

Northamptonshire

Museums & Galleries, Historic Houses,
Heritage Sites & History Societies



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HERITAGE FORUM

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Abington Park Museum

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A Grade I listed building set within Abington Park. New galleries that opened in 2018 tell the story of Abington and the area. The museum is also home to the Northamptonshire Regiment and Yeomanry Gallery. There are events and activities over the year.

Contact

Park Avenue South,
Northampton NN1 5LW
01604 838111

museums@westnorthants.gov.uk

[f](https://www.facebook.com/AbingtonMuseum) AbingtonMuseum

[t](https://twitter.com/AbingtonMuseum) @AbingtonMuseum

www.northamptonmuseums.com

Opening

April to March, Saturday and Sunday, 1pm-5pm. November to March, Saturday and Sunday, 2pm-4pm. Also, open Tuesday-Sunday during Northamptonshire school holidays, and Spring and Summer bank holiday Mondays.



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Regular ticketed guided tours of the museum available once a month for the general public
- Group guided tours available that discover the history of the building, the park and the people who lived and worked here

Alfred East Gallery

2

The Gallery is passionate about sharing art and inspiring creativity. Set to reopen in Autumn 2022, the gallery is home to a diverse and exciting collection and hosts a vibrant programme of exhibitions which includes touring exhibitions and National Collection loans, alongside regular events, and activities.

Contact

Sheep Street, Kettering NN16 0AN
01536 534274

museumsandgallery@kettering.gov.uk

[t](https://twitter.com/kmuseumgallery) @kmuseumgallery

www.kettering.gov.uk/museums

Opening

Reopens Autumn 2022.

Usual opening times Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-5pm.



Admission

Free (charges may apply for some events, talks or activities).

Althorp House


3

Althorp has been the home of the Spencer family for over 500 years. Enjoy a tour of the house, discover magnificent interiors and one of Europe's finest private collections of paintings, furniture and ceramics. Also visit the gardens, exhibition, stables, cafe, and gift shop.

Contact

Althorp House, The Stables,
Althorp NN7 4HQ
01604 770006

info@althorp.com

 althorpestate

 @althorpestate

www.althorpestate.com

Opening

Please visit website



Admission

Please visit website. Tickets can be pre-booked in advance or purchased on arrival.

Boughton House

4

Boughton is one of Britain's grandest and best-preserved stately homes with 18th century landscaped grounds and woodlands. Within is a stunning collection of fine art furniture, tapestries, porcelain and carpets.

Contact

Boughton House, Geddington,
Kettering NN14 1BJ
01536 515731

info@boughtonhouse.co.uk

 BoughtonHouse

www.boughtonhouse.co.uk

Opening

Easter, Spring bank holiday and August – please see website. Groups can visit year-round by appointment.

Admission

Staterooms, Armoury, Exhibition and Gardens (2022): Adults £11, Children £8, Family £30

Gardens only: Adults £6, Children £3, Family £14

Books, Beds and Beyond: +£10, Great Hall tour +£4 to House Tour Ticket



Talks offered

- Charles Lister - The History and Heritage of Boughton House and its Family

Burton Latimer Heritage Museum


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The museum runs two four-month exhibitions a year with different themes showing items and photographs, mostly loaned by local people. A database of Burton Latimer names runs into several thousands and is available in the research room.

Contact

120 High Street, Burton Latimer,
Kettering NN15 5RH
01536 722722

project@burtonlatimer.info

 Burton Latimer Heritage
www.burtonlatimer.info

Opening

Thursday 10am-1pm. Saturday
10am-1pm. Other times by
appointment. Please note: the
museum is closed between
exhibitions, so it's best to check
there is an exhibition open before
travelling.



Admission

Free. Parking charges apply.

The Canal Museum, Stoke Bruerne


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Housed on two floors of a historic
corn mill, the country's first canal
museum provides an overview of
the history of Britain's canals.
It offers a fascinating insight into
the rich waterway heritage of
Stoke Bruerne, the Grand Union
Canal and the people that lived
and worked on them.

Contact

Bridge Road, Stoke Bruerne,
Nr Towcester NN12 7SE
01604 862229

stoke.bruerne@canalrivertrust.org.uk

 thecanalmuseum

 @CanalMuseum1

 @CanalMuseum1

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

Opening

Open all year round – please see
website



Admission

Free

A tranquil country manor house set in rare 18th century gardens. The Priory Church, the historic parkland, tea room and shop offer a great day out for all. If you have little explorers, don't forget to pick up a family trail!

Contact

Canons Ashby House,
Nr Daventry NN11 3SD
01327 861900
canonsashby@nationaltrust.org.uk
 CanonsAshbyNT
 @CanonsAshbyNT
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canonsashby

Opening

Please visit website



Admission

Please visit website. Entrance for National Trust members is free.

The Carey Experience

Four Northamptonshire churches share the story of 18th century, William Carey. From cobbler to university professor and Bible translator in India. Visit Carey Baptist Church, Moulton, Fuller Baptist Church, Kettering, Paulerspury Parish Church, and Hackleton Baptist Church.

Contact

Visits Coordinator,
Mrs Margaret Williams
07513 251414
margaret.williams1@btinternet.com
Kettering, David Milner
07876 564617
davidbmilner1@gmail.com
www.thecareyexperience.co.uk

Opening

Please see website

Admission

By donation



Talks/tours offered

- Talks available on William Carey, 18th Century Missionary from Northamptonshire
- Tours available on sites connected with William Carey, 18th Century Missionary from Northamptonshire of Moulton, Kettering, Paulerspury and Hackleton

Chester House Estate

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The Chester House Estate is a nationally significant heritage site; one of the few places in the UK which can demonstrate over 10,000 years of human activity. The vision is to make the site somewhere that people want to visit. A place that through education, learning and enjoyment adds value to their lives and helps them appreciate Northamptonshire outstanding heritage.

Contact

Higham Road, Little Irchester,
Wellingborough NN29 7EZ
info@chesterhouseestate.org
📍 The Chester House Estate
www.chesterhouseestate.org

Opening

Daily, 10am-4pm



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Tours of the site and Archaeological Resource Centre
- There's a varied programme of events throughout the year – please visit website

Northamptonshire Archaeological Resource Centre (ARC), Chester House Estate

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Located at the Chester House Estate, the ARC stores and curates Northamptonshire archaeological archives from past excavations within the county. The collections are free to access for all researchers who want to learn more about the county's rich archaeological past.

Contact

Chester House Estate,
Higham Road, Little Irchester,
Wellingborough NN29 7EZ
arc@northnorthants.gov.uk
📍 The Chester House Estate
www.chesterhouseestate.org

Opening

Monday to Friday, 10am-4.30pm.
Advance booking for research visits and tours required.

Admission

Free



Talks/tours offered

- Tours of the site and Archaeological Resource Centre
- There's a varied programme of events throughout the year – please visit website

History Book Corner, Chester House Estate



Northamptonshire only dedicated Local History, Local Author, General History and Children's History bookshop which stocks new and second-hand publications. The bookshop is housed in the Visitor Centre and Gift Shop within the courtyard of the Chester House Estate, a nationally significant heritage site which contains over 10,000 years of history.



Contact

Higham Road, Little Irchester,
Wellingborough NN29 7EZ
07890 797702
historybookcorner@outlook.com
History Book Corner



Admission

Free

Opening

Daily, 10am-4pm

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www.northamptonshireheritageforum.co.uk

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northamptonshireheritageforum@gmail.com

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The Treasurer, c/o 47 Woodlands Road,
Irchester, Northamptonshire, NN29 7BW

Please also follow us on Facebook:
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Corby Heritage Centre

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The restored 17th century cottage is the oldest residential building in Corby. Temporary exhibitions cover other aspects of local heritage and culture.

Visit

75-77 High Street, Old Village,
Corby NN17 1UU

Contact

Billy Dalziel, Heritage Development
Worker, North Northamptonshire
Council, Deene House, Corby
NN17 1GD

01536 464284 or 07500 066319

billy.dalziel@northnorthants.gov.uk

[f corbyheritagecentre](https://www.facebook.com/corbyheritagecentre)

[@CorbyBCLeisure](https://twitter.com/CorbyBCLeisure)

www.corby.gov.uk

Opening

Monday-Friday 1pm-4pm. Saturday
11am-2pm. Closed bank holidays.



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Corby Old Village
- Corby Steelworks

Daventry Museum

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A free social history museum and community resource available for all to enjoy. Permanent displays feature the town's ancient charters, historic Borough Hill and the BBC 5XX Radio Transmitting Station. Each year there are regularly changing exhibitions and various events for families and community groups, including the popular British Science Week event held annually in March.

Contact

3 New Street,
Daventry NN11 4BT

01327 301246

museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk

[f DaventryMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/DaventryMuseum)

[@DaventryMuseum](https://twitter.com/DaventryMuseum)

www.daventrymuseum.org.uk

Opening

Tuesday to Friday, 9.30am-1.30pm.
First Saturday of every month,
10am-4pm.

Admission

Free



Talks/tours offered

- Self-guided walking tours of town and Borough Hill (Scheduled Ancient Monument) available from the museum or to download from their website
- Walking tours arranged throughout the year; check website for details
- Enquire about talks that can be arranged for your community group

Deene Park

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Home of the Brudenell family since 1514 and seat of the Earls of Cardigan until 1868. This 16th century house incorporates a medieval manor with important Georgian additions.

Contact

Deene Park, Deene NN17 3EG
01780 450278
admin@deenepark.com
@deenepark
@Deenepark
www.deenepark.com



Opening

Please visit website

Admission

Adult £12, Concession £10,
Child (5-16) £6

Delapré Abbey

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Alive with the possibilities of the present, surrounded by the echoes of the past, Delapré Abbey is here for everyone to explore. With beautiful parkland and a history stretching back 900 years, this Grade II* listed building is filled with intriguing, hands-on storytelling to enjoy alongside a popular events programme. The Abbey is also home to the Common Ground deli, The Orangery café, and the award-winning fine dining restaurant Hibiscus.



Contact

Delapré Abbey, London Road,
Northampton NN4 8AW
01604 760817
info@delapreabbey.org
delapreabbey.org
@delapreabbey
www.delapreabbey.org

Opening

Open for general admission on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, 11am-4pm. Grounds and café open daily. Please visit website for up-to-date information.

