

# POTTON HISTORY SOCIETY

## 39th Programme 2016

- Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**      **A Potton Bakers Invoices**      **Peter Ibbett**  
Nearly 500 invoices from 1907 to 1917 and a diary give an insight to the daily life of a Horslow street baker and his wife.
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Reverend Richard Whittingham of Potton**      **Stan Evers**  
The story of a man who witnessed the Great Fire of Potton and had been Vicar of Potton for 39 years when he died in 1845.
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Woburn Village:- Its history and people**      **John Clarke**  
Our speaker (from the Woburn Heritage Centre) reveals the rich history of one of our counties best known towns.
- Apr 28<sup>th</sup>**      **More Dark Deeds at Biggleswade**      **Jane Dale**  
More tall tales and dastardly deeds committed in the centre of our neighbouring town that have passed into local memory.
- May 26<sup>th</sup>**      **My Land Settlement Memories**      **Leigh Belcham**  
Leigh's 'Newbourne in Short Trousers' recalls life in an idyllic Suffolk village transformed by a Land Settlement Association estate. His own experiences reflect those of our parish adapting to their own LSA plots.
- June 30<sup>th</sup>**      **Pubs of Potton Walk / Exhibition**      **\*7.30 walk start\***  
**NOTE**      Turn up a 7.30 for a walk past the host of former Pubs & Beer Houses.  
**NEW**      An exhibition of Society files will be on display at the Community  
**DATE**      Centre during the evening for non-walkers.
- July 28<sup>th</sup>**      **Potton Library 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
An evening celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the rebuilt Clock House and the way the Library has adapted to the changing needs of locals.
- Aug 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Potton in Sound**  
Our growing audio archive features the voices and memories of over a century of life in our parish. The evening mixes tape excerpts with a range of material from tape transcriptions.
- Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Historic Bedfordshire Trees**      **David Alderman**  
The director of the county tree register will feature our counties tree legacy. We will also have our own parish survey taken from our archive photographs and documents.
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**      **Potton's Infamous Inhabitants**  
Our archives together with local and national newspapers reveal the local characters that you would not like to have met on a dark and windy night on the Causeway. Bring your own 'black sheep' stories!
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Potton in 1916**      **Peter Ibbett**  
The Biggleswade Chronicle and the London 'Punch' magazine provides an insight into local and national news in the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> WW.      **\*7.30 start for the AGM of the Society\***
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Pictorial Entertainment.**  
Finish the year with Christmas refreshments and enjoy a dip into our photographic & video archives of past & present Potton.

**Membership 2016:- Single £6; Joint £10; Concessions £4; Visitors £2. All meetings (except visits & walks) will take place in the Brook End Community Centre and will normally start at 8pm. Any changes will be in the local press, on our revamped website ([www.pottonhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.pottonhistorysociety.org.uk)) & our Facebook page.**