

# POTTON HISTORY SOCIETY AUTUMN PROGRAMME UPDATE

**Dear Members** We plan to restart our meetings now that restrictions have been lifted. It would help us if you can let us know if you would feel able to attend the meetings so we can plan ahead. Returning the slip / having a word with a committee member would be useful to us as we wish to keep in contact with our supportive members and provide a programme that meets your needs in the on-going pandemic situation. Our programme is flexible and may change at short notice. Check our web site & local posters for latest information.

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- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Pictorial Entertainment.**  
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**I / We hope to attend all/ most /some/ Aug/Sep/ Oct/ Nov/ Dec**

**Name(s) -----**

**Please write any suggestions for the 2022 programme on the back of this slip**

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**Membership Fees 2021:- Single £8; Joint £14; Concessions £6 /£12; 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 on our Facebook page.**