

Monthly Meetings in the Plaza for members and visitors






Doors open at 10 am.


Updated 29th August 2021

The meeting will open at 10.30 am

Entrance Fees: **Members £1** **Visitors £3**

| Third Friday of the Month | |
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| <p>17th September 2021</p> <p>Speaker Dave Moylan</p>  | <p>Magic and Music Halls</p> <p>Dave brings his one-man Music Hall show that is a celebration of entertaining as it used to be. Having been a professional entertainer for much of his long life he brings us a varied humorous repertoire consisting of stand-up comedy, baffling magic tricks, comical songs with some hilarious routines.</p> <p>Among the prestigious venues he has played he can list Warwick Castle also, on another occasion appearing at the Sidmouth International Festival in all cases registering accolades from his audiences. There is no doubt it will be a wonderful celebration of a bygone age in the world of entertainment.</p> |
| <p>15th October 2021</p> <p>Speaker Derek Blunt</p>  | <p>Saints, Sinners, Stars and Scandals</p> <p>Derek was born in Northampton and has lived and worked in our county all his life. He believes that Northamptonshire is 'in his blood' and can trace his family back to the early part of the 16th century with all of his ancestors having lived and worked in and around Northampton.</p> <p>Derek is a prolific author having written 7 books to date describing and recording varying aspects of the county.</p> <p>One of his most recent works is 'Manors Maketh Man'. A history of Manors and Landed estates in the county from the time of William the Conqueror to the present day</p> <p>He brings his talk will entertain and inform us, introducing us to some of the fascinating characters, both the famous and infamous, who have lived in Northamptonshire from past times to the present day.</p> |

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| <p>19th November 2021</p> <p>Speaker Ian Addis</p> | <p>The Charles Wicksteed Story</p> <p>Charles Wicksteed is best remembered for the park which bears his name. Yet little could the young man, who arrived in Kettering very much unsung in 1872, have imagined the impact he would have upon his adopted town.</p> <p>Engineer, entrepreneur, philanthropist, visionary, pioneer and politician, this is the compelling story of Wicksteed's remarkable life and lasting legacy.</p> |
| <p>17th December 2021</p> | <p>Christmas Social</p> |
| <p>21st January 2022</p> <p>Speaker David Sweeny</p>  | <p>The Tower of London (*Revised) & Ceremony of the Keys</p> <p>David says “At least one thing being a Detective and a police officer has taught me – It’s not what you know BUT WHO you know that counts in this world!</p> <p>My career has opened many doors and helped form many friendships. One that stands out is my association with the Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London. This has enabled me to enter the Tower after hours and learn and see a lot more than the general public.</p> <p>I have attended the prestigious `Keys Ceremony` at the Tower that occurs EVERY night of the year (since circa 1200AD) on several occasions.</p> <p>The Yeoman Warders are great characters and have shared with me (often oiled in `The Keys` Club) many stories about royalty, ghosts and traditions.</p> <p>Instead of just giving you a history of `The Tower` I can share with you inside knowledge and little-known facts stories & secrets.</p> |

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| <p>18th February 2022</p> <p>Eric Franklin</p>  | <p>'Tales of Thrapston and the County over Two Hundred Years'</p> <p>For my latest local history presentation to Thrapston & District U3A I will be looking into the last 200 years of news stories from both this area and the wider county. Places mentioned will be illustrated using my extensive archive of local items.</p> <p>Amongst the topics I will be covering, you will discover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where to find red milk • essential information about expected behaviour and suggestions as to reprisals at the Cardigan Arms in Deenethorpe • a sad tale about the result of over exertion • the Woodford steeplechase held in 1840 with a closely fought race, except for the enthusiastic but hapless George Abbot • rumours of free turnips in Little Houghton and the vicar's response to local people collecting them • and three stained glass windows in a village church which may raise a few questions, to which I have no answers. <p>Plus many other news items and plenty of old pictures, most of which I have not shown before.</p> |
| <p>18th March 2022</p> <p>Speaker</p> <p>Phil Theefoot</p> | <p>'Goa. An adventure in India'</p> |
| <p>22nd April 2022</p> <p>Speaker</p> <p>Christine Green</p> | <p>'Working for Auntie' – BBC</p> |

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| 20th May 2022 Speaker Steve Robson | 'Fools Gold' Acoustic Music Group' |
| 17th June 2022 Speaker Colin Hill | 'Dancing with Diana' Royal Protection Officer |