

U3A ELY HISTORY GROUP LECTURES & FIELD TRIPS, 2008 - 2020

2020

- Members House Histories: the house or what was there before it was built, Maureen Brownlow, Pam Blakeman, Ian Akroyd, Chris Holley, Peter Lee.

2019

- Little-Known Treasures in Norfolk Churches, John Vigar.
- The origins, development and standing of the most English of institutions 'The Common', Terry Ward.
- St George, Patron Saint, Knight and Martyr, including his martyrdom, his influence on chivalry and the Order of the Garter, and the dragon and English flag, Chloe Cockerill.
- Recent excavations at Orchards Green, Ely: Bronze Age fields, Roman farmsteads and an Early Anglo-Saxon cemetery, Tom Phillips, Oxford Archaeology East.
- History of Ely Markets and Fairs, Mike Rouse.
- Captions Captured - a look behind some of the Imperial War Museums exhibits, Roger Haverson.
- Norfolk coach trip to four round tower churches in the Hempnall Group, guided by John Vigar
- A shop with tales to tell - History of the Spar building at 3 High Street, Haddenham, and its occupants, Jez Reeve.
- The Stuart's, more dysfunctional than the Tudors, Kevin Boardman.
- History of the Colorado River, about much more than the river, but touches on many aspects of the history of southwestern USA from the Spanish discovery of the Grand Canyon in 1540, right up to the present. Peter Lee.

2018

- Coal the Black Gold of Co Durham - a mining life above and below ground in the North East, Maggie Haverson.
- Researching People's History from the Cradle to the Grave, Kate Cann.
- Folding Back The Years, Rock 'n' Roll Memories... a presentation of original photographs from 1963 - 1967, Brian Bignell.
- Share stories of research into family history. Clint Tweed, Ian Forrest, John Trinder & Liz Herrington.
- Ely meets Ribe - 60 years of twinning history, Gareth Hughes.
- Agricultural History of the Fens, Bill Franklin.
- The medieval tiles in Prior Crauden's Chapel, Lindi Wood.
- Visit to the Tudor Manor House Hockwold Hall, and St Peter's Church at Hockwold, Richard & Peter Lee.
- Ely's Militia, Kate Cann.
- Edward VIII in America, Ted Powell.

2017

- History of and Making Stringed Instruments, Charlie Barker.
- The History of the R101 Airship, Kate Cann.
- How Fenland Drainage Actually Works, Jolly Drainage Day Out field trip to Denver Sluice Complex, Salters Lode & Welmore Lake Sluice, Chris Holley & Colin George.
- Living in Russia in the 1980s, Wendy Ramsell.
- Murder, Sex and Mayhem in English Churches, John Vigar.
- Brief History of Contact Lenses (older than you might think), Ian Forrest.
- The History of Hockwold Hall, From Manor to Royal Residence, Peter Lee.
- Experiences of a Police Officer in The Isle of Ely and Cambridgeshire, David Blake, retired Chief Superintendent of Cambridgeshire.

- Phrases from the Past 1: 'I tell you we will cut off his head with the crown upon it' - Cromwell at the trial of King Charles I, 1648. Graham Anthony.
- Phrases from the Past 2: 'England expects that every man will do his Duty.' The Leadership at Trafalgar was superb, and the resolve of Nelson's sailors during the carnage was amazing. Graham Anthony.
- Phrases from the Past 3: 'The state of slavery is so odious that nothing can be suffered to support it but positive law', Lord Chief Justice Mansfield's momentous ruling in 1772, which led to the abolition of slavery. Graham Anthony.
- Phrases from the Past 4: 'Tempus Rerum Imperator' - Time is the Ruler of all things. The Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, founded by Royal Charter in 1631, has kept Britain at the forefront of making timepieces. Even today! Graham Anthony.
- History of Printing, Nigel Puttergill.

