

# POTTON HISTORY SOCIETY

## 41st Programme 2018

- Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** **Potton Mosaics & Their Legacy** **Carolyn Blake**  
The Manager of the Historic Market Town Heritage Trail outlines the story of the project and looks ahead to the final phase and its Legacy.
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** **On the Road in Potton 1900 -1980**  
Our photographic collection shows 80 years of the impact of the car in Potton. Included are insights from Volume 1 of the Motor magazine, and Punch as well as the latest on our 1950's Potton Car.
- Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>** **History on a Postcard** **Rodney Todman**  
A further dip into a fascinating collection from St. Neots in which the messages provide as much interest as the pictures of life in the first part of the last century. Bring your own examples.
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>** **Potton's Community Archive Store** **Mill Lane Pavilion**  
The story of the building of the ANNEX to the Mill Lane Pavilion to house the Potton History Society Archives. The evening will include small group visits to the Community Archive Room.
- May 24<sup>th</sup>** **Bedfordshire Geology** **Bev Fowlston**  
Find out about how Potton fits into the geology of our county and how it has shaped its landscape and local industries. On display will be material illustrating our local geological heritage.
- Jun 28<sup>th</sup>** **Henlow At War** **Dave Thompson**  
RAF Henlow celebrates its centenary this year. The now to be closed site has a fascinating history.
- Jul 26<sup>th</sup>** **From Bedfordshire to Berlin** **Ron Pickford**  
A second World War tale involving the family history of one of the area's local families.
- Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Potton Celebrates:- The POP story**  
A dip into our archives and stories from those who helped build up what has become a biennial treat for all Pottonians.
- Sep 27<sup>th</sup>** **Laxton & Paxton** **John Fowler**  
Laxton and Paxton are two names associated with Bedfordshire. The story of how two sons of the soil became national treasures.
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup>** **Dr Hunter of Gamlingay's Tragic Story** **Jim Brown**  
Victorian 'Quack' or a 'Real' Doctor. The tragic tale associated with late Victorian Gamlingay.
- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Potton in 1918 \*7.30 start for the AGM of the Society\*** **Peter Ibbett**  
A look back at the final year of the 'Great War' through local and national newspapers and magazines as well as our archives.
- Dec 6<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 Fees 2018:- Single £6; Joint £10; Concessions £4; Visitors £3. All meetings (except visits & walks) will take place in the Community Centre in Brook End and will normally start at 8pm. Any changes will be announced in the local press, [www.pottonhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.pottonhistorysociety.org.uk) and our Facebook page.**