

## WHO talks

This list is based on the Wold Historical Organisation's annual membership cards. Any apparent duplication of talks is because a speaker postponed.

The list also includes the Chair of the WHO. Most years the Chair acted as main speaker-finder for the group although in the first year they may have inherited a list of speakers booked by the outgoing chair. In total, by the end of 2017 there will have been about 250 talks.

In addition to these talks, one or two guided walks took place over the summer. And there was a Christmas meal in December until 2016, when it moved to January.

For many of the talks the WHO's Secretary prepared a summary of the speaker's main remarks. These mostly exist as paper copies filed away in the archive. However the Word DOC files for more recent ones have been retained. If there is a topic of special interest to you then contact Bob Trubshaw (bobtrubs@indigogroup.co.uk) and I *may* be able to provide a copy of the summary one way or another.

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**1988** [Chair: Angela Thorpe]

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|--------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 19 January   | Mark Strawbridge | The work of the Historic Buildings Trust     |
| 18 February  | John Martin      | Geology of the Wolds                         |
| 15 March     | Mrs Ingles       | Memories of Thorpe in the Glebe              |
| 19 April     | Marilyn Palmer   | Framework knitters                           |
| 20 September | Alec Moretti     | Nineteenth century Wymeswold from the Census |
| 11 October   | John Heath       | Man and the Leicestershire Landscape         |

**1989** [Chair: Angela Thorpe]

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| 24 January   | A.G.M. + Andrew Quail (Leicestershire and Rutland Trust for Nature Conservation) and Kevin Easton (Severn Trent Water Authority) |
| 21 February  | Alison Cooper<br>Leicestershire villages in Domesday                                                                             |
| 21 March     | R Rose<br>Laxton open fields                                                                                                     |
| 18 April     | Fred Hartley<br>Local archaeology                                                                                                |
| 19 September | R. Offley<br>An Englishman's home is his castle                                                                                  |
| 17 October   | L. Hales<br>Leicestershire canals                                                                                                |
| 21 November  | Martyn Bennett<br>The First Civil War in the north Midlands                                                                      |

**1990** [Chair: Angela Thorpe]

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| 16 January  | A.G.M. + members' reports                                                   |
| 20 February | S Richardson<br>The first 100 years of Methodism in Wymeswold               |
| 20 March    | Ian Keil<br>Poverty in Leicestershire after the Poor Law Amendment Act 1834 |
| 17 April    | Thomas Leafe<br>Early mining in the old Nottinghamshire coalfield           |
| 15 May      | speaker from Leicester Museum Service                                       |
| 16 October  | David Turnock<br>Railways of Leicestershire                                 |
| 20 November | David Smith<br>Vernacular buildings                                         |

**1991** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

|              |                                                          |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 15 January   | A.G.M. + members' reports                                |
| 19 February  | Sue Brown<br>Wymeswold parish registers                  |
| 19 March     | Jill Bourne<br>Settlement and place-names of the Wolds   |
| 16 April     | Tony Squires<br>Ancient Woodlands                        |
| 21 May       | David Turnock<br>Railways of Leicestershire              |
| 17 September | Roy Millward<br>Leicestershire history and its landscape |
| 15 October   | Paul Nix<br>Nottingham's caves                           |

19 November John Severn

Dovecotes of Nottinghamshire

**1992** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

21 January A.G.M.

18 February Caroline Wessel

Heraldry

17 March Malcolm Elliot

Victorian Leicester

21 April G.V. Lowe

The lost Charnwood Forest canal

19 May Ian Keil

Agrarian changes in north

Leicestershire

15 September Bob Jarrett

Mottes and moats of Leicestershire

20 October David Goldsmith

Windmills

17 November Alec Moretti

Wymeswold's fields

**1993** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

19 January A.G.M. + Philip Thorpe

Leicestershire Maps

16 February Mr & Mrs Griffiths

Gracedieu to Garedon

16 March Fred Hartley

Mining in North West Leicestershire

20 April Bernadette Atkinson

Sunday Best (Edwardian Clothes)

