

Welton History Group – October Newsletter

Greetings one and all,

Thank you to all those of you who joined us for our first meeting of the season last month when we enjoyed a fascinating talk from Andy Tennant on the origin and fate of the Eleanor Crosses – an astonishing tribute to the love of one King (Edward I) for his wife, Eleanor of Castile, dating from the 13th century. We also learned a lot about this incredible woman, not least that she survived 16 pregnancies! Two of these fascinating memorial stones to her remain at Northampton and in Geddington.

Our speaker visited all the sites of these crosses as part of a fund-raising cycle ride in support of the work of **The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields** with the homeless and vulnerable people in central London. For further information or to make a donation you can visit the website on:

<https://www.friendsoftheconnection.org.uk>

Our next meeting is on **Monday 27th October at 7.30pm** when we shall be hearing from Adrian Perkins about some of our dramatic historical locations in **Haunted Northamptonshire** where events in the past have led to all sorts of curious tales – a seasonal tale for the time of year!

WHG Resource Box: As mentioned at the September meeting, we would be grateful if members could return books borrowed from our collection during the last season. Titles include:

- The Open Fields of Northamptonshire
- Welton – a Sort of History
- Barby in the Frame
- Time to Think
- The Maud Lennox Collection
- Old Radio Sets
- Robert Stephenson
- Humes History of the High Street

Group members may be interested in the **range of newspapers** we hold relating to some major events of the last century including The Gulf War, First Man on the Moon, Fall of Berlin Wall, Kennedy Assassination, Channel Tunnel, Falklands Victory and the Death of Princess Diana. Please do ask if you would like to borrow any of these.

Also, if anyone has books or newspapers they would like to donate, please let us know at future meetings.

Thursday morning Autumn Programme – talks from Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. Please see link below for a range of historical themed talks 10.30-12pm across the autumn. Talks cost £3.50 per session and tickets can be sourced via Eventbrite, details of which are on website link below:

https://www.facebook.com/events/731916759743087/731916799743083?event_time_id=731716789743084

Finally, we are at that time of year when we are starting to draw the **programme for 2026/7** together! If you have any recommendations or requests for topics, please let a member of the committee know. We are: Judi and Peter LeGresley, Pater Walls, Trish Haynes and myself!

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