

POTTON HISTORY SOCIETY

39th Programme 2016

- Jan 28th** **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 25th** **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 24th** **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 28th** **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 26th** **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 23rd** **Pubs of Potton Walk / Exhibition** ***7.30 walk start***
Turn up a 7.30 for a walk past the host of former Pubs & Beer Houses. An exhibition of Society files will be on display at the Community Centre during the evening for non-walkers.
- July 28th** **Potton Library 60th Anniversary**
An evening celebrating the 60th birthday of the rebuilt Clock House and the way the Library has adapted to the changing needs of locals.
- Aug 25th** **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 22nd** **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 27th** **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 24th** **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 1st WW. ***7.30 start for the AGM of the Society***
- Dec 8th** **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 announced in the local press, on our website www.pottonhistorysociety.com & our Facebook page.