Admission

Adult £8, Under 18s free,
Annual Pass £20

Talks/tours offered

- Tours of the History of Delapré Abbey, Restoration of Delapré Abbey, Gardens Tours, Upstairs and Downstairs in a Victorian Country House

Desborough Heritage Centre

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The centre reveals 2000 years of heritage, starting with the famous Iron Age Desborough Mirror (100 BC), Romans in the Ise Valley, and the Anglo-Saxon Desborough Necklace (c.670AD). See how rich they are in 19th and 20th century industries (silk, shoes, corsetry), together with all the developing town's domestic and social history.

Contact

72 Station Road,
Desborough NN14 2RS
01536 765734 or 01536 763916
desheritage@btconnect.com
📍 Desborough Heritage Centre
www.desboroughheritagecentre.co.uk

Opening

Monday to Saturday, 10am-
12.30pm and 2pm-4pm. Closed
bank holidays.



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Guided tours and groups by arrangement

Earls Barton Museum

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A small volunteer run museum based in a bedroom above the local gift and coffee shop 'Jeyes of Earls Barton'. It depicts the lifestyle and industry of days gone by through objects donated by local families.

Contact

26-28 The Square,
Earls Barton NN6 0NA
01604 811735
earlsbartonmuseum@hotmail.co.uk
📍 Earls Barton Museum: Village
Life Through The Lens

Opening

Monday to Saturday, 10am-4pm.
Closed bank holidays.

Admission

Free



Talks/tours offered

- Guided walks of Earls Barton for pre-arranged groups

Jeyes of Earls Barton

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A family run visitor attraction with a difference. Home to various Northamptonshire heritage exhibitions, an award-winning coffee shop and artisan product of the year 2021, Jeyes' Northamptonshire Sauce. Jeyes is also home to the first 'Northamptonshire Heritage Forum County Hub', celebrating heritage sites and sharing their stories.

Contact

26-28 The Square,
Earls Barton NN6 0NA
01604 810289
info@jeyesofearlsbarton.co.uk
f Jeyes Earls Barton Northampton
t @JeyesEB
www.jeyesofearlsbarton.co.uk
www.jeyesnorthamptonshiresauce.co.uk



Opening

Monday to Saturday, 8.30am-5pm.
Closed on bank holidays.

Admission

Free

Harrington Aviation Museum Society

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The Carpetbagger Aviation Museum is housed in the Operations Buildings of USAAF Station 179 at Harrington. It depicts the role of the 801st/492nd Bombardment Group and their secret missions to Resistance Groups in Occupied Europe in WW2. Other exhibits include the Special Operations Executive, the Thor nuclear missiles at the airfield and the Royal Observer Corps.

Contact

Sunnyvale Farm, Off Lamport Road, Harrington NN6 9PF
01536 711556
enquiries@harringtonmuseum.org.uk
f Harrington Aviation Museum
www.harringtonmuseum.org.uk

Opening

Weekends and bank holiday
Mondays from the weekend
before Easter until the end of
October, 10am-5pm.



Admission

Adults £5, Child (12-17) £2, Child (0-11) Free. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Talks/tours offered

- For talks, contact Fred West by emailing caswest@aol.com
- For tours, see museum's website

Holdenby House, Gardens & Falconry

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Once the largest house in Elizabethan England, Holdenby subsequently became the Palace of James I and Charles I and finally Charles' prison after his defeat in the Civil war. The Historic Grade I gardens and renowned Falconry Centre are open weekends April-September together with a nascent English Wildlife collection.



Contact

Holdenby House, Estate Office,
Holdenby NN6 8DJ
01604 770074
office@holdenby.com
f holdenbyhouse
t @HoldenbyHouse
www.holdenby.com

Admission

Please visit website

Opening

April-September, Saturday, Sunday
& bank holidays | 11am-4pm

Holy Sepulchre (Northampton) Restoration Trust

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A rare round 1100AD medieval church where an exciting history has been brought to life through the centuries. Worship, unbelievable history, militaria, concerts, theatre and numerous royal connections capture the hearts of our many visitors.



Visit

Holy Sepulchre, Sheep Street,
Northampton NN1 2LY

Contact

Trust Registered Office,
22 Lyncrest Avenue,
Northampton NN5 5PE
01604 754782
crusader.round@btinternet.com
www.stsepsrestoration.co.uk
www.stseps.org.uk (church)

Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Group tour booking by appointment – charges apply – call for more details

Opening

Usually open from beginning
of May to end of September,
Saturdays 2pm-4pm.

Irchester Narrow Gauge Railway Museum

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A life size diorama of a quarry face and many other interesting displays. Situated in Irchester Country Park, a former Ironstone Quarry, this award-winning museum is home to a collection of locomotives, wagons and artefacts relating to the use of narrow gauge railways in the county's industries.



Contact

Irchester Country Park,
Wellingborough NN29 7DL
01604 675368
irchesterrailwaymuseum@gmail.com
www.irchesterrailwaymuseum.co.uk

Opening

Every Sunday. Summer 10am-4pm.
Winter 10am-3pm. Groups by
appointment.

Admission

Free

Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens

23

Built in the Palladian style, the Hall is set in award-winning gardens and parkland. Once the home of Nancy Lancaster, society decorator renowned for creating the 'English Country House' style. The servants quarters and old laundry are open to the public and, from 2022, visitors can also visit newly opened upstairs rooms.



Contact

Kelmarsh Hall, Kelmarsh NN6 9LY
01604 686543
marketing@kelmarsh.com
f Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens
t @Kelmarsh Hall
www.kelmarsh.com

Opening

April to September, 10am-4pm

Admission

Please visit website

Kettering Civic Society

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Formed in 1969, the Society holds meetings, lectures, exhibitions, and cultural visits. Please visit their website for more detail.

Time Travellers

An exhibition room at Kettering Station, which opens when steam trains stop and by appointment. This space is run by the Society.

Visit

Kettering Railway Station, Station Road, Kettering NN15 7ER

Contact

Secretary, Monica Ozdemir
01536 723682

kettcivic@gmail.com

 Kett Civic

www.ketteringcivicsociety.net

Opening

Community Room open when steam trains stop and by appointment



Admission

Free (Society Membership £15 annually)

Talks/tours offered

- The Kettering Mosaic – the passion to save the 1960s mosaic that illustrates the towns industrial and religious connections
- A variety of talks on Kettering

King's Cliffe Heritage Centre

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Wood-turning made King's Cliffe nationally famous. The Heritage Centre is in a historic schoolroom (27 Bridge Street). It showcases the skills of past woodturners and many other aspects of village life, through artefacts and an extensive digital archive, also available on their website.

Contact

Registered Office, 40 West Street,
King's Cliffe, Peterborough PE8 6XA
0843 886 9395

kingscliffeheritage@gmail.com

www.kingscliffeheritage.com

Opening

February to October, fourth Sunday of the month and bank holiday Mondays, 2pm-5pm.

Admission

Free



Talks/tours offered

- Wood-Turners and Carvers of King's Cliffe Past
- Guided history walks around King's Cliffe
- Group visits welcome to the Heritage Centre

Lampport Hall and Gardens

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A Grade I listed country house with a classical façade by John Webb. The Hall has a remarkable collection of paintings and furniture, with many pieces collected on the Grand Tour in the 17th century. The beautiful gardens include a large walled cutting garden showcasing perennials from Piet Oudolf's nursery in the Netherlands.



Contact

Lampport Hall, Lampport NN6 9HD
01604 686272

events@lamporthall.co.uk

Facebook icon Lampport Hall

Instagram icon lampport_hall

www.lamporthall.co.uk



Admission

Please visit website

Talks offered

- Lampport through the Ages

Opening

Please visit website

Lyveden – National Trust

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Lyveden is the enduring realisation of one man's belief and commitment against the odds in Elizabethan England. Rocked by dramatic changes in English society and threatened by persecution for persisting in his personal belief, Sir Thomas Tresham (1543-1605) designed his symbolic landscape and garden lodge to stand in testament of his faith.



Contact

Lyveden New Bield, Harley Way,
Nr Oundle, Peterborough PE8 5AT
01832 205259

lyveden@nationaltrust.org.uk

Facebook icon NTLyveden

Twitter icon @NTLyveden

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lyveden



Admission

Please visit website

Opening

Open to the public, 7 days a week, from 1 April to 31 October, 10am-5pm. Last entry 4.30pm. Please visit website for more information.

Museum of Leathercraft

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The museum tells the world story of leather, from prehistory to present day, through 11,000 objects. The collection begins its tale in 40,000BC, showcasing a treasure trove of unique leather goods, including ancient underpants from Egypt, fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls, a royal toilet and Queen Victoria's saddle.




Contact

Floor 2, Grosvenor Centre, Union Street, Northampton NN1 2EW
01604 745681

info@museumofleathercraft.org

 museumofleathercraft.org

 @museumofleather

www.museumofleathercraft.org

Opening

By appointment only

Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Leather is everywhere! An introduction to the museum of Leathercraft's collection
- Check their website for other talks and tours

Naseby 1645

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Naseby 1645 works to preserve and promote the site of the Battle of Naseby. The aim of the Naseby Battlefield Project is to educate, communicate and amplify the importance in world history of the Battle of Naseby. There are a number of viewing points and information panels that describe the campaign, the battle, and the royalist retreat after their defeat. Naseby is the decisive battle of the English Civil War.




Visit


Various places to view the battlefield site – please visit website

Contact

Naseby Battlefield Project,
Lea House, 11 Clipston Lane,
Great Oxendon LE16 8LY
07850 217119

enquiries@naseby.com

 Naseby 1645

 BNaseby1645

www.naseby.com

Opening

All year round – please see website

Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Full details of tours, timelines, an audio trail and information on the battle is available on their website
- Bespoke tours and talks for individuals and groups available on request

Northampton and Lamport Railway

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Operating a selection of steam and heritage diesel passenger services alongside a section of the Brampton Valley Way near Northampton. Open for train rides from Spring to Autumn, with special events and site access throughout the year.

Contact

Pitsford and Brampton Station,
Pitsford Road, Chapel Brampton,
Northampton NN6 8BA

01604 820327

cio@nlrcio.org.uk

 NLRailway

 @NLRailway

 @NLRailway

www.nlr.org.uk

Opening

Open to the public on running days, every Sunday plus some Saturdays and bank holidays for special events, between March and October (and a few select dates over Winter).



