

# Welton History Group

Programme 2023 - 2024

*£5 admission to each meeting.*

**September 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**7.30pm**

**Welton Village Hall**

**Stephen Wass**

**The Archaeology of Farnborough Hall Gardens**



We were fascinated last year when Stephen revealed the secrets of Stowe Gardens. This year, we explore another National Trust Property.

Over five years, Stephen led an archaeological project for the National Trust, to aid the restoration of the gardens at Farnborough Hall. Find out what was uncovered there. In May, there will be opportunity to visit the Hall with Stephen as guide, to see the results of the project.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**7.30pm**

**Welton Village Hall**

**Andy Chapman**

**In Search of Northampton Castle**



We so enjoyed Andy's talk last year that we have invited him back.

Little remains now to show where Northampton Castle was, but once it was one of the most important Royal Castles in England. Archaeology has revealed what it was like.

**November 27<sup>th</sup> 2023                      7.30pm                      Welton Village Hall**  
**Martin Heath “Nation shall speak peace unto nation” - 100 years of the BBC**



November sees the return of one of our favourite speakers, Martin Heath, speaking on a subject close to his heart; the BBC.

*There will be no meeting in December, but look what we have in store for January.....*

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024                      7.30pm                      Welton Village Hall**  
**Mel Harvey                      The History and Mystery of Punch and Judy**



Mel has been on various TV shows and is a seasoned performer. This is also our social, so bring your own drinks, glasses & nibbles and enjoy the entertainment. The evening will also include our annual report on the state of our finances.

**February 26<sup>th</sup> 2024                      7.30pm                      Welton Village Hall**  
**Stephen Barker                      The Battle of Cropredy Bridge**

Cropredy lies to the north of Banbury towards Daventry and was a strategic crossing point of the river Cherwell. On 29<sup>th</sup> June 1644, The Royalist army and Parliamentary army fought over who had control of Cropredy Bridge. Stephen has been recommended to us by Cropredy History Group.

**March 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**7.30pm**

**Welton Village Hall**

**John Dacombe**

**A soldier in the English Civil War**

John brings reproduction equipment that a civil war soldier would have used in the seventeenth century. This is the second of our civil war themed presentations.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

**7.30pm**

**Welton Village Hall**

**William Ruff**

**Henry Garnett and the Gunpowder Plot**

**(History in a Little Brass Box)**



Many of us heard about Robert Catesby when we visited Ashby St. Ledgers in 2023. A major influence on Robert's thinking was the Jesuit Priest, Henry Garnett, the last man to be executed for the Gunpowder Plot.

William has a little brass box commemorating a miracle attributed to Henry, which he will bring with him. As he reveals the secrets of the box, we will learn more about Henry Garnett, his intriguing life and the turbulent times in which he lived.

**Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

**Meet 2.00pm at Farnborough Hall**

**Farnborough Hall and Gardens with Stephen Wass.**



Following the talk back in September, this is an opportunity to see first hand the restored gardens, under the guidance of Stephen Wass. There will also be opportunity to visit the house. Teas, etc. are available in the village.

*Usual meeting rate of £5 (to pay for our guide); There is also a NT entry on arrival.*

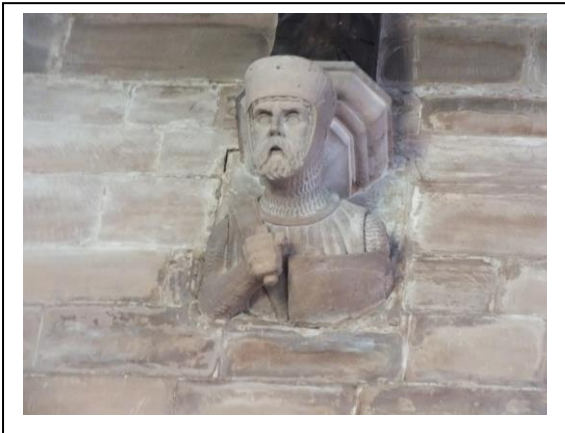
**June 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**7.30pm**

**Welton Village Hall**

**Jackie Hibbert**

**The Quest for the Knights Templar in Middle England**



For two centuries, The Knights Templar were an established order in England, then overnight it all came to an end, leading to legends of secret tunnels, treasure and intrigue.

This journey takes us around some of the buildings they have left behind and tells their story (without the fictitious embellishments.)

There is no formal membership of Welton History Group; if something interests you, then you are welcome to come along.

Over the year, we aim to financially break even. Our admission charges cover the cost of speakers, hire of the village hall, insurance and any other costs. Admission to each meeting is £5

We have a small lending library of local history books and documents about the village. You can borrow something at one meeting and return it at the next.

If there is sufficient demand, we can organise a trip to Northamptonshire Archives to research various aspects about the village or a session where people can share their research with each other.

If you would like to go on our e-mail list, please contact Jackie ([jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com](mailto:jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com)). You will get up to date info that way.