



SPEAKER INFORMATION

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<i>Lecture Titles</i>	• The History of Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum		
<i>Lecture Cost</i>	£40		
<i>Travelling Distance</i>	No limit	<i>Travel Expenses</i>	Over 20 miles 40p/mile
<i>Availability</i>	Mon to Sun, daytime and evening		
<i>Equipment Needed</i>			
<i>Add-information:</i>	From monks to farmers and lots in between, this illustrated talk provides an insight into the varied history of Denny Abbey and follows how a shoe box tucked underneath a child's bed has evolved into a museum.		

Outreach

We know that it is sometimes difficult for schools, or adult parties, to get to the museum. So that you don't miss out, our Education Officer will be happy to come to you!



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Sessions

Sessions can be booked for periods of 40 minutes upwards - we recommend 40 minutes as a maximum for Key Stage 1 children, or younger, but older ones would get more out of a longer (one hour) session.

The most popular activities tend to be handling, and craft. Details of typical sessions can be found here.

The following sessions are available:

Toys in the past
Life in the 1950's
Fenland life
Victorian homes
World War 2
Tudor life
Fossils and bones
Farming
Washday

Toys

We have a range of toys for children to look at, play with, and consider the materials they are made of and the forces that make them work. They can also consider what childhood was like, as revealed by these toys, and particularly how much it, and childhood activities, have changed over time. This session can be used for the Victorians, Wartime, 1930's, 1950's, home life, and technology. Items include: zoetrope, wooden hoop, wool doll, pecking chickens, clockwork clown, rope quoits, five stones, slate and pencil, matchbox toys, dominos, toy guns, marbles, books, etc.

Victorians



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The session focuses mainly on household items, and invites children to build up a picture of the family from the clues/objects. There are objects connected with men, women, and children, as well as kitchen and household goods, and clothes.

Farming

The session aims to build up an understanding of farming processes via small items of equipment that would have been used on the farm. These are relevant to most periods of History, and children will not only be able to learn about how food was/is grown, but also understand more about the rigours of life on the farm. Items include: winnowing basket, bull leader, flail, riddle, corn measure, shears, root cleaner, pitchfork, scythe, etc.

Fenland Life

The objects in this session give an insight into a vanishing way of life, and are a must for schools in the area. Items include typical clothing, medicines and potions, children's toys, equipment used for farming and eel-catching, and reminders of the spirit world which formed a backdrop to this unique landscape.

Wartime

This session looks at life on the home front, with occasional reminders of the war for soldiers. Children look at a range of items discovered in the attic of a house and use them to piece together the experiences of this family during the Second World War, including evacuation, bombing, rationing, and the father who went off to war.

The 1950's

Through a range of different objects from this period, children will use deductive skills to piece together the life of the family who owned them. They will look at objects connected with men, women and children, and use them to assess the values of life at the time, and in what ways, and how much, it has changed over time.

Washday

This is definitely a hands-on session, with children being presented with the old equipment, and invited to suggest how the different items might be used to do the



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housework. They will then have to participate in the washing process, as well as other aspects of housework, so that they gain an understanding of how hard life was. This session can fit equally well with Houses and Homes, the Victorians, the 1930's.

Fossils and Bones

This session uses palaeontology to practise deductive skills. The artefacts are treated as clues to life in the distant past and children sort and group them. They can also sketch the remains and with pictures try to identify where they come from.

Booking

Sessions can be booked through the Education Officer.

Cost

(We are no longer charging per person, but per group)

The normal charges are:

£25 for a 1-hour session

£18 for a 40-minute session

But watch out for special offers!

Mileage

Mileage will be added @40p per mile.

Group size

There is no limit (in theory) to the size of the group, which can range from single classes to whole school assemblies. However the nature of the session will depend on numbers. Beyond 30 children it becomes harder to do a genuine handling session, and it will become more of a demonstration.