Admission

Free to enter, tickets available to purchase to ride on the train.

Talks/tours offered

- Special talks and tours at the railway (or elsewhere) can be arranged on request

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery


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Situated in the centre of Northampton, the museum and gallery hosts a range of permanent and changing exhibitions. The History Galleries explore Northampton's rich history, while the Shoe Gallery showcases their internationally important shoe collection. Changing exhibitions are in the art and major temporary exhibition galleries.

Contact

Guildhall Road,
Northampton NN1 1DP
01604 838111

museums@westnorthants.gov.uk

 NorthamptonMuseum

 @NorthamptonShoe

 northamptonshoe

www.northamptonmuseums.com

Opening

Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-5pm.
Sunday 12-5pm. Open Spring and Summer bank holiday Mondays.



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- See website for details of talks and tours currently on offer

This is a great place to research your family history, the history of your house, an area of Northamptonshire, or any aspect of life in the county, over the last 800 years. You can also access information on the county's archaeological sites, historic buildings and landscapes.

Contact

Wootton Hall Park, Mereway,
Northampton NN4 8BQ
01604 362513

archivist@westnorthants.gov.uk

f Northamptonshire Archives and Heritage Service

t @NorthantsPast

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/
recordoffice

Opening

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays
9am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, first Saturday
in month 9am-1pm



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Tours of the Record Office are available to pre-booked groups

Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust

The Trust exists to collect, restore, preserve and present heritage moving image material, primarily amateur cine film and video taken in Northamptonshire and the adjoining counties. It also possesses a large collection of film and cinema equipment including a number of early projectors.

Contact

Pete Austin, Administration Trustee,
Northamptonshire Film Archive
Trust, 5 Lancaster Street,
Higham Ferrers NN10 8HY
01933 396906

tnfat@outlook.com

f Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust

www.thenorthamptonshirefilmarchivetrust.co.uk

Opening

By arrangement



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- History and Founding of the Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust – which includes historic film footage from the collection

Oundle Museum


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Oundle's Old Courthouse 'houses' its little gem of a museum. The main room has an exhibition about the history of the town including its archaeology and the 'Theme Room' has a different display each year.

Contact

The Courthouse, Mill Road,
Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4BW
01832 272735

info@oundlemuseum.org.uk

 Oundle Museum

www.oundlemuseum.org.uk



Opening

Please visit website

Admission

Free

Oundle School Archive

35

Oundle School traces its origins back to 1556, with historic buildings dispersed throughout the town. The Archive holds many records and artefacts tracing the history of the school, its activities and administration. It is a valuable resource for both family, school and local history research.

Contact

The Stables, Cobthorne, West
Street, Oundle PE8 4EF
01832 277137

archives@oundleschool.org.uk

 @OundleArchive

www.oundleschool.org.uk/about-us/the-school-archive

Opening

By arrangement

Admission

Free



Talks/tours offered

- By arrangement with the School Archivist

Piddington Roman Villa Museum – Upper Nene Archaeological Society

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Award-winning museum, displaying results of the ongoing excavation of a Roman Villa. Iron Age settlement and early Anglo-Saxon occupation, exhibited in a former Wesleyan Chapel (built 1851). Exciting schools programme and group visits by arrangement. Excavation, post-excavation and research opportunities.

Contact

24 Chapel End, Piddington,
Northampton NN7 2DD
01604 870312 or 07597 303693
dianaf-t@hotmail.com
www.unas.org.uk

Opening

April to September, Sunday, 2pm-5pm. October to March, Sunday, 2pm-4pm (also some Wednesdays, 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm – please contact in advance).

Admission

Adults £3.50, Concessions £2,
ARA Members Free, Groups by
arrangement, £5 per head. To
arrange school visits, call 07597
303693.



Talks/tours offered

- Various aspects of the Roman Villa Site at Piddington

Prebendal Manor

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The Manor is a hidden gem in Northamptonshire. Dating from 1200, Prebendal Manor is the oldest historic house in the county.

Contact

The Prebendal Manor,
Nassington PE8 6QC
01780 782575
theprebendalmanor@gmail.com
f Prebendal Manor and Tithe Barn
Museum
www.prebendal-manor.co.uk

Opening

By appointment for groups and
weddings from May to end of
September.



Admission

Adults £8, Children £4.50

Ringstead Heritage Centre

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The Heritage Centre is run by the Ringstead Heritage Group. During the year the Heritage Centre aims to display different aspects of the village history.

Contact

Station Road,
Ringstead NN14 4TU
07736 049971
ringsteadheritage@gmail.com
Ringstead Heritage Group
www.ringsteadheritage.com

Opening

Some weekends, April to
November (contact to confirm).

Admission

Free



Talks/tours offered

- Unravelling the Mysteries of Ringstead Mills
- A pictorial walk down Ringstead's 19th century Shop Street

Rockingham Castle

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Set on a hill overlooking five counties, Rockingham Castle was built by William the Conqueror. The Castle was a royal residence for 450 years. In the 16th century Henry VIII granted it to Edward Watson and for 450 years it has remained a family home. Twelve acres of formal and wild garden command splendid views over the surrounding countryside.

Contact

Rockingham Castle,
Rockingham LE16 8TH
01536 770240
estateoffice@rockinghamcastle.com
rockinghamcastle
@rockinghamcastle
www.rockinghamcastle.com

Opening

Please visit website

Admission

Please visit website



Discover the 5,000 years of heritage on the 750-acre Stanwick Lakes site, uncovered in the 1980s during extensive archaeological excavations. Some of the discoveries can still be seen today, including a Bronze Age Round Barrow, and Mosaic and artefacts from a large Roman villa.



Contact

Stanwick Lakes,
Stanwick NN9 6GY
01933 625522
info@rftrust.org.uk
f StanwickLakes
t @nenesettlers
www.stanwicklakes.org.uk



Opening

Please visit website

Admission

Free (standard car parking charges apply for entry to the Stanwick Lakes site).

Talks/tours offered

- For updates on activities and events, refer to their website for details
- A free Heritage Trail leaflet is available which will guide visitors to all the historic settlement places around the site

Rushden Museum

The museum provides various exhibitions of the town's social history. It does this via photographs and artefacts, including an IT kiosk which, at the touch of a button, accesses the town's archives.



Contact

The Old Stables, Hall Park,
Rushden NN10 9EP
01933 317261
info@rushdenmuseum.co.uk
f rushdenmuseum
www.rushdenmuseum.co.uk



Opening

May to October, Saturday and Sunday, 2pm-4pm.

Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Pre-arranged visits for groups to the Museum and historic tours of nearby Rushden Hall

Rushden Transport Museum and Railway

42

The railway museum is housed in the original rooms of the Midland Railway's Victorian Station in Rushden, on the old branch line between Wellingborough and Higham Ferrers. The setting provides a nostalgic atmosphere for visitors to view a unique and varied collection of transport artefacts and ephemera from Rushden's past.

Contact

Station Approach,
Rushden NN10 0AW
0300 302 3150
museum@rhts.co.uk
www.rhts.co.uk

Opening

April to October, Saturdays, 10am-12noon. For Event Days see their website.



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Group visits by arrangement

SCCYC Sikh Museum, Northampton

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A newly built innovative award-winning museum in Northampton's Waterside Enterprise Zone. The Sikh Museum Northampton (SMN) shares Sikh and Punjabi heritage, migrations stories and core values, through an array of exhibitions, objects, and literature.

Contact

35-37 St James Mill Road,
Northampton NN5 5JW
01604 475802 or 07770 088568
nfo@sccyc.co.uk
f SCCYC Northampton
t @SCCYC
www.sccyc.co.uk/sikh-museum-northampton

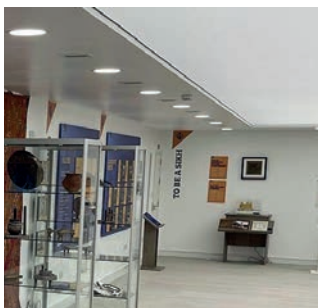
Opening

Please visit website

Admission

Please visit website

Talks/tours offered



- Guided talks and tours for groups by arrangement

78 Derngate – The Charles Rennie Mackintosh House and Galleries

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Recognised as the place to visit in Northampton, this house was remodelled in 1917 by famous architect and designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh in his iconic modernist style.

Contact

78 Derngate Trust, 78-82 Derngate,
Northampton NN1 1UH

01604 603407

info@78derngate.org.uk

📍 78 Derngate

📷 @78derngatehousemanager

🐦 @78derngate

www.78derngate.org.uk

Opening

February-December, Tuesday-Sunday: 10am-5pm. Bank holiday Mondays: 10am-5pm. Closed in January.

Admission

Adults £8.50, Children (4-18) £4, Families £20, Students £5. Other discounts may apply, please visit website. Online booking available.



Talks/tours offered

- History of the house and restoration of 78 Derngate
- The life and work of W J Bassett-Lowke
- Charles Rennie Mackintosh – The Chelsea Years
- Alexander Ellis Anderson – Architecture in Northampton
- Art Deco Walking Tours of Northampton

St Andrew's Heritage, Spratton

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A 900-year-old church packed with history. The Society exists to raise money to safeguard, protect and enhance the fabric of the Grade I listed St Andrew's Church, which was founded in 1120AD.

Visit

St Andrew's Church, Brixworth Road, Spratton NN6 8HH

Contact

David Bennett, Highcroft,
4 High Street, Spratton NN6 8HZ
01604 821785

davidhbennett@btinternet.com

Opening

Daily, during daylight hours.



Admission

Free admission.

Talks/tours offered

- Guided tours of the church by arrangement

The Friends of St Peter's Church, Marefair, Northampton

46

The finest 12th century Norman church in the County, so says Pevsner and the Corpus of Romanesque Buildings. The rich detailed sculpture on the capitals makes it of national importance. This is truly a place that Heritage visitors must see.

Visit

St Peter's Church, Marefair,
Northampton NN1 1SW

Contact

Chairman, 40 Lumbertubs Lane,
Northampton NN3 6AH
07522 792392

stpetermarefair@gmail.com

 Friends of St Peters Church
Marefair Supporters
www.fostp.org.uk

Opening

Please see website



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Admission

Free entry, donations welcome.

