Sharnbrook Local History Group

Autumn 2026 Programme

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

Wednesday 23rd September	**"Bedford & its River - from workplace to pleasure ground"** Bob Ricketts brings us the story of the Ouse navigation and riverside industries, followed by its development as a Victorian pleasure ground.
Wednesday 30th September	**Visit to Foster Hill Cemetery** As the visit arranged for earlier this year had to be cancelled, this has been arranged as an extra visit in the programme. £4 per person
Wednesday 7th October	**"Plaques & Plinths"** Another Bedford Walk led by the Bedford Tour Guides, Dawn Allen and Stephen Barratt, exploring the stories behind some of Bedford's statues, and blue plaques that adorn several buildings. £4 per person
Wednesday 21st October	**"What not to find on an archaeological watching brief .... the tale of a medieval pottery kiln at Sutton, near Potton"** David Ingham, Albion Archaeology project manager, shares the story of the discovery and excavation of the kiln at Sutton Primary School and the significance of the finds. Note: Three of our members helped to wash some of the 30,000 fragments of pottery and tiles found!
Wednesday 4th November	**"Stories from The Review"** Colin Scott has been trawling the archives and brings us gems about life in Sharnbrook as revealed in our parish magazine.
Wednesday 18th November	**"A History of Yielden"** What do you know about one of our smaller neighbouring villages? Gillian Nursaw-Smith will tell us about its interesting history.
Wednesday 2nd December	"**SLHG projects: Past, Present and Future"** From the start of this group one of our aims has been to add to what is known about the history of our village. As we start our 21st year we look back on the research projects our members have undertaken in the last 20 years, catch up on present work and think about possible future projects.