

## Walsham le Willows Village History Group

### Programme of Events 2025

Date	Talk/Event	Speaker
Wed 19th March 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>Suffolk's Lost Heritage</b> explores some architectural gems of historic buildings, grand mansions and medieval churches which have disappeared from our landscape over the past centuries.	Stephen Poulter Local Historian
Wed 16th April at 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>Farming the Suffolk Landscape: Patterns, changes and impacts</b> reveals how a variety of soils and ways of farming has led to different types of landscape across the county.	Edward Martin Archaeologist and landscape historian
Sun 27th April 10.30am	<b>Spring Walk</b> – meet at the Six Bells	Walsham History Group
Wed 21st May at 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>My life in specialist and covert operations</b> covers Paul's career from a divisional detective in the Met to the world of specialist and covert operations.	Paul Jordan Retired Forensics Officer with the Met.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>Through the keyhole: The homes of Willam Morris.</b> This talk explores how his design philosophy influenced, and was influenced by his homes including Woodford Hall, The Red House, Kelmscott Manor and Kelmscott House.	Fiona Rose Lecturer for The Arts Society
Wed 16th July at 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>D-day and beyond:</b> Explores 'Operation Overlord' the joint allied invasion of mainland Europe, which took place on 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1944, the largest combined operation in military history. Includes genuine WW2 artifacts	Paul Hunt Military historian
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> and Mon 25th Aug	<b>Walsham Open Gardens</b> - no meeting	
Wed 17th Sept at 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>The Archaeology of the Romani Gypsies</b> uncovers 500 years of laws aimed at repressing the Romany people and reveals the results of John Henry's recent archaeological excavations in the New Forest.	John Henry Phillips: author, archaeologist, film- maker and presenter of C 4's 'The Great British Dig'.
Wed 15th Oct at 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>Songs of the Sea:</b> An evening of sailor's sea shanties and the stories behind them.	The Orwellmen
Wed 19th Nov at 7.30pm Priory Room	<b>Viking Age East Anglia:</b> This talk explores the evidence for the Viking presence in East Anglia, from the initial campaign of the Great Heathen Army including the martyrdom of King Edmund,	Dr Richard Hoggett Historian, author and heritage consultant.
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm in the Priory Room	<b>Cakes, ale and partying: Feasting and Fundraising in Medieval Suffolk</b> looks at traditions and how people celebrated festivals throughout the year.	Kate Jewell Medieval Historian

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