



Sharnbrook Local History Group

Spring 2025 Programme

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

Wednesday "To the Manor Born"

**15th
January**

Pam Birch, Bedfordshire Archivist, takes a look at what made a Manor, the records they produced and why those records can be very useful for family and local historians. She will use examples from Bedfordshire Archives.

Wednesday "Special Railway Loads in the Great War"

**29th
January**

Bill Pinfold will talk about the important role of the railways in the first world war. This talk will be illustrated partly with some of his model railway collection.

Wednesday "Origins of the Medieval Village"

**12th
February**

This talk by Andy Chapman, will be based on archaeological investigations in and around Raunds.

It will be followed by a guided visit in the summer to some of the sites within Stanwick Lakes Country Park.

Wednesday "Sharnbrook Historical Miscellany"

**26th
February**

Colin Scott will share some of our growing collection of very local photos and other material.

Wednesday "Archaeology at Hill Farm"

12th March

Carol Simmonds, archaeologist with MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology) will share with us the results from the pre-development excavations they have been carrying out on the site.

Wednesday "Tales of Tower and Steeple" Part 2

**2nd April
1.45pm**

A guided tour of St Paul's Church in Bedford with the Bedford Guide, Stephen Barratt.

This follows our recent visit to St Peter de Merton Church. After the tour of the church and refreshments there will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to explore the tower guided by their tower captain.

£5 per person, incl tea & biscuits. Donations to St Paul's Church will be welcome.