13 May Yolanda Courtney

Board Games before World War I

21 September Beryl Cobbing

The Parkyns of Bunny

19 October Ann Bosworth

Victorian Village Life in the Vale of

Belvoir

16 November Patrick Hewitt

Leicestershire Clocks and

Clockmakers

**1994** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

18 January A.G.M. + Alec Moretti

Wymeswold documents

15 February Bernadette Atkinson

Edwardian clothes

15 March Robert Brown

Memories of village life

19 April F.N. Hoskins

Woollaton and the Willoughbys

17 May Anthony Squires

Lost and deserted villages in

Leicestershire

20 September John Bayldon

Village buildings

18 October Mike Smith The Big Houses of Birstall  
15 November Suella Postles The farming year

**1995** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

17 January A.G.M. + Old pictures of Wymeswold  
21 February David Putt Great Central story  
21 March Robin Butler New ideas on field systems and  
enclosures in England  
18 April Caroline Wessel Beaumanor and the Herrick family  
16 May Carol Walker Nineteenth century emigration  
19 September Mark Gamble Photography – a historical perspective  
17 October Robert and Ruth Griffiths Talk about Calke  
21 November Peter Hammond Middens and muck

**1996** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

16 January A.G.M. + talk by Peter and Joan Shaw  
20 February Ann Fewkes Hands over the water  
19 March Robin Jenkins Leicestershire church memorials  
16 April Joy Cross From Prestwold Hall to Branksome  
Towers  
21 May Sue Clayton A flavour of Flintham  
17 September Walter Leeson The changing face of Loughborough  
15 October Mick and Joyce Billings Aspects of weddings over the years  
19 November Jean Morris History of Stilton cheese

**1997** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

21 January A.G.M. + talk by Patricia Baker  
18 February Peter Liddle Abbeys and Priors of Leicestershire  
18 March Sue Brown and Janet Spavold Ticknall potteries and potters  
*WHO 10th anniversary event:*  
Friday 4 April Jane May A history of food, cooking and eating  
habits  
15 April Ann Fewkes Hands over the water

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| 20 May       | Joy Cross                     | William Goodacre - Entrepreneur         |
| 16 September | Trefor and Margaret Griffiths | The Reformatory, Mount St Bernard Abbey |
| 21 October   | Brenda Moore                  | Historic Kegworth                       |
| 18 November  | Chris Salisbury               | Four bridges and a fish weir            |

**1998** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

|              |                      |                                        |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 20 January   | A.G.M.               |                                        |
| 17 February  | George Lowe          | Oddities and Curiosities               |
| 17 March     | Rev Kenneth Wayne    | Pub Signs and their Story              |
| 21 April     | Rev Jeffrey Hopewell | History of Church Plate                |
| 19 May       | Dennis Baker         | Transport in North-west Leicestershire |
| 15 September | Jane May             | Victorian Underwear                    |
| 20 October   | Fred Hartley         | Formal Gardens of Leicestershire       |
| 17 November  | A.F. Dix             | Magic through the Ages                 |

**1999** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

|              |                |                                                    |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 19 January   | A.G.M.         |                                                    |
| 16 February  | Richard Thomas | Origins of bell ringing and the bells of St Mary's |
| 16 March     | Dennis Baker   | Transport in north-west Leicestershire             |
| 20 April     | Bob Payne      | Turnpike roads of Leicestershire                   |
| 18 May       | John Brownlow  | Health and life in 1863                            |
| 21 September | Peter Hammond  | Clay pipes and their makers                        |
| 19 October   | Pat Stanley    | Robert Bakewell and the Longhorn breed of cattle   |
| 16 November  | Alan Marshall  | Fire fighters                                      |

**2000** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

|              |                 |                                                                               |
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| 18 January   | A.G.M.          |                                                                               |
| 22 February  | Ernie Miller    | The Barnsley Connection: the Arts and Crafts movement at Loughborough College |
| 21 March     | Howard Rees     | Bicycles                                                                      |
| 18 April     | Cynthia Brown   | Death and Decorum                                                             |
| 16 May       | Tony Waltham    | Caves of Nottingham                                                           |
| 19 September | Patrick Clay    | Recent archaeological discoveries in Leicestershire                           |
| 17 October   | Pamela Marshall | Wollaton and the Willoughbys                                                  |
| 21 November  | Peter Liddle    | Donington le Heath and other manor houses                                     |

**2001** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

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|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16 January   | A.G.M. + Kenneth Wayne | Rural Rhymes                                                        |
| 20 February  | Tony Grundy            | A Pictorial History of East Leake                                   |
| 20 March     | Robert Gregory         | Crime and Punishment in Leicester before 1914                       |
| 17 April     | Diana Courtney         | Follies and Curiosities of Leicestershire and Rutland               |
| 15 May       | Colin Tyson            | Monumental Brasses                                                  |
| 18 September | Alec Moretti           | Whose house is this?                                                |
| 16 October   | Mike Beech             | Canals                                                              |
| 20 November  | Janet Spavold          | The Trivial Round: Female employment in 19th century Leicestershire |