Talks/tours offered

- Group tour booking by appointment
- Open days and events are published on their website and Facebook pages
- Free Zoom talks on a local studies theme

Sulgrave Manor

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Built by the ancestors of George Washington and saved from ruin by donors from both the UK and USA, Sulgrave Manor is steeped in history with a legacy that unites nations. Be inspired by the stories and soak up the atmosphere in the tranquil gardens.

Contact

Sulgrave Manor, Sulgrave,
Nr Banbury OX17 2SD
01295 760205

enquiries@sulgravemanor.org.uk

 SulgraveManorWashington

 @sulgravemanor

www.sulgravemanor.org.uk

Opening times

Normally, April to October, Tues,
Weds and Sun, 10.30am-4pm.

Admission

Please visit website



Talks/tours offered

- Tour by pre-booked groups welcome throughout the year on Thursdays
- There's a varied programme of events throughout the year – please visit website

Sywell Aviation Museum

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Charting the history of Sywell Aerodrome and aviation in Northamptonshire. Many exhibits to see from a complete Hawker Hunter Jet fighter to uniforms, weapons, aircraft cockpits and aviation archaeology from throughout the county.

Contact

Sywell Aerodrome,
Sywell NN6 0BN
07968 061708
sywellaviationmuseum@gmail.com
f Sywell Aviation Museum
www.sywellaviationmuseum.org.uk

Opening

Easter Saturday to end of September; weekends and bank holidays, 10.30am-4.30pm. Also second May bank holiday to October Half Term, Tuesday and Wednesday, 12pm-4pm. Other times and tours by appointment.



Admission

Free

Talks/tours offered

- Tours by appointment

Thrapston Heritage

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Thrapston's online heritage centre. This website presents the area's rich history from the Bronze Age, through Roman, Saxon, Norman and medieval to modern times.

Contact

Treasurer; Neil Busby, 1 Orchard Way, Thrapston NN14 4RE
07891 778407
thrapstonheritage@gmail.com
f thrapstonheritage
t @ThrapstonPast
www.thrapstonheritage.org.uk

Opening

24 hours, online resource



Admission

Free

Towcester Museum

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Towcester is a microcosm of the history of England. The museum's exhibition contains an amazing series of interpretive panels, dioramas, audio-visual displays and artefacts that tell the story of Towcester from the Stone Age to the present day, in exciting and engaging ways.

Contact

White Horse Yard,
163-165 Watling Street,
Towcester NN12 6BU
01327 352662
info@towcestermuseum.co.uk
f Towcester Museum & Visitor
Centre
www.towcestermuseum.co.uk

Opening

Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm.
Closed bank holidays.



Admission

Adults £3.50, Concessions
(Pensioners, Students, Unwaged)
£3, Children £2, Family £8.50.

Talks/tours offered

- Group and school visits on request

Wellingborough Museum

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Local social history museum housed in a Victorian swimming pool building. Shop with toys, books and souvenirs. Refreshments by the 'pool'. Working penny slot machines, model railway and six-ton stationary engine display.

Contact

12 Castle Way,
Wellingborough NN8 1XB
01933 276838
wellingboroughmuseum@msn.com
f Wellingborough Museum
www.wellingboroughmuseum.co.uk

Opening

Monday to Saturday, 10am-4.30pm.
Evening tours by arrangement.



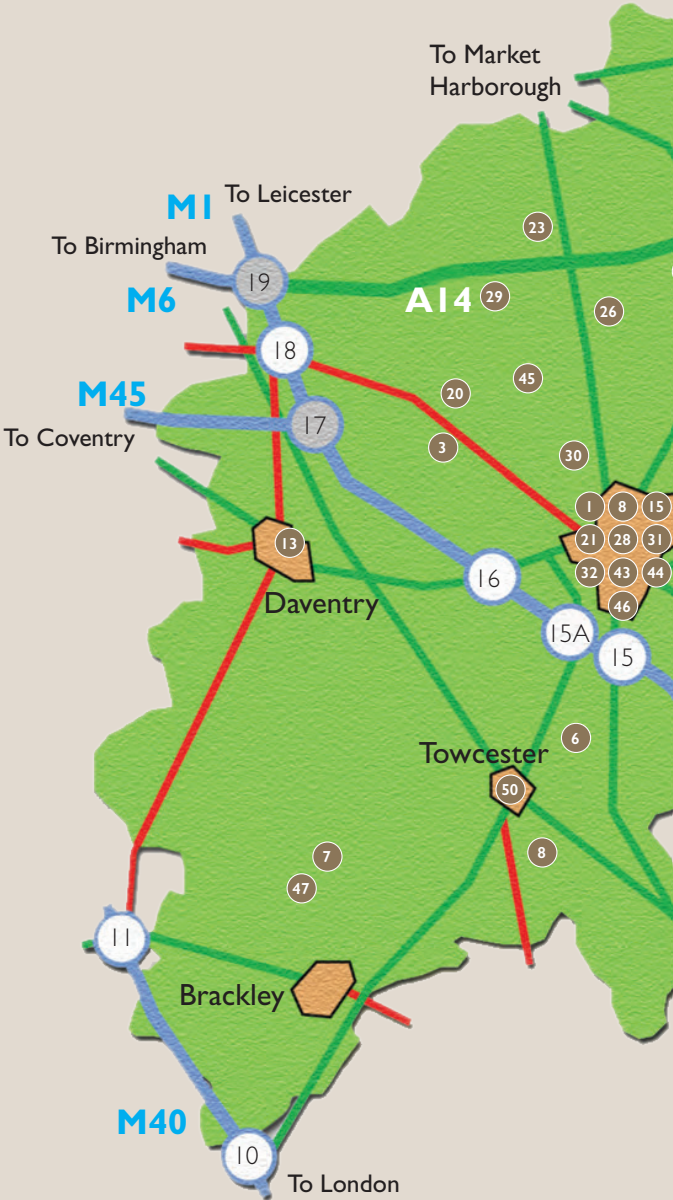
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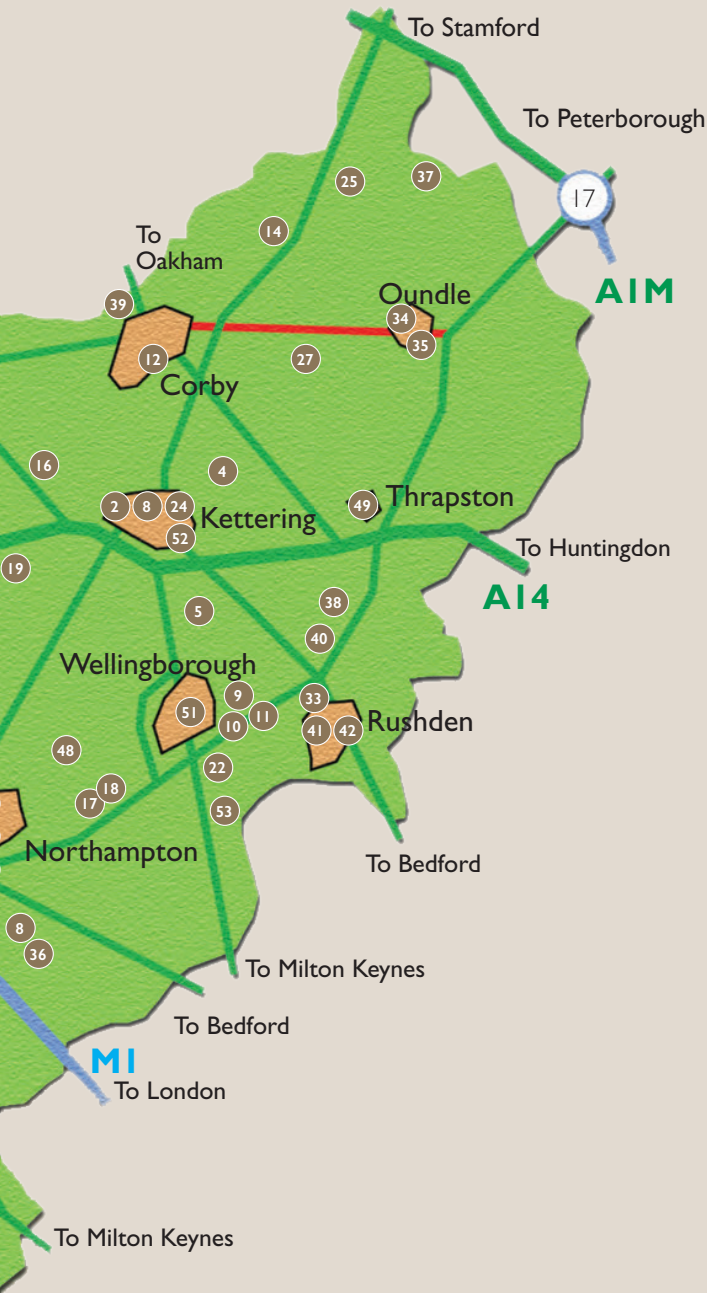
Free

Heritage Sites and Archives, Historic Houses, Museums and Galleries

Locations (approximate)

Map not to scale





Wicksteed Park

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A Grade II listed park and garden, which is wholly owned by the Wicksteed Charitable Trust. The park was founded in 1921 as part of the extraordinary legacy of Charles Wicksteed which extends beyond the recreation park he created. The park is much more than an amusement park and attracts 1000s of visitors each year to play, take part in events and explore the beautiful grounds.



Contact

Community and Heritage Team,
Barton Road, Kettering NN15 6NJ
01536 512475
community@wicksteedpark.org
f wicksteedparkheritage
@ @wicksteadparkheritage
www.wicksteedpark.org

Opening

Summer 10am-8pm, Winter 10am-4pm.

Admission

Free access to the park grounds and playground, parking charges

apply. Tickets/wristbands can be purchased for rides and amusements.

Talks/tours offered

- Heritage of Wicksteed Park 100 Years
- Wicksteed Park, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
- The role of Hilda Wicksteed
- History of Play
- Heritage guided tours of park grounds and heritage spaces

Wollaston Museum

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The former 18th century chapel houses local history, archaeology, agriculture, lace, watercolours, boots and shoes (including Dr Martens). Curiosity Cottage demonstrates early 20th century life, while Beacon Hill is a 12th century motte supported by English Heritage.



