



SPEAKER INFORMATION

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<i>Lecture Titles</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In and around Peterborough • In and around the Fens • Wider social history • Traditions, Celebrations and Superstitions • Social History, not just for Family Historians • This day/week/month in times gone by <p>See Preview website - www.calh.org.uk/preview.htm for full details of the numerous talks based on the above headings</p>		
<i>Lecture Cost</i>	£35		
<i>Travelling Distance</i>	Anywhere in Cambs	<i>Travel Expenses</i>	10p per mile
<i>Availability</i>			
<i>Equipment Needed</i>	I use laptop & digital projector so need a screen, projector stand and table. I can provide my own screen and projector if required		
<i>Add-information:</i>	<p>I am: a tutor for the WEA [Workers Educational Association] on a wide range of social and local history subjects; a house guide at Burghley House [Stamford] and Elton Hall [just outside Peterborough] and a tour guide for Peterborough City and Museum.</p> <p>I am frequently adding new talks to my list - often at the request of an organisation or society. If you don't see what you want on the list please give me a call or drop me an e-mail and we can see what can be done!</p>		



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Talks in more detail:



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IN & AROUND PETERBOROUGH

- A brief history of Peterborough;
- A history of Peterborough Cathedral & its precincts;
- A Virtual Tour of Medieval Peterborough;
- A View of Victorian Boongate;
- Housing the Railway workers of Peterborough;
- The Life and Times of Thomas Barrass - an outstanding Baptist minister;
- The Victorian Inns and Taverns of Peterborough;
- Peterborough Ghosts;
- Down by the river-side - Peterborough & the Nene
- The story of the Proby family of Elton Hall;
- The Cecils, Burghley House and its Park;
- The story of the Norman Cross Prisoner of War Camp;

IN & AROUND THE FENS:

- Parish religion in the fens;
- Non-conformist religion in the fens;
- The great fenland monasteries;
- St Guthlac, St Pega & the first Croyland Abbey
- Stamford, the Deepings and the River Welland in between
- Drugs in the fens;
- Riotous behaviour in the Fens before the Civil War;
- The Civil War sieges of Crowland & Kings Lynn;
- Bread or blood - violent unrest in the early 19th century;
- Windmills, wind pumps and Millwrights;
- William Harrison - the Fenland Poet;
- The story of Woad.

WIDER SOCIAL HISTORY:

- Witchcraft ancient & modern;
- The patron saints of Great Britain
- Some ladies named Elizabeth from history;
- To serve them all the day - domestic servitude in houses large & small;
- The life & times of John Clare
- Swings of fortune in Rural Mechanisation



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- Social History through Art
- People with designs on the Landscape - an overview of Bridgeman, Kent, Brown & Repton

TRADITIONS, CELEBRATIONS & SUPERSTITIONS

Twelve months of the year, twelve different talks about just what it says in the title – the superstitions from the past that we still follow today and the traditions for celebration.

PLUS The traditions, celebrations & superstitions for:

- New Year
- Candlemas & Valentine's Day
- Easter - from Shrovetide to Easter time
- Midsummer
- Hallowe'en
- Christmas - from Stir-up Sunday to Twelfth Night.

Social History and not just for Family Historians

- The Poor & the Poor Laws
- The story the Censuses tell
- England & Wales as revealed in the 1911 census
- Births, Baptisms, Marriage, Death and Burial
- Tithes, Enclosure and Taxes
- Rebels, Rogues, Crime and Punishment
- Religion and the family history sources it can provide
- Taxes on anything and everything
- Wills & Probate and the story they tell

This day/week/month in times gone by

What DID happen in the past? A very different look at some of the well known, and not so well known, events and happenings in this country - and abroad - over past centuries. A different set of subjects for every day, week & month of the year.