**2002** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

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|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 15 January  | A.G.M.          |                                               |
| 19 February | Steve Biggins   | Caulke Abbey Gardens                          |
| 19 March    | Richard Pollard | Romans in Leicestershire                      |
| 16 April    | Gavin Kinsley   | The Saxon Cemetery at Willoughby on the Wolds |
| 21 May      | Bob Jarrett     | History of English Inns                       |

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| 17 September | Derek Seaton | The Life and Times of Thomas Cook          |
| 15 October   | Ben Beazley  | History of the Leicester City Police Force |
| 19 November  | Jean Perry   | The Workhouse                              |

**2003** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

|              |                     |                                                                                |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 January   | A.G.M. + Jason King | Battle of the Somme                                                            |
| 18 February  | Colin Green         | The History of the Leicester Water Supply                                      |
| 18 March     | Brian Williams      | The Search for Garendon Abbey                                                  |
| 15 April     | Geoff Hollis        | Hathernware Terracotta                                                         |
| 20 May       | Sarah Williams      | Symington's of Market Harborough                                               |
| 16 September | Arthur Denny        | Livery Companies                                                               |
| 21 October   | Keith Challis       | Reading the Landscape: The origins of Laxton, England's last open field system |
| 18 November  | Ben Beazley         | History of the Leicester Police Force                                          |

**2004** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

|              |                       |                                                 |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 20 January   | A.G.M. + Philip White | Hoton then and now                              |
| 17 February  | Brian Axom            | Wymeswold Airfield                              |
| 16 March     | Ben Beazley           | History of the Leicester Police Force (part II) |
| 20 April     | David Ramsey          | Slate Carvers and Headstones of Leicestershire  |
| 18 May       | Kevin Feltham         | Medical History: Smallpox                       |
| 21 September | Len Cantor            | Historic Churches of Leics and Rutland          |
| 19 October   | Anne Bosworth         | Victorian Life in the Vale of Belvoir           |
| 16 November  | Tony Jarram           | Under the Wings of the Falcon                   |

**2005** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 18 January   | A.G.M. + Alec Moretti commemoration |                                             |
| 15 February  | David Marcombe                      | Burton Lazars                               |
| 15 March     | Jenny Scott                         | Leicestershire Archaeological Finds         |
| 19 April     | David Bell                          | Down the Garden Path (a history of privies) |
| 17 May       | Gareth King                         | Battles in the Midlands                     |
| 20 September | David Girdler                       | Plastics 1851–2001                          |
| 18 October   | Brian Williams                      | The River Soar and its Navigation           |
| 15 November  | Richard Holmes                      | Old Melton in Slides                        |

**2006** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

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|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17 January   | A.G.M. + talk by Colin Lines |                                                              |
| 21 February  | Jack Smirfitt                | Framework Knitting in Nottinghamshire                        |
| 21 March     | Thomas Leafe                 | Nineteenth Century Pit Boys of Nottinghamshire               |
| 18 April     | Ernest Miller                | Ancient Board Games                                          |
| 16 May       | Helen Boynton                | Ancient Fossils of Leicestershire                            |
| 19 September | Marion Wallwork              | Send Them to the Workhouse                                   |
| 17 October   | Tony Squires                 | The Historic Parks and Gardens of Leicestershire and Rutland |
| 21 November  | Member of ULAS               | Archaeology of Leicester's High Street                       |

**2007** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16 January                          | A.G.M. + display of maps by Peter and Joan Shaw |                                                            |
| 20 February                         | Bob Payne                                       | Melton Mowbray Navigation: a typical Leicestershire canal? |
| 20 March                            | Freda Raphael                                   | Upwardly Mobile                                            |
| <i>WHO 20th anniversary events:</i> |                                                 |                                                            |
| 14 April                            | Bob Trubshaw                                    | Slides of old Wymeswold                                    |



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| 14 May       | Bob Trubshaw    | Shock Horror! The radical restoration of Wymeswold Church |
| 16 September | Bob Trubshaw    | The Wolds: What, When and Where                           |
| 16 October   | Rodney Cousins  | Willow Basket Weaving                                     |
| 20 November  | Richard Buckley | Archaeology of Leicester Abbey                            |

**2008** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

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| 15 January A.G.M. + Patricia Baker |                | Bulwell memories                                                            |
| 19 February                        | David Whitt    | Grace Dieu                                                                  |
| 18 March                           | Lyndon Cooper  | Archaeology of roads and associated quarrying in Leicestershire             |
| 15 April                           | Anthony Jarram | Fire, steam and gunsmoke                                                    |
| 20 May                             | Rod Gill       | Tollerton Airfield                                                          |
| 16 September                       | Richard Knox   | Asfordby and its environs                                                   |
| 21 October                         | Anne Tarver    | Eighteenth century Leicestershire                                           |
| 18 November                        | Debbie Bilham  | Tinfoil, wax, beetlejuice and ribbons of rust: a history of audio recording |

**2009** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

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| 20 January A.G.M. + Neil Paterson |               | An Unfortunate Incident in 1670<br>Wymeswold                                         |
| 17 February                       | Paul Cullen   | Nottinghamshire Place Names                                                          |
| 17 March                          | Jo Carter     | Between Stairs: Life of a Lady's Maid                                                |
| 21 April                          | Chris Stone   | Industrial Archaeology of<br>Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and<br>Northamptonshire |
| 19 May                            | Roger Bradley | Photography and the Film Age                                                         |
| 15 September                      | Gareth King   | Life in a Mediaeval Village                                                          |
| 20 October                        | Kinsey Dart   | Cholera, Dr Snow and the History of<br>Sanitation                                    |
| 17 November                       | Neil Paterson | The 1715 Leicestershire Election                                                     |

**2010** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

|              |                      |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 19 January   | A.G.M. + Phil Thorpe | Railway Uniforms                 |
| 16 February  | Peter Liddle         | Hallaton treasure hoard          |
| 16 March     | Peter Allan          | Finding things in fields         |
| 20 April     | Stuart Bailey        | A walk around Georgian Leicester |
| 18 May       | Robin Jenkins        | Passing muster                   |
| 21 September | David Hall           | A Saturday afternoon walk        |
| 19 October   | Peter Hammond        | Murder, misfortune and misery    |
| 16 November  | Adrian Henstock      | Dr Robert Thoroton 1623–73       |

**2011** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

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| 18 January   | A.G.M. + Norman Bryan Peach   | Wymeswold Clockmakers                                              |
| 15 February  | John Carpenter                | Glass Slide Detective                                              |
| 15 March     | Len Holden                    | Country Houses                                                     |
| 19 April     | Pam Hobson plus archaeologist | What's under the A46?                                              |
| 17 May       | Richard Knox                  | Finding Bosworth Battlefield                                       |
| 20 September | Martyn Bennett                | East Midland village communities and the Civil War 1642–1651       |
| 18 October   | John Hall                     | Three Men of Edwalton                                              |
| 15 November  | Denis Baker                   | Development of the Co-operative Movement with respect to Coalville |

**2012** [Chair: Patricia Baker]

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|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 17 January   | Peter Liddle       | The Time Team in Leicestershire                |
| 19 February  | Kevin Feltham      | Creating a heritage trail in Kibworth Harcourt |
| 19 March     | Tony Jarram        | Luddites and lacemakers                        |
| 17 April     | Matthew O'Callogan | A history of local food                        |
| 15 May       | Jason King         | The First World War                            |
| 21 June      | Penny Hodgson      | Playing cards                                  |
| 18 September | Cliff Housely      | Military sweetheart brooches                   |
| 16 October   | Gareth King        | Life in a medieval village                     |

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| 20 November | Graham Jones | Wigmund the Welshman?<br>Lords, lands, and churches |
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**2013** [Chair: Ivor Perry]

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| 15 January   | A.G.M. + Len Holden | Lord Cardigan of Deene and the<br>Charge of the Light Brigade        |
| 19 February  | Kevin Fletham       | Creating a heritage trail in Kibworth<br>Harcourt and local villages |
| 19 March     | Tony Jarram         | Luddites and lacemakers                                              |
| 16 April     | Fiona Ure           | History of Ladybird Books                                            |
| 21 May       | Penny Hodgson       | Playing cards                                                        |
| 18 June      | Peter Allen         | Bingham beneath your feet                                            |
| 17 September | Ann Schmidt         | Belvoir Angels and their families                                    |
| 15 October   | Malcolm Britton     | Brooksby and Brooksby Hall                                           |
| 19 November  | Melanie Wilson      | The history of beads and beadmaking                                  |