2016

- My First House, member's recollections of their "first" home.
- Discovering History Online, Mike Petty.
- Catholic Prisoners in the Bishop of Ely's Palace, Recusant 1577 -1597. Francis Young.
- Discovered History Online, Peter Lee, Roger Painter, Roger Orr, Chris Holley.
- How Fenland Drainage Actually Works Part 1, Water In Water Out, Chris Holley.
- English Civil War, and pivotal battle of Battle of Naseby, Peter Lee.
- How Fenland Drainage Actually Works Part 2, Ely Dry Essex Wet – Cut Off Channel, Chris Holley.
- History of the Spanish Empire 1 - Caliphs lead Moors and Berbers to create much of the beauty in Al Andalus that we enjoy today. Graham Anthony.
- History of the Spanish Empire 2 - Columbus proselytised the opportunities in the New World, Graham Anthony.
- History of the Spanish Empire 3 - Conquistadores steal Gold and Silver treasures as they destroy the Aztecs and the Incas. Graham Anthony.
- History of the Spanish Empire 4 - Cuba is lost to the USA in 1898, ending 400 years of Spanish conquests in the Americas. Graham Anthony.
- 18th Century Drovers Who Brought Cattle to East Anglia, Tony Stephens.

2015

- Bill Tutte - Codebreaker and his Newmarket Memorial, Richard Fletcher.
- Mountbatten and his place in my family history, Tom Pritchard, by Virginia Divall, with archive footage of key events in Mountbatten's life, inc Partition of India, Peter Lee.
- History in My Lifetime. Fishing in the 1950s, Ron Parker. An incident involving my father in the wartime navy, Clint Tweed. Memories of the Cuban Missile Crisis, and Parrots Kidnapped, Roger Painter. How did they do that, Wedgewood?, David Gray. My grandmother's first encounter with a tape recorder, Pat Brandon.
- Confessions from the Darkroom, a printer's craft now dead, Alan Moser-Bardouveau.
- Visit to Ramsey Rural Museum, David Jones.
- History of the Bishop of Ely's Palace, Francis Young.
- Mrs Cromwell and Food in the 17th Century, Nora Gardener.
- History of a fen farming family that touched the World, Lesley Goad.
- Success and sacrifice amidst the snow and ice of the Polar regions 1 - Seeking the NW Passage through the Arctic Ice, Graham Anthony.
- Success and sacrifice amidst the snow and ice of the Polar regions 2 - Tsars needed a NE Passage to serve their huge country, Graham Anthony.
- Success and sacrifice amidst the snow and ice of the Polar regions 3 - The race to the South Pole, Graham Anthony.
- Success and sacrifice amidst the snow and ice of the Polar regions 4 - When all hope is gone, pray for Shackleton, Graham Anthony.

- Members talks on “My Childhood in India” by Sarah Whitcher, “Living in Post-Franco Spain” by Chris Holley, and “More Tales of the Boys in Blue” by Roger Painter.

2014

- Women’s suffrage in Cambridgeshire - the story of local women who campaigned over many years to gain the vote, Sue Slack.
- History of Birmingham, Workshop of the World, Michael Martin.
- Twenty items in the Ely Museum that define the Fens, Mike Young, @Ely Museum.
- Discussion on causes of World War 1, Peter Lee.
- Rich Soil, Rich Heritage, Telling the story, from the 17th Century, of the people who came to East Cambridgeshire to work. Viva Arts and Community Group, Hetti Wood.
- The History of Early Books, Christine Cascoigne.
- Unusual Waterways of the World 1 - The Amu Darya River and the drying of the Aral Sea, Graham Anthony.
- Unusual Waterways of the World 2 - Hernand De Soto and his vision for The Tenn-Tom Waterway, Graham Anthony.
- Unusual Waterways of the World 3 - Sir Joseph Bazalgette, cholera, and London’s underground sewers, Graham Anthony.
- Unusual Waterways of the World 4 - Joseph Stalin’s prisoners build the White Sea Canal, Graham Anthony.