Contact

102 High Street,
Wollaston NN29 7RJ
07871 431401
wollastonheritage@gmail.com
f WollastonMuseum
@ @WollastonMuseum
www.wollastonheritage.org

Opening

April to September, Wednesday

and Sunday, 2.30pm-4.30pm; other times by arrangement.

Admission

Free

History Societies, Heritage Groups and Organisations

Aynho History Society

The Society endeavours to provide residents and visitors with local, regional and national information about historical matters.

Meetings

Last Wednesday of the month, January to June and September to November

Membership

Monthly meetings £2 entry

Talks/tours offered

- Talks and tours of Aynho

Contact

Chairman, Keith McClellan
01869 810346
07512 457291
keithcarolmac@gmail.com
www.aynho.org

The BB Society

The Society is for the enjoyment of anyone who may have an interest in the life and works of the renowned Northamptonshire author, illustrator and countryman, Denys Watkins-Pitchford MBE (1905-1990) – perhaps best known by his pen name 'BB'.

Meetings

The membership usually meets twice a year: The AGM in the Spring and the Summer Meeting, both at a location with a particular connection to BB's life and work.

Membership

Individual £15, family £25, corporate £50, overseas £20

Talks/tours offered

- By arrangement with the Society
- There is a permanent free trail at Brixworth Country Park based on the classic children's book, *The Little Grey Men*, for which the author was awarded the Carnegie medal for children's literature (car park charges apply).



Contact

Secretary, David Osborne,
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Broughton, Kettering NN14 1TY
07775 731455
davewosborne@btinternet.com
www.bbsociety.co.uk

Blisworth Heritage Society

Blisworth has one of the most detailed archives on a village available. The history of Blisworth has been shaped by the Grand Union Canal, the London to Birmingham Railway, and iron and limestone quarrying.

Meetings

Second Friday of each month at 7.30pm, Blisworth Village Hall

Membership

£5 per annum. Meetings £1 members, £2.50 visitors

Talks/tours offered

- Blisworth Village: A history and heritage walk including the Blisworth Tapestry
- Richard Dunkley – Local Railway Contractor and Builder
- Walter Alexander – Photographer who recorded life on the canal

- Blisworth from the census and Parish Records
- Blisworth Jubilee Scrapbooks
- 180 years of the London to Birmingham Railway and its impact on Blisworth
- The history of Blisworth School from the school logbooks
- From the Archives: An Introduction to items from the archives
- Open Archives – summer season sessions posted on the Society website (see below)

Contact

Chair, Mrs Hilary Spurrier,
2 Towcester Road,
Blisworth NN7 3BL
01604 859181
h.spurrier.123@btinternet.com
www.blisworthheritage.org.uk

Brackley and District History Society

The Society was formed in 1984 with the following aims: to study all aspect of history, to record changes in the district, to encourage the preservation of knowledge and objects of local interest.

Meetings

First Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, Brackley Methodist Church, High Street, Brackley NN13 7ZX

Membership

£15 annual membership, £3 visitors

Talks/tours offered

- History of Brackley from the Iron Age to the War of the Roses
- History of Brackley from the War of the Roses to the 21st Century



- Guided History Walk around Brackley – with tea and cakes provided

Contact

Membership Secretary,
Mrs Karen Gees, 2 Steane View,
Brackley, NN13 7AF
01280 702837
brackleyhistorysociety@hotmail.com

Brigstock Historical Society

Local history group organising nine talks per year and trips out to local locations of historic interest. Produces the occasional edition of *Bygone Brigstock* featuring articles about the village and interviews with older residents.

Membership

£12 annual membership,
£3 visitors

Talks/tours offered

- Guided walk of Brigstock including the Saxon Church

Contact

Chair, Mrs Sally Wilks,
7 Park Walk, Brigstock NN14 3HH
01536 373428
sallywilks@mac.com

Brington History Society

Longstanding local history society with local interests.

Meetings

Third Monday of each month, from September to April (excluding December) at 7.30pm, Reading Rooms, Great Brington

Membership

£10 annual membership, £2 monthly meeting entry

Contact

Secretary, Mrs Susan Smith, 7 The Pound, Great Brington NN7 4JQ
01604 770619
susan.s.m.smith@btinternet.com

Brixworth History Society

Formed in 1990 and maintains a village archive, records memories of village life, collects photographic evidence and conducts research

Meetings

Third Thursday of each month, except June, July and August when outings are arranged

Membership

£15 annual membership, £3 visitors' entry to meetings

Talks/tours offered

- Guided walking tours of the old village



Contact

Chair, Mrs Pauline Kirton, Farthings, The Poplars, Creton Road, Hollowell NN6 8RP
01604 743431
pakirton6@gmail.com

Bugbrooke History Group

The group meets once every two months for presentations on local history and social developments. They have two village walks each year when the history of streets, field and people is discussed. They have produced three photographic books covering the years up to 2000AD.

Meetings

Evening meetings every two months at the Bugbrooke Community Centre and on Zoom

Membership

£10 annual membership,
£3 visitors

Talks/tours offered

- Dave Hewitt: The Culworth Gang: Highway Robbery in Northamptonshire

- John Perkins: Warning from the Titanic 1912
- John Perkins: The Princes in the Tower
- John Perkins: Richard III & Henry VII
- John Perkins: What have the Puritans ever done for us, Our Puritans Heritage
- John Perkins: Medieval Bugbrooke and the 2016 finds
- John Perkins: The Many Battles of Martin Luther

Contact

Secretary, Mrs Patricia Kent,
1 High Street, Bugbrooke
NN7 3QF
01604 830518
frksp6@gmail.com

Cogenhoe and Whiston Heritage Society

The Society has a mandate to study, record and stimulate interest in the heritage of our two villages and the parish. The annual programme of 12 open meetings attracts speakers talking on a wide variety of subjects, both local and international.

Meetings

Second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, Cogenhoe Village Hall – check their website for full details, as some meetings take place via Zoom.

Membership

£8 annual membership (including a 40-page monthly magazine and some talks. Talks £3 members, £4 visitors.

Contact

Chair, Jon Bailey, 31 Church Street, Cogenhoe NN7 1LS
chairman@cogenhoeheritage.org.uk
www.cogenhoeheritage.org.uk

Crick History Society

Founded in 2003 the Society meets monthly with a wide ranging programme of talks. The Society has published a number of small books and pamphlets to help people understand the area and its' history, and usually has an article on village history in the quarterly Crick News which goes to all houses in the village.

Meetings

Monthly at the URC Chapel, Crick

Membership

£20 per year, £3 per meeting (non-members)

Contact

Chair, Dr Bryan Turner
01788 824545
beedeeturner@gmail.com

Duston Local History Society

The Society was inaugurated in 2016 and has a variety of speakers as well as members' evenings and visits. Members' research on local topics and places is encouraged.

Meetings

Second Monday of each month (except July and August) at 7.30pm.

Membership

There is no official membership – meetings £3 entry

Contact

duston.dlhs@gmail.com

East Haddon Village Society

The Village Society engages speakers on both local topics, as well as items of general interest.

Meetings

Third Thursday of each month at 7.45pm, East Haddon Village Hall

Membership

£15 Annual membership/admission, £3 visitors per meeting

Contact

Sally Hennessey, 1 Priestwell Court, East Haddon NN6 8BT
01604 770136



rm@btinternet.com
www.ehhs.org.uk

Finedon Local History Society

The Society organises 11 meetings a year with a programme of presentations by guest speakers. It actively engages in local history research and has produced several publications on various aspects of Finedon life.

Meetings

The Society meetings, at the Mission Room, Well Street, Finedon, are usually held on the fourth Monday of each month (excluding December and bank holidays). Full details can be found on their website.

Membership

Meeting entry: £3.50 non-members. See website for membership details.



Contact

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Barton Seagrave NN15 6RB
07988 065010
finedonlhs@outlook.com
finedonlocalhistorysociety
www.finedonlocalhistorysociety.co.uk

Great Doddington Heritage Group

Formed in 2010 the group's archive holds over 4,000 photos, a collection of oral histories, a database of births, marriages and deaths dating back to 1500s. The group has produced three photographic booklets and enjoys speakers, walks, and visits to historic buildings. An Annual Heritage Weekend is held when photographs and documents are on display.

Membership

Annual membership £6,
family membership £12

Talks/tours offered

- A village walk and a tour of the church can be arranged

Contact

Secretary, Jenny Gardner;
6 High Street, Great Doddington
NN29 7TQ
07788 714460
gdheritage2010@yahoo.co.uk
@greatdoddingtonheritagegroup
www.greatdoddington
heritagegroup.wordpress.com

Gretton Local History Society

Formed in 1989, the Society has a large archive of original photographs, general ephemera, oral history recordings and artefacts. They hold transcriptions of burial headstones in St James churchyard and the Baptist Chapel and records of births, marriages and burials from the parish registers since 1558.

Meetings

The Society usually has speakers six times per year, held in the

Village Hall. These are free to members but open to visitors for £3 per meeting.

Membership

£10 annual membership

Contact

Secretary, Ann Craske/Andy
Butterworth, Chantry Cottage,
7 High Street, Gretton NN17 3DE
01536 771102
annandy5@talktalk.net

Higham Ferrers Archaeology and Research

HiFARS offers members excavation experience, research opportunities, talks and events where we share our activities with members and the local and wider community.

Membership

£15 joint, £10 single, £5 students,
children under 16 free with a
paying adult

Contact

Secretary, Pat Barber,
37 Kings Avenue,
Higham Ferrers NN10 8LA
07982 022167
hifars@gmx.co.uk



Irchester Parish Historical Society

Founded in 1995, the Society meets on a monthly basis for a programme of talks or outings. It also undertakes research into the village of Irchester, Little Irchester, Knuston, Ditchford and Chester House. It regularly holds exhibitions and events, and also aims to publish works on the history of the area.

