

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 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]

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| 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

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

**1995** [Chair: Alec Moretti]

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|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 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]

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 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]

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 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               |
| <i>WHO 10th anniversary event:</i> |                                 |                                              |
| 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]

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|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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]

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|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 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]

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|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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 lacememakers                      |
| 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                           |
| 18 November  | Ivor Perry          | The Wymeswold Roll of Honour                 |

**2015** [Chair: Ivor Perry]

|             |               |                                 |
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| 20 January  | A.G.M.        |                                 |
| 17 February | Peter Liddle  | Curses sacrifices and temples   |
| 17 March    | Brian Johnson | The rise and fall of the prefab |

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| 21 April     | Patricia Baker | Framework knitting                     |
| 19 May       | Gareth King    | Victorian ghost stories                |
| 16 June      | Geoff Feavyour | 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]

|              |                        |                                                     |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 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]

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|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |