-Nov	Angela Malin	chairman@northants-fhs-org
Roads Local History Society	Lampport Home Guard	Colin Haddon	23-Nov	Maggie Smith	events@roadehistorysociety.org.uk
Northamptonshire Family History Society by ZOOM	tbc		28-Nov	Angela Malin	chairman@northants-fhs-org
Northamptonshire Family History Society by ZOOM	Christmas Social evening		05-Dec	Angela Malin	chairman@northants-fhs-org
Northamptonshire Family History Society KETTERING	The Brudenell Family of Deene	Delia Thomas	12-Dec	Angela Malin	chairman@northants-fhs-org