Meetings

Usually the second Thursday of each month

Membership

£15 annual membership. Monthly meetings: £2 members, £4 non-members

Talks/tours offered

- An Illustrated History of Irchester
- Pork Pie Heaven: The History of Edward Parsons & Son, Pork Pie Manufacturers, Irchester
- Knuston Hall 1769-1949
- Guided walk around Irchester

Contact

Chairman, Jon-Paul Carr;
23 High Street, Irchester
NN29 7AA
01933 382476
07890 797702
jpcarr01@hotmail.com
📍 Irchester Past
www.iphs.org.uk

Irthlingborough Historical Society

The Society undertakes research into local history, publishing books and booklets and has occasional exhibitions. This is supplemented by about four speakers per year and trips out in summer. The Society has accumulated a large archive re Irthlingborough's history, which can be made available on request.

Meetings

Every Tuesday, February to December from 7pm-8.30pm, Irthlingborough Methodist Church

Membership

Entry £2

Contact

Chair, Roy York, 157 Finedon Road, Irthlingborough NN9 5TY
01933 650607
roy.york@btinternet.com
📍 @Irthlingborough Historical Society
www.erdiburn.org.uk

Friends of Kettering Art Gallery and Museum

Known as Friends of KAGAM, the Charity was formed in the early 20th century to promote the activities of the Alfred East Gallery and Manor House Museum and to help to finance acquisitions and conservation. Over the last few years, their activities have widened. They hold monthly talks on art and history.

Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, Alfred East Art Gallery

Membership

£15 per year

Talks/tours offered

- Cemetery and town walks

Contact

Secretary, Barbara Lewis
barbara.a.lewis@ntlworld.com
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📍 ARTworks at Newlands
📍 @FKagam
www.friendskagam.org

Kettering and District Art Society

The Society was founded in 1905 and is among the oldest of Art Societies in the country. It's primarily an exhibiting Society and today has over 150 members. New members are always welcome.

Membership

£20 annual membership

Talks/tours offered

- The Artistic History of Kettering - 1870 to Present
- History of Kettering and District Art Society 1905 to Present
- The Art of St Ives and Newlyn – 1880 to 1915
- Modern Art and St Ives – 1925 to 1975
- The Etchings of Sir Alfred East



Contact

Chair, Ian Luck, The Olives,
21 Glebe Avenue, Kettering
NN15 6AP

07977 049932

studio@ianluck.co.uk

Facebook icon @KDAS1905

www.kdas.co.uk

Lord Robartes Regiment of Foote

A local regiment, part of the Sealed Knot – the largest re-enactment group in Europe. The regiment portrays life in the early 17th century up until and specialising in the English Civil Wars.

Meetings

The Regiment attends various re-enactment events all over the Country. As a Northamptonshire based Regiment they appear at local events such as the World Conker Championships at Southwick and do annual drills. They have social events too. Please visit website for more information.

Membership

Please visit website

Talks/tours offered

- Available to give talks and demonstrations on life in the early 17th century up until and specialising in the English Civil Wars



Contact

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Thrapston NN14 4FP

01832 733244 or 07972 009134

lordrobartes@gmail.com

Facebook icon Lord John Robartes Regiment

Twitter icon @Engcivilwars

www.lordrobartes.com

Made With Many

A community-led arts, cultural and heritage programme, which produces events and activities across Wellingborough and Corby. Led by a local consortium and equalities forums (including Black Community, Youth and Disability Forums), high-quality arts and cultural experiences are co-produced and commissioned with involvement from local people.

Talks/tours offered

- Events and talks related to Corby Pole Fair

- Events and talks related to the Wellingborough Stories oral history project
- Support for community artists and cultural projects in the Wellingborough and Corby areas

Contact

c/o Groundwork Northamptonshire, 7th Floor, Grosvenor House, George Street, Corby NN17 1QB
01536 267895
info@madewithmany.org
www.madewithmany.org

Nenescape Landscape Partnership Scheme

Nenescape is a five-year National Lottery Heritage Funded scheme, which aims to celebrate and protect the River Nene and its people, heritage and environment. Working with a wide range of organisations, Nenescape will restore river habitats, bring communities together and explore the rich and varied heritage of this landscape.

Contact

Interpretation and Community Engagement Officer, Alison Brand-Barker, Chester House Estate, Higham Road, Wellingborough NN29 7EZ
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alison@mrp.org
f nenescape
t @nenescape
www.nenescape.org

Northampton Transport Heritage

The group actively works to preserve and promote transport heritage in the County. They have a growing collection of vehicles, including four ex Northampton Corporation Transport buses. They also have an extensive and growing archive collection, which they wish to exhibit via a museum, as part of their wider aims.

Meetings

Members' meetings are quarterly and guests are welcome. Please visit website for more information.

Membership

£20 adults, £30 family and £5 junior (under 16) per year. Please visit website for more details.

Talks/tours offered

- The Wheels on The Bus - Memories of Growing Up in Northampton in the 1960s
- Interactive educational visits with a vehicle to schools and community organisations
- Town tours/trips for groups, on request, subject to vehicle and driver availability

Contact

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Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

Formed in 1974 to promote an informed appreciation of the county's rich archaeological heritage, the Society publishes the journal Northamptonshire Archaeology, containing detailed reports on individual sites and short summaries of recent finds and fieldwork. A newsletter provides details of lectures and site visits. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the past.

Membership

£12 individual membership, £15 family, £10 student/retired

Contact

nas196674@gmail.com

 Northamptonshire Archaeological Society
www.northants-archaeology.org.uk

Northamptonshire Battlefield Society

Formed to promote and protect the site of the 1460 Battle of Northampton, the Society now covers all the county's battlefields and related history. It holds regularly monthly meetings with nationally known speakers on a variety of relevant topics, and publishes a quarterly newsletter, The Wild Rat.

Membership


See their website for details. £7.50 single meeting entry (non-members).

Talks/tours offered

- The Society can offer talks on a variety of local and general history subjects, as well as tours of local battlefields. The list of talks is constantly being updated, and includes:
- The Battle of Northampton 1264

- The Battle of Northampton 1460
- The Battle of Edgcote 1469
- The Battle of Naseby 1645
- How to Become King in Medieval England
- The Monstrous Regiment – Women in Combat throughout history
- Northamptonshire's Country Houses in the English Civil War
- Battlefield tours are offered of both the 1460 and 1469 battlefields on their anniversaries, and a wreath laying is conducted at the Eleanor Cross at 2pm on the 10 July annually

Contact

Chair, Graham Evans, 47 The Ashway, Brixworth NN6 9TZ
northampton.battlefields@gmail.com
 Northampton 1460
www.northantsbattles.com

Northamptonshire Black History Association

The Association was developed from a volunteer-led community project established in 1982. Northamptonshire has its own hidden Black histories and, like elsewhere in Britain, the contributions of people of African, Asian and Caribbean origins have been invisible to the majority of people living in the county today. Over the years, the Association

has conducted research projects and created educational resources to help change these inaccurate perceptions.

Contact

c/o NN Contemporary Art,
24 Guildhall Road, Northampton
NN1 1DP
info@northamptonshireblackhistory.org
www.northamptonshireblackhistory.org

Northamptonshire Family History Society

Members receive a quarterly journal and monthly e-news. The Society holds monthly meetings at Kettering and Northampton as well as monthly meetings online via Zoom. It has various search databases, a bookstall and offers a helpdesk at Northamptonshire Archives Service (1st Saturday of the month). Projects include transcribing documents and recording the memorial inscriptions around the county.

Meetings

Held monthly

Membership

£12 annually (UK) – more information can be found on their website



Contact

Chair, Angela Malin
01604 862017
info@northants-fhs.org
www.northants-fhs.org

Northamptonshire Gardens Trust

A registered charity passionate about understanding, protecting and conserving Northamptonshire's historic parks, gardens and designed landscapes. Thoughtful conservation today can ensure a richer, biodiverse environment for future generations. As a member you will enjoy the opportunity to carry out research, guided tours of a variety of gardens and landscapes, and free lectures.

Meetings

See their website for details

Membership

See their website for details

Contact

www.northamptonshiregardenstrust.org

Northamptonshire Record Society

The Society's aim is to stimulate interest in the history of the ancient county of Northampton that is Northamptonshire and Peterborough, by publishing books and journals, through lectures, and the members' library. Members receive the magazine Northamptonshire Past and Present each year and a copy of its books as they are published.

Opening times

Office: 10am-3pm

Contact

Secretary, Neil Lyon, Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 8BQ
01604 762297
enquiries@northamptonshirerecordsociety.org.uk
www.northamptonshirerecordsociety.org.uk

Reference Library:

Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

Northamptonshire Victoria County History Trust

The Victoria County History was founded in 1899 as a national project to write the history of every county in England. The Northamptonshire VCH Trust supports and manages this important work for our county, and has almost completed work on the latest volume, which covers the Towcester Hundred.

Contact

Hon. Secretary, David Harries,
Wootton Hall Park, Northampton
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Northants Open Studios

A visual arts group, giving members of the public access to art throughout the County in unusual places. We are very inclusive and feel that art should be celebrated and enjoyed by everyone. We provide links between artists and heritage sites across Northamptonshire and hold an arts festival in September each year.

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Oundle Historical Society

The Society aims to promote the history and development of Oundle and the surrounding district. The activities comprise a programme of five lectures between Autumn and Spring, together with two summer visits to places of interest locally. Further information and details of their current programme are available on their website.

Membership

£7.50 annual membership (charges will apply for visits to places of interest), £2 visitors

Contact

c/o Oundle Museum,
The Courthouse, Mill Road,
Oundle PE8 4BW
www.oundlehistoricalsociety.org.uk

The Pytchley Church Heritage Trust

All Saints Church dates back to the 12th century. There are several interesting features including a rare tympanum and two Norman arches, one of which has the remains of painted decoration. The Trust is a supporting organisation that organises fundraising and other events in this unique historic building. Many of the

activities arranged have historical connections with the Church and its local community.

Contact

Chairman, c/o 32 Lower End,
Pytchley NN14 1ER
01536 790984
mikeawalsh@me.com

Raunds and District History Society

A friendly group that meets regularly with a mix of speakers, outings, events, and social gatherings. The Society produces a regular booklet of local historical interest called 'Rance Review' and they also have a research group. Everyone is welcome to come along and learn about the history of Raunds.

