

Syresham and District History Society Programme for 2016

We meet at the Village Hall, NN13 5HL on 1st Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors and new members welcome to join us for the year or for single meetings

January 5th	<p>Another Icarus : <i>The rise and fall of Percy Pilcher and the Art of Flight</i></p> <p>The story of an aviation pioneer whose historic and noble quest for flight ended tragically in the quiet corner of a Northamptonshire field. Roy Smart presents this magnificent man and his flying machines in a colourful context of myth, art, local history and the beginnings of flight.</p>
February 2 nd	<p>A History of Photography</p> <p>Andrew Spackman has been involved with Banbury Camera Club for over 30 years and has a wealth of knowledge of the history of photography and the use of local photographic archives to share with us.</p>
March 1st	<p>The Battle of Northampton 1264</p> <p>In April 1264 as part of the Baron's War, Henry III besieged Simon de Montfort's supporters at Northampton Castle. De Montfort mounted a rear-guard rescue attempt but on April 6, 1264 the castle fell and De Montfort's son (another Simon) was captured by the King's forces. Mike Ingram</p>
April 5th	<p>Royal Bastards – follow up to Roger Powell's previous talk on Royal Mistresses talk from last year</p>
May 3rd	<p>Northants Regiment and WW1 with reference to some of our local men. Dave Folwell, a local researcher and expert on WW1 and local regiments will explain their role in the Great War.</p>
<p>Saturday May 21st 2016 – John Braybrook will lead the usual programme of visits to four Churches of significance, this time, <i>Whiston, Earls Barton (with its Saxon Tower), Wellingborough St Mary, and Raunds</i>, all in the east of Northants. Travel by own cars – details to be arranged.</p>	
<p>June 3rd (Friday) Chatsworth House (involving coach travel) – <i>This famous home to the Cavendish family, Dukes of Devonshire, for over 16 generations is a family home, a working farm and a living landscape. Situated in Derbyshire, some 2+ hours from Syresham.</i> (House and Garden ticket prices for seniors/students £20 + coach travel.)</p>	
June 7th	<p>A day in the life of Time Team – Paul Blinkhorn is an archaeologist and was involved with Channel 4's Time Team programmes – he will talk about how the programmes were put together and how the research was carried out.</p>
July 5th	<p>'Tick-Tock Man' – Life as a Bomb Disposal Operator</p> <p>Craig Cooper, until recently a resident in Syresham, served in Northern Ireland and will share some of his experiences of dealing with ominous objects!</p>
August 2nd	<p>Cropredy Village visit – Cropredy History Society will show us around the village and provide light refreshments to complete the visit.</p>
September 6th	<p>Conscientious Objectors in WW1</p> <p>John Buckell will consider the reasons why so many men challenged the demand that they went to war, and will discuss how they were treated.</p>
<p>14th September, Wednesday - Bletchley Park Museum (a second visit) – <i>we have been before but it has changed</i> (Concession Tickets £14.75) Own cars</p>	
October 4th	<p>AGM and Quiz or short presentation – details to be decided</p>
November 1st	<p>"Dead and Buried but not for long" C19th Body Snatchers – just after Hallowe'en we learn about the goings on in 19th century graveyards! Kevin Varty</p>
December 6th	<p>Christmas Theme – details yet to be finalised</p>