

# MARCH AND DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

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The March and District Museum Society was established, initially as a Historical Society, by a group of prominent March people in 1972. Since 1977 it has been located in the former South District Infants School in the High Street, which was originally built in 1851 and is a Grade II listed building. Set up as a local folk museum, there are a number of displays showing the life and times of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries and ongoing to the present day.

A range of exhibits reflects the importance of the railway to the town and includes the medals awarded to Benjamin Gimbert following the train explosion at Soham in June 1944. The Standard flag, or Guidon, of The Doddington and Hamlets Yeomanry, made in 1798, is also exhibited as is the Communion Plate originally presented to 'The Parishioners of March' in 1752.

The Museum is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.30 to 15.30 each week except over the Christmas and New Year period, admission is free although donations are welcome. Groups and other parties may visit the Museum at other times by prior arrangement by email, telephone, or letter.

The Museum Society hold regular monthly lectures through the winter in St Peter's Church Hall, opposite the Museum in High Street, March, on the 2nd Friday in September to May. The meetings start at 7.30pm and are followed by an opportunity to ask questions before tea or coffee is served. Admission to these talks is £2.50 (members of the Museum Society £1.50). Membership to the Museum Society is open to all at an annual subscription of £3.00.

## ***Programme:***

<i>Oct 8</i>	<b>Colin Lattimore</b>	Long Case Clocks
<i>Nov 12</i>	<b>Edna Stacey</b>	<b>AGM:</b> plus More History of March
<i>Dec 10</i>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	Punch and Pies evening Members only
<i>Jan 14</i>	<b>Maureen James</b>	Cambridgeshire Calendar Customs'
<i>Feb 11</i>	<b>Simon Thompson</b>	Collecting Tunic Buttons
<i>Mar 11</i>	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	Not just old stuff in glass cases: the work of the Peterborough Museum
<i>Apr 8</i>	<b>Michael Carrier</b>	<b>Annual Railway Lecture:</b> - Railwaymen and Steam
<i>May 13</i>	<b>Dr Twigs Way</b>	Cloches Against Hitler; Beans as Bullets: the Wartime garden

Further information about the Programme is available from the vice-chairman.

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