Meetings

General Meetings are held the first Thursday of the Month. The Research Group meets regularly at Raunds Library (Contact 01933 461480 for current times)

Membership

£3 per meeting

Talks/tours offered

- Guided local interest walks are available



Contact

Member Contact, Susan Copperwheat, c/o Raunds Library, High Street, Raunds NN9 6HT
01933 461480
raundshistory22@gmail.com
📍 Raunds and District History Society

Roade Local History Society

The Society was formed in 2005 and normally has a New Year Lunch in January, then talks, outings, exhibitions and other events during the year and a Christmas event in December. Check out their website for details of events and publications, including Cutting Remarks - The Story of Roade's Railways and Cuttings through the Ages.

Meetings

Please visit website

Membership

Please visit website

Talks/tours offered

- Peter Mawby - Roade's Collector Cousins and the Philatelic Auction of the 21st Century



Contact

Secretary, Mrs Vivian Blyth, Browns Lodge, 6 Church End, Roade NN7 2NP
01604 864498 or 01604 862735
secretary@roadehistory.org.uk
www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk

Rushden and District History Society

The Society aims to encourage and facilitate the study and preservation of local history. They hold monthly meetings, visit places of historical interest and producing a quarterly magazine, *The Risdene Echo*. They also continue to place blue plaques in the town commemorating events, people or buildings of interest (please visit website for more details).

Meetings

Please visit website

Membership

£6 annual membership, £9 family membership. Meetings entry: £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members

Contact

Secretary, Ms Fiona Hurlock,
6 Epsom Close, Rushden
NN10 0YQ
f.hurlock@uwclub.net
www.rdhs.org.uk



Rushden Hearts and Soles

The Society supports the Rushden Research Group and their website, Hearts and Soles on the history of the town and district.
www.rushdenheritage.co.uk

The School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester

The School is working in partnership with the Chester House Estate and stakeholders across the region, to facilitate access to archaeological research and heritage in Northamptonshire and beyond. It offers learning programmes, research opportunities and archaeological training for all ages and welcomes proposals for collaboration.

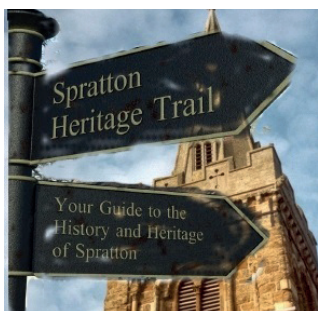
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Spratton Local History Society

An award-winning history Society with a large archive including photographs and genealogical information. Present research into First World War: Victoria Cross airman Lt. William Rhodes-Moorhouse RFC commemorated in village. Guided walking tours of typical English country village with thatched cottages, honey coloured 18th century houses and Grade I listed medieval church.



Meetings

Six meetings per annum on Wednesday evenings

Membership

£5 per annum.

Meetings

£2 members, £3 visitors

Talks/tours offered

- Guided walking tours

Contact

Chairman, Enid Jarvis, 9 Church Road, Spratton NN6 8HR
01604 821260

information@sprattonhistory.org

📍 Spratton Local History Society
www.sprattonhistory.org

Sulgrave History Society

The Society has produced five leaflets relating to the village and parish history. These include a village walk, a parish footpath map, Sulgrave Castle history, a Village History and Castle Green. It has produced a village history, Sulgrave – The Chronicles of a Country Parish, an oral history of the village and an analysis of the excavations of Sulgrave Castle with public information boards.

Talks/tours offered

- Guided walking tours of Sulgrave village, church and castle by arrangement

Contact

Chairman, Martin Sirot-Smith, Spring Cottage, 7 The Lane, Greatworth, Banbury OX17 2DY
01295 710340
martinrss@tiscali.co.uk
www.sulgrave.org

Syresham and District History Society

The Society was formed in 2004 to increase people's awareness of the history of the village. It encourages the preservation and recording of local history and artefacts. The Society arranges visits to places of historic interest and hold monthly meetings with talks on a wide range of historical topics.

Meetings

First Wednesday of each month at Syresham Village Hall.

Membership

£14 annual membership,
£3 visitors

Talks/tours offered

Guided tours of the village with refreshments for groups available

Contact

Chairman, Ian Draper, 9 Bell Lane, Syresham NN13 5HP
01280 850388 or 07966 196033
ianjdraper@btinternet.com

Thrapston District Historical Society

The Society has regular speakers on local history and there is always an opportunity to have a coffee and chat at the end of the evening.

Meetings

Third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm (except January, July, August and December)

Membership

Meeting entry: £2.50 visitors

Contact

Treasurer, Neil Busby, 1 Orchard Way, Thrapston NN14 4RE
01832 731047
thrapstonhistorysoc@gmail.com
www.thrapstonhistorysoc.co.uk

Towcester and District Local History Society

The TDLHS, with about 100 members, was founded 40 years ago to study and publicise the history of Towcester. Members enjoy monthly meetings, a newsletter, outings and joining projects.

Meetings

Monthly, usually on a Wednesday

Membership

Contact the Society for information

Talks/tours offered

- Roads to Towcester
- The development of Towcester to 1600
- The Towcester Home Front
- A historic stroll down London Road, Towcester



Contact

The Honorary Secretary, David Wilcock, 9 Calvert Road, Greens Norton, Towcester NN12 8DD
01327 351782
tdlhs@mkheritage.org.uk
mkheritage.org.uk/tdlhs
📍 Towcester history and photographs
www.mkheritage.org.uk/tdlhs

Wellingborough Archaeological and Historical Society

The Society is interested in local and all archaeological and historical subjects.

Meetings

Usually the last Monday of the month at 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, St John Street, Wellingborough NN8 4LG

Membership

Meeting entry: £2 members, £3 non-members

Contact

Secretary, Mrs Mary Traxton, 26 Roberts Street, Wellingborough NN8 2HY
01933 224324
marytraxton@gmail.com

Wellingborough Civic Society

The Civic Society aims to make Wellingborough and the surrounding area a better place to live, work and visit. The Society campaigns and engages with the wider community to encourage the preservation and restoration of historic buildings, whilst supporting quality regeneration or development.

Meetings

The Society offers an interesting and diverse monthly social events programme

Membership

Please contact for details

Contact

Chair, Ian Powles

wellingboroughcivicsociety@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: Wellingborough Civic Society

Twitter: @WboroCivicSoc

Western Front Association (Northamptonshire Branch)

Formed with the aim of furthering interest in the period 1914-1918. To perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of those of all sides who served their countries in France and Flanders and their own countries during the Great War.

Meetings

Second Thursday of each month, 8pm, Church Rooms, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Church Lane (off Sheep Street), Northampton, NN1 3NL

Membership

Visitors £3

Talks/tours offered

- Contact the Society for more information



Contact

Secretary, Steve Watkins,
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Wellingborough NN8 2AU
07768 537856

sec.northantswfa@yahoo.com

www.westernfrontassociation.com

West Haddon Local History Group

A small village history Society who research local families, transcribe wills and deeds. Occasionally exhibitions are held. The Society also publishes books, most recently 100 Heroes, based on the First World War Roll of Honour for the village.

Contact

Treasurer, Mrs Liz Parker,
12 Guilsborough Road,
West Haddon NN6 7AD
01788 510765

liz.parker@westhaddon.net

www.westhaddonhistory.org

Whilton Local History Society

The Society has existed since 2006 and concentrates on the history of the parish and locality. Meetings are bi-monthly on a Friday, including a period meal and an outing. Contributions on local history are regularly included in the Whilton Newsletter.

Meetings

Bi-monthly on a Friday

Talks/tours offered

- The Mystery of the Whilton Stone
- Guided walks by arrangement
- The Life of Captain Henry Reynolds VC MC (Captain Reynold spent his early life from 1879-1917 in Whilton and East Haddon winning both Victoria Cross and Military Cross in 1917)



Contact

Mrs Marian Seal, Secretary,
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Whilton, Daventry NN1 2NS
01327 844835
marian.seal70@gmail.com
www.whiltonlhs.org

Wolverton and District Archaeological and Historical Society

Formed in September 1955, the Society has been involved in a number of campaigns against the demolition of important buildings and structures in the area. Since 1964, it has also maintained an archive of images of the area.

Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month January to April and September to November; second Wednesday in December; all at 7.30pm, St Mary & St Giles CoFE School (North Site), King George's Crescent, Stony Stratford, MK11 1EF

Membership

£9 annual membership, £8 junior and senior citizens, £3 visitors per meeting



Contact

Secretary, Iris Day, 86D High Street,
Stony Stratford MK11 1AT
01908 568330
irisday86@yahoo.co.uk
www.mkheritage.co.uk/wdahs

Individual Members (who offer talks and tours)

Ted Barnes

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Talks

- Grandad's War – A History of an English Tommy 1915-1919

- On the Trail of the Incas – The Story of the Inca People
- Cogenhoe in Maps and Plans – The History of a Northamptonshire Village

Richard Blacklee

Hillview House, 8 Blackmile Lane,
Grendon NN7 1JR
01933 664848
richard.blacklee@btinternet.com

Talks

- The Notorious Culworth Gang of South Northamptonshire

- Barney Barnato, Diamond Magnate – The Story of a Jewish lad from Whitechapel who joined the 19th Century diamond rush to Kimberley and became one of the world's wealthiest men

Derek Blunt

4 Charlton Close, Kingsthorpe
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Talks

- Summoned by Bells – A look at the many historic and beautiful parish churches in Northamptonshire
- County of Spires and Squires – A tour of some of Northamptonshire picturesque towns and villages

- To the Manor Born – A look at Northamptonshire 'Big Houses' and their owners
- Saints, Sinners, Stars and Scandals – Some of the famous and infamous past residents of Northamptonshire
- An Alphabetical Journey – A-Z – A look at aspects of Northamptonshire

David Brown

24 St Peters Avenue,
Kettering NN16 0HA
07808 262644
davidbrowndoc40@gmail.com

Talks/tours

- Kettering's Timeline
- Benjamin Cusley of Kettering: Marine and First Fleet pioneer

- Vermeer and the Dutch East India Company
- Bog Bodies Uncovered
- The Skagen Artists
- Tours of the London Road Cemetery in Kettering
- Kettering Town Heritage Tours
- Tours of St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Kettering

Michael Brown – The Historic Gardener

Historic and modern garden consultancy. Talks and displays of historic gardening from Romans to present day. Author of 'Gardens in the Age of Chivalry', 2022, (White Owl Books).