**2014** [Chair: Ivor Perry]

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| 21 January   | A.G.M. + Ivor Perry | An update on the Wymeswold<br>Roll of Honour                                                                  |
| 18 February  | Martyn Bennett      | Rant level and dig                                                                                            |
| 18 March     | John Maloney        | Responsible metal detecting                                                                                   |
| 15 April     | Brian Johnson       | Made in Leicester                                                                                             |
| 20 May       | Peter Liddle        | Battles, kings and castles                                                                                    |
| 17 June      | Brian Fernley       | 1914–18 on the Home Front                                                                                     |
| 16 September | Gareth King         | Apple legends                                                                                                 |
| 21 October   | Brian Axon          | Wymeswold Airfield<br>[talk actually given by Richard Knight not Brian Axon, but still about<br>the airfield] |
| 18 November  | Ivor Perry          | The Wymeswold Roll of Honour                                                                                  |

**2015** [Chair: Ivor Perry]

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| 20 January | A.G.M. |  |
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| 17 February  | Peter Liddle    | Curses sacrifices and temples          |
| 17 March     | Brian Johnson   | The rise and fall of the prefab        |
| 21 April     | Patricia Baker  | Framework knitting                     |
| 19 May       | Gareth King     | Victorian ghost stories                |
| 16 June      | Geoff Feavoyour | Leicestershire Constabulary            |
| 15 September | Peter Allan     | Finding things in fields               |
| 20 October   | Martyn Bennett  | King James 1 <sup>st</sup> and witches |
| 17 November  | Philip Thorpe   | A family photograph: the Losebys       |

**2016** [Chair: Ivor Perry]

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|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 19 January   | A.G.M. + annual dinner |                                                     |
| 16 February  | Peter Liddle           | Medieval pilgrimage in Leicestershire               |
| 15 March     | David Keene            | Sale of a farmhouse in Wymeswold                    |
| 19 April     | Brian Johnson          | More 'Made in Leicester'                            |
| 17 May       | Tony Jarram            | The day Buffalo Bill came to town                   |
| 21 June      | Peter Liddle           | Archaeology of Bradgate Park                        |
| 20 September | Sue Easton             | Queen Victorias' Coronation – an eyewitness account |
| 18 October   | Ivor Perry             | Wymeswold and the Battle of the Somme               |
| 15 November  | Mel Gould              | Loughborough Carillon                               |
| 20 Dec       | Neil Critchley         | Musical Leicestershire                              |

**2017** [Chair: Bob Trubshaw]

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|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 17 January   | A.G.M. + annual dinner |                                            |
| 21 February  | Mel Gould              | 1916 Zeppelin Raid on Loughborough         |
| 21 March     | Frank Earp             | Nottingham Goose Fair                      |
| 18 April     | Philip Thorpe          | Antique Maps of Leicestershire             |
| 16 May       | David Bell             | Murder Cases of Rutland and Leicestershire |
| 20 June      | Brian Johnson          | The Story of the Driving Test              |
| 19 September | Lee Timmins            | The English Highwayman                     |
| 17 October   | Peter Liddle           | Medieval Villages                          |
| 14 November  | Ivor Perry             | Welsh Saints                               |

19 December Bob Trubshaw Medieval Carvings

**2018** [Chair: Bob Trubshaw]

16 January A.G.M. + annual dinner  
20 February Mel Wilson Leicestershire Heritage Apple Project  
20 March Debbie Bilham Empire of the clouds: the story of the R101 airship  
17 April Hugh Griffiths Brush – the man and his legacy  
15 May Richard Jones Living with water: past, present and future  
19 June Elizabeth and Martin Tingle Death and remembrance in the Wolds 1400–1800  
18 September Jess Jenkins Burning passions: the struggle for women’s suffrage in Leicestershire  
16 October John Goodacre The crying sin of England  
20 November David Bate The lost church of St Ethelburga  
11 December Andrew Brown-Jackson Natural boundaries: traditional Midlands hedge laying and dry stone walls

**2019** [Chair: Bob Trubshaw]

15th January annual dinner and AGM  
19th February Anne Speight The Paget family and Nanpantan Hall  
19th March Douglas Clinton The Anglo-Saxon monastery at Breedon on the Hill  
16th April Eddie Smallwood The role of the barber surgeon in the Wars of the Roses  
21st May Katie Bridger Power in the landscape: the families of Grey and Hastings in Leicestershire  
18th June Ivor Perry Wymeswold's Peace Celebrations July 1919  
[Ivor was unable to attend so Bob Trubshaw talked about ‘Understanding Leicestershire and Rutland’s Anglo-Saxon and Romanesque carvings’]  
17th September Michele Sanders Animal magic and the Anglo-Saxon horse burials at Broughton Lodge

