

## **MONTHLY SPEAKERS 2022**

### **January 20 Wendy Hill**

#### **Young Mr Elgar from Lower Broadheath to Nimrod**

Elgar's background and schooling – his friendship and his marriage, and the music he composed before he was internationally known

### **February 17 Tim Barnes**

#### **The Playground in the Sky**

An introduction to the remarkable world of unpowered flight by a lifelong glider pilot  
Tim Barnes is experienced cross-country glider pilot and instructor at the Cotswold Gliding club, based at Aston Down airfield near Stroud. His claim to fame is he once landed his glider in the middle of a motorbike race.

### **March 17 Frank Cooper**

#### **The Staffordshire Hoard and the Origins of a Warrior King's Golden Helmet**

Frank is Centre Manager for Digital Design & Manufacturing and a Senior Lecturer at Birmingham City University. The Hoard, discovered in 2009, remains the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever discovered. Frank will discuss the reconstruction of the spectacular Warrior's Helmet from about 1,000 fragments using a combination of traditional and modern digital technologies. Other key items in the Hoard will also be discussed.

### **April 21 Paul Barnett**

#### **Light in the Darkest Hour – Dunkirk's Little Ships**

Set amidst the carnage of defeat – a flotilla of hope sets sail 26th May – 4th June 1940, to assist in an Army's determined escape to fight again!

Having followed my father and grandfather into and thereafter spend many years in the Navy both Royal and Merchant, I duly came ashore in 1999 and have been greatly fascinated with both local and military history at a research level ever since.

### **MAY 19 Alan Welch**

#### **One Envelope - Many Lives**

Using an 1878 envelope show how basic family history can be carried out, how to add more detail to the findings and to reveal the history of a family over many generations over the last 250 years. A shorter version of this talk was given about 12 years ago. More information of the families involved has been discovered since then.

### **June 16 Gareth Davies**

#### **A Celebration of Timber Framed Buildings**

An illustrated look at the development of timber frame buildings and their social context throughout history.

### **July 21 Tim Keyes**

#### **The ups and downs of the Ledbury Bells Project**

A major charitable fundraising projects has many challenges. In this case, Brexit and Covid were added to the mix. Tim Keyes will outline how he and his team brought a complex project to a successful end. The focus will be on lessons learned. Tim Keyes is the Tower Captain (i.e. in charge of bellringing) at St Michael and All Angels church Ledbury. He was formerly Head of The King's School in Worcester. He retired to Ledbury in 2014 with this wife Mary Anne.

### **October 20 'From Time to Time'**

#### **Victorian Entertainments**

'From Time to Time' is made up of two experienced and knowledgeable history interpreters, who have been involved in it for over 25 years, providing an entertaining and exciting way to engage everyone's attention. As historians, we want to make the past interesting by making it fun! With plenty of banter and humour, our talks contain a vast amount of information, continually researched, and updated, showing you what ordinary life may have been like for you, by interacting in a way that will stick in your memory