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07500 464149
michaelbmike@gmail.com
f Historic Gardener
t @tudorgardener
www.historicgardener.co.uk

Talks/tours

(Please visit website for more details)

- Garden History, Gardens and Plants
- Easter and Springtime Customs (includes flowers and some music)
- To Drive the Cold Winter Away (includes some music)
- A Rose by Any Other Name
- Death in the Garden (also available as a book)
- Gardens in the time of Jane Austen
- Shakespeare's Flowers (can be given in full costume)
- A Bouquet of Weeds
- Capability Brown. Hero or Hooligan?

- The Language of Flowers
- Heritage Lost. The Menagerie and the Lost Grotto
- The Georgian Gardener
- A History of Gardening in 100 objects
- Eat Your Greens! The story of Vegetables in England
- Flora and Pomona
- In a Monastery Garden
- Knots and Bowers, The Tudor Garden
- Many a Sundry Flower
- Gods in the Garden
- The Glory of the Garden
- All in a Garden Green
- Early Gardening Methods
- Making a Splash
- Ghastly Gardening – Horticulture's Horrible History
- The Sorcerer's Herbs
- Plants among the Ruins
- We Made a Medieval Garden
- William Cowper and his Gardens
- A Medieval Christmas
- Pilgrimage – In search of Saints and Relics
- The Road to Santiago
- Food and Feast – Medieval Food and Banquets
- Courtly Love



John Buckell

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Talks

- Margaret Bondfield
- Northampton Conscientious Objectors in World War One

- Opposition to World War One in Northampton
- Slavery and Anti-Slavery in Northamptonshire
- Suffragettes and Suffragists in Northampton, Wellingborough and Northamptonshire

Jon-Paul Carr

Owner of the History Book Corner; Historian, Author; Talks and Tours Organiser; Historical Researcher and Family History Research undertaken on Northamptonshire history.

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Talks/tours

- Royal Connections with Northamptonshire
- American Connections with Northamptonshire
- Northamptonshire Victorian Inventors and Inventions
- Northamptonshire and the Great War: The Home Front
- Food Glorious Food: A History of Eating, Shopping and Food Manufacturing in Northamptonshire from 1837 until now!
- Knuston Hall 1769-1949

- Northamptonshire's Past in the Winter
- Wonderful Wellingborough Women: A look at some of the famous and infamous ladies from the town and district
- Actors, Actresses, Artistes and Arty-facts from the Wellingborough area
- 'Any Old Iron': The History of the Butlin Family and their furnaces in Wellingborough
- Northamptonshire Forgotten Authoress: Mary Lucy Pendered (1858-1940)
- Pork Pie Heaven: The History of Edward Parsons & Sons, Pork Pie Manufacturers, Irchester
- An Illustrated History of Irchester
- The John Clare Collection at Northampton Central Library: Northamptonshire Peasant Poet
- An Illustrated History of Wellingborough
- Guided tours of Wellingborough and Irchester

Andy Chapman – Archaeologist

Now retired, Andy worked as a field archaeologist in Northamptonshire from the 1970s, specialising in prehistoric and medieval archaeology.

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Talks

- Northampton before the Castle
- In Search of Northampton Castle
- Origins of the medieval village
- Fifty years of Northamptonshire Archaeology
- Prehistoric Northamptonshire
- In Search of T-rex in the Badlands of Montana

Susan Copperwheat

Local Focus Walks and Talks.
Handmade booklets available to complement the talks.

The Well House, 31 Park Road,
Raunds NN9 6JL
01933 461480
localfocuswalks.talks@gmail.com

Talks/tours

- A History of Christian Names
- Lotion, Potions & Dubious Cures
- Spires, Saints & Celebrations

- Raunds, A Town on the Edge
- Remember Your Memories – 20 questions to ask yourself
- From 'Apple Gathers' to 'Dunromin' the Origins of Nicknames and Housenames
- 'Strawbear' to 'Squirt' – The Quirky Local Traditions, Then & Now
- Unusual Art in Unexpected Places
- Stolen Lands – The Heritage of Poets & Poetry in Northamptonshire

Bob Farey

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Talks

- Alfred Cockerill – Northampton's Forgotten Philanthropist
- How Well Do You Know Northampton – An illustrated quiz on well-known Northampton buildings

Douglas Goddard

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Talks

- A History of Abington Park, Northampton
- Northampton in Old Picture Postcards
- Postcard, Northampton and the Great War – The role of postcards in the war and their portrayal of wartime Northampton
- Northampton Through Time – In the Making
- Sir Thomas Tresham and his Buildings
- The Medieval Churches of Northamptonshire

- Some Lost Country Houses of Northamptonshire (Billing Hall, Overstone Hall, Brixworth Hall, Blakesley Hall)
- The History of the Picture Postcard
- Bassett-Lowke of Northampton – A Pastime Today: A Business Tomorrow
- A History of Royal Fotheringhay
- Raphael Tuck and Son Ltd, Postcard Publisher Supreme
- The Life and Art of Postcard Artist Donald McGill
- Postcards of Northamptonshire's Industrial Past
- Talks on Natural History also available

Neil Lyon

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Talks

- Useless Anachronisms:
The story of the country houses and landed estates of Northamptonshire since 1880
- Northamptonshire's Country Houses in WWII
- The Best Burglar in the County: Joan Wake and the Northamptonshire Record Society

Laura Malpas

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Talks

- Secrets and Scandals of Canons Ashby (1,000 years of history told through the lives of the people who lived there)
- A Labour of Love – Restoring the lost gardens of Canons Ashby

- Amazing Japan – Illustrated highlights of my years of travel, focussing on things unique to Japan, temples, shrines, gardens and culture
- The Floating World, the beauty of Japan – how modern Japan respects and reflects its ancient culture
- Five thousand years in Northamptonshire – a visit to our county highlights

James Miller

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Talks/tours

- Tours of Northamptonshire Churches
- Tours subject to consultation with owners of Althorp, Boughton House, Drayton House and Deene Park
- Annual tours on Sculpture in Northamptonshire Churches

Adrian Perkins – The Ghost Detective

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www.ghost-detective.com

Talks

- Ghost Detective Work – Thirty Years of investigating, researching and writing about Northamptonshire

Andrea Pettingale

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Talks

- For the Duration – Northamptonshire History Women in WWI
- A-Z Northamptonshire – Aspects of Northamptonshire
- Family History – How to Get Started
- Family History – What's Online?
- Exploring Church Records
- Finding Your Overseas Ancestors

- Irish Ancestry
- Scottish Ancestry
- All at Sea: Naval, Seaman and Ship Records
- Criminal Ancestry
- Military Ancestors (including Prisoners of War)
- Other Resources for Family History
- 20th Century Resources for Family History Research
- Workhouse and Hospital Records
- Researching WW2 Ancestry
- Writing Your Family History

Martyn Price

Managing Director of BDM ArcScan based in Milton Keynes. He is a specialist in digitisation and digital transformation with over 20 years' experience working within the heritage sectors including libraries, museums, universities, and historical societies and in supplying services, solutions, technology, and customer support.

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Talks

- Digitisation planning, implementation and on-going management

Wendy Raybold

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Talks

- Chuck out the Chintz! – The new draperies in Northamptonshire, worsted manufacture in the county c1675-1800
- Mary Burbridge: The Innkeepers Widow – involves piecing together the life of an 18th Century Woman in West Haddon against the backdrop of enclosure, turnpiking and textile production

- The West Haddon Enclosure Riot of 1765
- Draper's Shop: A Village House History, tracing property development on the medieval market place of West Haddon
- All the Talbuts: A Village School for Young Ladies. Mrs Talbut and a dynasty of teachers

Martin Sirot-Smith

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Talks

Many in full costume as a Tudor Lord

- Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family
- 'Sheep that eat men', the Washingtons and the Wool Trade

- Daily Life in Tudor Times – looking at costume, food, lifestyle
- Sulgrave – 5,000 years of occupied history
- The Archaeology of Sulgrave Castle
- Tudor Christmas, Easter or Harvest Customs



Winners of the 2021 Awards

The Northamptonshire Heritage Forum organises an Annual Heritage Forum Awards in July each Year for its Members

Northamptonshire

HERITAGE FORUM

Represents Northamptonshire's Heritage by Celebrating, Learning, Developing, Networking and Promoting the members' interests of the Forum.

In a county rich with history and heritage, the Forum was created in 2002 to provide a unified voice for its members.

The Forum is run by a committee of volunteers dedicated to supporting and promoting the membership, who include museums and galleries, heritage and battlefield sites, historic houses, transport and industrial heritage sites, history societies archives, heritage centres and individuals.

The Forum provides advice, access to grants and training, joint marketing and promotion, and the opportunity to meet and share with likeminded people.

The Forum meets several times a year, including the Annual Heritage Forum Awards.

To achieve its objectives the Forum will:

- Provide membership for individuals and organisations who support the history and heritage of Northamptonshire
- Organise at least three general meetings, including an AGM, to provide networking, information sharing and training opportunities
- Publish an annual Journal, *Hindsight*, and also newsletters
- Arrange access to relevant training where possible
- Promote the heritage of the county through our website, social media and a bi-annual Heritage Guide
- Organise the Annual Northamptonshire Heritage Forum Awards



*Members at the
Northamptonshire Heritage Forum Awards 2019*

- Organise an Annual History Day to celebrate an aspect of Northamptonshire heritage
- Foster relationships to promote the importance of heritage in the county with local councils and relevant regional, national heritage and historical organisations
- Provide a joined up heritage voice for Northamptonshire

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Northamptonshire is a county rich in history that deserves national recognition – international, in fact, given the Washington connection.

We have two of the three surviving Eleanor Crosses, while our great houses have long been celebrated, a traveller of 1832 remarking that “country seats and villas are to be seen at every step”.

Meanwhile we are blessed with a glorious array of churches, with two that share the name of ‘All Saints’ to the fore: the village church in Brixworth, with its Anglo-Saxon handsomeness; and the town church of Northampton, whose clear, clean lines recall the finest architectural instincts of Charles II’s reign.

But the narrative of Northamptonshire is not merely the hackneyed tale of “squires and spires”. Ours is a patchwork of many threads: not all of them are gilded, but each one remains essential for the cohesive understanding of our past.

Yes, there is a duty to preserve and conserve this glorious heritage. But there is equally a need to celebrate it. This is something that the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum does with pride.

