



# Lambley Historical Society

Your Programme for 2014

## Jan 27th AGM & Social Evening

The AGM will be followed by a fuddle and a chance to see old photographs of Lambley, which we have been busy cataloguing.

## Feb 24th

### Malcolm Hankin - A Look back at Calverton

Malcolm is the custodian of Calverton Folk Museum and will present a slide show of Calverton old and new with some interesting anecdotes. See

[www.calvertonvillage.com/CalMuseum.html](http://www.calvertonvillage.com/CalMuseum.html)

for further details.



## March 24th

### Marion Wallwork - Gardens through the Ages

Marion is from the National Trust, East Midlands and her talk covers the development of gardens through the ages from ancient Egyptian times and up to the present day. National Trust gardens are used as illustrations where possible.

## April 28th

### John Wilson - Pail Closets, Water Closets and Weather

John is a retired pharmacist who spent most of his career in the NHS, much of it in the field of public health. He is an amateur historian and meteorologist, and the two are closely linked in this account of the effect of weather on some aspects of health.



## May 19th

### Evening private visit to Papplewick Pumping Station

This is Britain's finest Victorian Water Works and the only one in the Midlands to be preserved as a complete working water pumping station. See [www.papplewickpumpingstation.co.uk](http://www.papplewickpumpingstation.co.uk) for further details.

## June 15th

### Guided tour of Doddington Hall (near Lincoln)

A private guided tour of Doddington Hall, a fine late Elizabethan Mansion followed by free time to enjoy the spectacular gardens at leisure.

See [www.doddingtonhall.com](http://www.doddingtonhall.com) for further details.



**July 26th**

**Guided Tour of Derby Roundhouse**

Commencing life in 1839, The Roundhouse Grade II listed building has been restored to its former glory and is now the legend centerpiece of Derby College. The Roundhouse has been recognized by the Guinness World Records as the oldest locomotive roundhouse in the world. Walk in the footsteps of engineer George Stephenson (North Midland Railway), constructor of the Roundhouse and discover how the town of Derby prospered at the forefront of Britain's industrial revolution. See <http://roundhouse-events.co.uk/history.php> for further details.



**Sept 22nd**

**John Whitfield**

**- Sir Winston Churchill**

John, a semi-retired teacher will talk to us about Churchill's life, the ups and downs of his career, and how historians see him today.

**Nov 24th David Bate - The Lost Church of St Ethelburga**

The former existence of a church dedicated to St Ethelburga in the Vale of Belvoir has long been known, although differing claims have been made for its precise location. There has not even been agreement as to which parish it served, but a document in the Vatican archives tells us that in 1405 it was a place of pilgrimage in the fields near Langar 'to which a great multitude resorts'. Since 2002, David Bate has been attempting to lift the veil of mystery that has long hung over this fascinating site, utilising both documentary sources and non-invasive fieldwork. There may even be a link to the lost shrine of St Eadburh at Southwell!



**Oct 27th**

**Michael Harrison - Visiting The Western Front**

**An illustrated talk depicting what the visitor can expect to see**

Those of us who now find ourselves in our mid sixties probably had a grandfather or great uncle who served on the Western Front during the period of the First World War. Many of us have grandchildren or nieces and nephews who are three generations removed from that time of conflict. My own paternal grandfather [Pop] would never speak of his war service with the Durham Light Infantry; it was up to me to tread my own path in later years to discover where and when he took part in the momentous events that rocked the very core of Great Britain and Europe. The First World War proved to be very well documented and mapped, allowing me to literally follow in Pop's footsteps. Our family have been privileged to walk the same fields and tracks as our ancestor as he experienced the battles of the Somme, Arras and Ypres.

Visiting the old battlefields brings history to life. It is paradoxical that the 'Silent Cities' of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's war cemeteries bring the reality of those now distant days to light. Going a stage further, the visitor can delve deeper into the events that took place, being armed with trench maps and battalion war diaries allows the explorer to pull back the curtain on the 'window of time' and peer however briefly, into the world of the Western Front. Join us for an experience defined by the words Geoffrey Winthrop Young: 'There will be voices whispering down these ways, the while one wanderer is left to hear'.

Pax Vobiscum

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. We meet at the Women's Institute, Main Street in Lowdham on the dates shown at 7.30pm. There is a visitor's charge of £3 per person. Why not join us for an annual fee of £10 and come to all our meetings? For further information visit

[www.lambleyheritage.co.uk](http://www.lambleyheritage.co.uk)