2013

- Starting as an Office Boy in the City in the late 1940’s, Frank Bowles.
- History of Europe’s Eastern Borderlands Part 1, to 1815, from the Neolithic to Napoleon, Peter Lee.
- History of the Thomas Parsons Charity, John Smith.
- Forgotten Invasion of East Anglia 1912 - Formation of the Royal Flying Corps, Andrew Westwood-Bate.
- Women’s lives in the Fens in the 20th Century, Lorna Delanoy.
- Walking tour of Lavenham and a visit to its church, Rosemary Wheeler.
- Curiosities and Fascinating Facts about the American Civil War, Clint Tweed.
- Conducted tour round the Bishop’s Palace, Ely, Carol Trigg.
- Adventures in Terra Australis Incognita 1 - Up to Captain Cook, Graham Anthony.
- Adventures in Terra Australis Incognita 2 - Coming of the Convicts, Graham Anthony.
- Adventures in Terra Australis Incognita 3 - Problems Problems Problems, Graham Anthony.
- Adventures in Terra Australis Incognita 4 - And Then There Was New Zealand, Graham Anthony.
- In Search of Vikings, the people, landscape and wildlife, Trevor Gunton.

2012

- Escape from Post-War Poland, Eugene Miluk.
- Childhood Memories of Lavenham, Rosemary Wheeler.
- Little Thetford, 7000+ Years of History, John Parish.
- DVD of The Lost Mitchell & Kenyon film of Edwardian England - Saints & Sinners, Adrienne Evans.
- Palaces, Horses and Stables, and Charles II in Newmarket, John Sutton.
- Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Meeting: member’s memories and artefacts of our Queen’s reign.
- Evacuees, Frank Bowles.
- The Barbed Wire University, Midge Gillies.
- Great Rivers of Africa - Livingstone, Stanley and the Zambezi, what is this all about, Graham Anthony.
- Great Rivers of Africa - Sahara to the Sea on the troubled waters of the Niger, Graham Anthony.

- Great Rivers of Africa - Blue and White Niles, the longest of them all, Graham Anthony.
- Great Rivers of Africa - King Leopold's Congo, a river running with blood, Graham Anthony.
- Evacuees in Ely, Mike Rouse.

2011

- David Dimbleby Seven Ages of Britain 4 - Age of Revolution - 17th/18th Century, Diana Harvey.
- David Dimbleby Seven Ages of Britain 5 - Age of Money, 18th Century, Diana Harvey.
- David Dimbleby Seven Ages of Britain 6 - Age of Empire, 19th Century, Diana Harvey.
- Norfolk's Past, East Anglia film Archive, Diana Harvey.
- Making of Modern Britain 1 - A New Dawn, Andrew Marr.
- Members talks on Bury St Edmunds, Peter Lee, Adrienne Evans.
- Field Trip to Bury St Edmunds, Peter Lee.
- Keeping Britain Free from Invasion 1 - Defeat of the Spanish Armada, Graham Anthony.
- History through Member's Memories of Childhood Holidays.
- Keeping Britain Free from Invasion 2 - No Curry for Napoleon, Graham Anthony.
- Titanic and Six Other Spectacular Sinkings, Graham Anthony.
- Keeping Britain Free from Invasion 4 - the Battle of the Atlantic, Graham Anthony.

2010

- Memories of Cambridgeshire and the Fens Part I, East Anglian film archive.
- Memories of Cambridgeshire and the Fens Part II, East Anglian film archive.
- Haunted Ely, + Women in the War in East Anglia.
- Aerial Photography in Archaeology, Mike Young.
- Bronze and Iron Ages. David Dimbleby Seven Ages of Britain 1 - Age of Conquest, Diana Harvey.
- David Dimbleby Seven Ages of Britain 2 - Age of Worship, Diana Harvey.
- David Dimbleby Seven Ages of Britain 3 - Age of Power, The Tudors, Diana Harvey.

2009

- Troy, Mycenae & the German Millionaire, Dan Jones.
- Hereward the Wake, Diana Harvey.
- Parisian Ladies of King Minos, Minoan History, Dan Jones.
- Vanishing Cambridge, Mike Petty.
- Conquerors - Boudicca Warrior Queen of the Iceni DVD, Diana Harvey.
- Old Buildings of Ely, Pam Blakeman.
- David Dimbleby DVD - How We Built Britain I, Diana Harvey.

2008

- The Fascination of Fenland, Graham Anthony.
- Littleport Riots / Fen History, Terry Sell.