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| 15th October  | Mel Wilson  | A soldier and his wife                                                                            |
| 19th November | Mike Hawkes | Churches in Leicestershire: is the writing on the wall? [a pioneering study of medieval graffiti] |
| 10th December | Julie Ede   | Wallis Simpson                                                                                    |

**2020** [Chair: Bob Trubshaw]

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| 21st January  |               | annual dinner and AGM                                         |
| 18th February | Martin Tingle | Digging the dirt: archaeology in the East Midlands and beyond |

[Talks for the remainder of 2020 postponed because of coronavirus pandemic.]

**2021** [Chair: Philip Thorpe]

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| 21st September | Martin Tingle  | Archaeological hoaxes                          |
| 19th October   | Philip Thorpe  | A small Selection of toys from yesteryear      |
| 16th November  | Richard Knight | Wymeswold Airfield operations                  |
| 14th December  | Martin Speight | Charnwood Water Supply, from Fearon to present |

**2022** [Chair: Philip Thorpe]

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|----------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 18th January   |                  | Annual dinner and AGM                  |
| 15th February  | Elizabeth Tingle | European pilgrimage                    |
| 15th March     | Mathew Morris    | Oakham Castle dig                      |
| 19th April     | Helen Reid       | A fair cop: history of policewomen     |
| 17th May       | Peter Blanchard  | Early local buses                      |
| 21st June      | Richard Knox     | Donington le Heath Manor House         |
| 20th September | Bob Trubshaw     | Ironstone quarries of Leicestershire   |
| 18th October   | Ross Parish      | Holy wells of Nottinghamshire          |
| 15th November  | Jack Shaw        | History of Quorn and Woodhouse station |
| 13th December  | Eddie Smallwood  | Medieval medicine and herb lore        |

**2023** [Chair: Philip Thorpe]

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| <del>17th January</del>  |                            | <del>Annual dinner and AGM</del><br>POSTPONED                                        |
| <del>21st February</del> | <del>Anthony Jarram</del>  | <del>William Railton (1800–1877) London Architect</del>                              |
| 21st February            | ??? Andy Know              | Charnwood Forest Railway                                                             |
| 21st March               | Philip Thorpe              | Old Railway Uniforms                                                                 |
| 18th April               | Sam Dobson                 | Sir Malcolm Sergeant – the early years                                               |
| 16th May                 | Rebecca Gregory            | Vikings in the East Midlands                                                         |
| 20th June                | Bob Trubshaw               | Goodbye Belvoir Angels, Hello Soul Effigies                                          |
| 18th July                | Jack Shaw                  | Guided tour of Quorn and Woodhouse Station – how goods were carried                  |
| 19th September           | Stuart Warburton           | Coal mining during the Wars of the Roses, and medieval coal mining in Leicestershire |
| 17th October             | <del>Richard Ellison</del> | <del>Mapping the History of Wymeswold</del>                                          |
|                          | Bob Trubshaw               | How Anglo-Saxons Found Their Way                                                     |
| 21st November            | <del>Mark Temple</del>     | <del>The Mountsorrel Railway and Quarry</del>                                        |
|                          | Debbie Bilham              | 'Oh, joy unbounded!' The pinnacle of Gilbert and Sullivan and D'Oyly Carte           |
| 12th December            | Peter Liddle               | The Rutland Roman Villa                                                              |

**2024** [Chair: Philip Thorpe]

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| 16th January  |                 | Annual dinner and AGM                                           |
| 20th February | Richard Ellison | Mapping the history of Wymeswold                                |
| 19th March    | Dennis Marchant | 'A River Through Time' the River Lin, compiled by Ernest Miller |
| 16th April    | Jack Shaw       | 'Death on the Line' Deaths and mysteries at Quorn Station       |
| 21st May      | James Wright    | Nottinghamshire Castles                                         |

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| 18th June      | Mick Clowes       | The Melton & Oakham Navigation                                  |
| 16th July      |                   | guided tour of Snibston Colliery,<br>Coalville                  |
| 17th September | Anne Featherstone | The History of Pantomime                                        |
| 15th October   | Mathew Morris     | Archaeology of Leicester after<br>Richard III                   |
| 19th November  | Alan Godber       | 'Don't Jump' – the railway collision at<br>Loughborough Central |
| 10th December  | Sam Dobson        | Malcolm Sargent – on to worldwide<br>fame                       |