

# **CAMBRIDGESHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL HISTORY**

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In 2011, the Association celebrates its Diamond Jubilee year. The Association was founded in 1951 as the Cambridgeshire Local History Council. In 2006, it was decided to change our name to the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History (CALH) to re-emphasise the organisation's founding principles and to highlight its important role of caring for the future of Cambridgeshire's past. Apart from this umbrella role, the other main object of the Association is to encourage and support the study of Local and Social History in Cambridgeshire.

Affiliated Membership of the Association by Local and Social History Clubs, Groups and Societies or any other organisation with similar aims is strongly encouraged, as the CALH acts as your Representative Body. The Association always endeavours to look after Cambridgeshire society's best interests and to act as an Information and Networking Hub for Local and Social History in Cambridgeshire. The more local clubs and societies present a uniform and united front, the more we will be able to support each other and influence change, especially in this period of uncertainty in the county's facilities.

We also have our own individual membership and hold regular monthly meetings. Our monthly lectures start at 2.15pm and last for about an hour; they are normally held at the St John's Hall, Blinco Grove, off Hills Road, Cambridge, except for the joint meetings with other Societies. There is free parking, but it is always advisable to come early. There is also the opportunity for questions and discussion, and while enjoying a cup of tea after the lecture, there is the chance to find out what is happening in the Local and Social History world in Cambridgeshire.

Entry to these meetings is free for individual and family members, it is just £1 for affiliated and associate society members, and £2.50 for guests and non-members, and everyone is always extremely welcome. The CALH also organises a wide range of summer excursions and local walks.

The CALH also holds an annual spring conference, with a strong local history theme. These are held at various locations around Cambridgeshire, in normal years usually in the same venue, where the AGM & Awards ceremony was held in the previous May. In 2011, the Diamond Jubilee Spring Conference entitled "Educating the People" will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April in the Henry Morris Hall at Sawston Village College. In May each year, the CALH holds its AGM and the "Cambridgeshire Local History Awards", this again is held in various locations around Cambridgeshire.

The Association also produces a range of publications as part of its membership package, these include the annual 'Review', local society and event gazetteer the Preview, a comprehensive Cambridgeshire Speakers List and a bi-annual newsletter the 'Bulletin', these are issued to all members. The Association also has an award nominated website – [www.calh.org.uk](http://www.calh.org.uk)

If any other Cambridgeshire History based group would like to offer its facilities to host either the Spring Conference or Annual Awards ceremony, please get in touch with the CALH Secretary.

Membership is open to anyone interested in any aspect of Local or Social History. The annual subscription is just £10 for affiliated membership for Local Societies or Groups, £8 for Individual Membership and still only £10 for Family Membership.

### **Programme:**

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| Oct 2 | <b>Derek Harris</b>       | <b>Up the Cut:</b><br><i>An amusing and informative history of the canals of England &amp; Wales, illustrated with songs. covering around two and a half centuries and over three thousand miles of canal, this presentation is a whistle stop tour starting at the beginning of the modern canal age with James Brindley and the Bridgwater canal, through the growth of commercial carrying, to its decline and neglect, finishing with its rebirth in leisure cruising.</i> |
|       | NB:<br>3PM START<br>TIME  |  |
| Nov 6 | <b>Tony Kirby</b>         | <b>Losing Track:</b><br><i>Transport in Cambridgeshire 1900-2010</i>   |
| Dec 4 | <b>Deana Hudson</b>       | <b>The Mistress, her Maid and the Men in their Lives:</b><br><i>A humorous look at the mid 1850-1900s and ladies underwear and clothing.</i>   |
| Jan 8 | <b>Peter Ibbett</b>       | <b>Round Britain in 1951:</b><br><i>It is also the Diamond Jubilee of the Festival of Britain. The history of this is revealed from Thirteen Festival of Britain guidebooks.</i>   |
| Feb 5 | <b>Clare Mulley</b>       | <b>The Woman who Saved the Children:</b><br><i>Eglantyne Jebb 1876-1928 - the unlikely children's Champion? Eglantyne Jebb, co-founder of Save the Children did not "give life" in the traditional way by becoming a mother but instead dedicated her life to children's welfare and human rights and permanently changed the way the world acts towards children. Clare Mulley is the biographer of this excellent new book</i>   |
| Mar 5 | <b>Anne Grimshaw</b>      | <b>The Last Flight of Lancaster LL919 - what happened to one wartime bomber crew and aircraft?</b>   |
| Apr 9 | <b>Spring Conference:</b> | <b>"Educating the People"</b> at the Henry Morris Hall at Sawston Village College.<br><i>In celebration of the bi-centenary of the foundation of the National Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the established Church in 1811 or put simply 'National Schools'</i>   |
| May 7 | <b>Judy Wilson OBE</b>    | <b>Cambridge Grocer:</b>   |

The story of Matthew's of Trinity Street, 1832 – 1962

*The book of the same title is to be published in October 2010, can be purchased at a reduced price on the day of the talk by members of the group.*

*The renowned firm of Matthew & Son, grocer and wine merchant, traded in Trinity Street, in the premises now occupied by Heffers, for 130 years. Judy's father Bernard Matthew was the last of the three generations of the Matthew family to run the firm. This is her first local history book, written since returning to Cambridgeshire, but has written three other books about self help groups. Her OBE was awarded for services to health care in 2001.*

Jun 4

**AGM & Annual Local History Awards Ceremony**

Oct 1

**Adrian Barlow**

**Cambridge in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century**

Further information about Membership and the Programme is available from the Secretary.

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