



Sharnbrook Local History Group

Autumn 2024 Programme

All talks in the Methodist Church at 2pm unless otherwise stated

**Wednesday
25th September
1.45-4.45pm**

"Tales of Tower and Steeple"

A guided tour of St Paul's and St Peter de Merton churches in Bedford with the Bedford Guide, Stephen Barratt

This will be a particularly interesting opportunity to look at these two important Bedford churches as they have given us special permission to access their towers. For this reason this is going to be a longer tour than our usual Bedford walks, so we will start at 1.45pm in St Paul's and expect to finish by 4.45pm. St Peter de Merton have kindly agreed to provide a quick cup of tea before we continue the tour there.

£5 per person, incl tea & biscuits. Donations to both churches will be welcome.

**Wednesday
9th October**

"Tracing the origins of settlement morphology and landscape character within the Hundred of Willey, Bedfordshire"

Matt Tuohy has now completed his PhD thesis on our local landscape and is returning to share some of the interesting results of his research.

**Wednesday
23rd October**

"The Roman small town at Sandy: a new appraisal"

A talk by Mike Luke, Albion Archaeology, based on recent archaeological investigations in Sandy.

**Wednesday
6th November**

"Sharnbrook in the 17th Century using the 1617 Survey Book, Deeds, Land Tax and Inventories"

This talk by James Collett White is another opportunity to find out more about our local village history.

**Wednesday
20th November**

"The Harrier in action in the Falklands Conflict"

This talk about the involvement of the Royal Navy and RAF Harriers in the conflict, by Les Evans, a former RAF and Concorde pilot, is particularly one for people interested in our military history.

**Wednesday
4th December**

"Sharnbrook Families"

Des Hoar is often contacted via our website by people in other parts of the country with ancestors who lived in Sharnbrook. Here are some of their stories.