

MM&DHS Winter Programme - 2021/2022

Tuesday 9th November

“Henry Garnett & The Gunpowder Plot” by William Ruff.

This is a story of a small brass box made in 1606 commemorating the 'miracle' of Garnet's Straw. It's a story tells of Catholic persecution conspiracy's, priest-holes, trials, death - and the National Trust.

Tuesday 14th December

“Honest Men but Destitute – the Plight of Leicester’s Framework Knitters” by Jess Jenkins.

This is the story behind the rise of “Framework Knitting” in Leicestershire and the difficulties suffered by the families involved during the 1840s.

Tuesday 11th January

“Horses in Leicestershire – a 2000 year old love affair” by Lois Edwards.

This talk is a history of the horse and how it has been used in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland from Roman times to the present day.

Tuesday 8th February

“Richard 111: The King under the car park” by Mathew Morris.

This talk is the inside story behind an archaeological excavation in 2012 which was a world-wide sensation at how forensic scientists were able to successfully identify 500 year old skeletal remains as Richard III, the last Plantagenet king of England (d.1485).

Tuesday 8th March

“Diamonds, Gold and War – Cecil John Rhodes: The Man Who Wanted It All” by Graham Cherryman.

This life story begins with the birth of a boy in Bishop Stortford, England in 1853. It goes on to follow his life through to his death at the age of 48 in 1902 by which time he had become one of the most ruthless and successful men of his generation – his legacy lives on even today.

Tuesday 12th April

“The Mary Rose – One Moment in Time” by Kathy Powis.

This presentation tells the story of Henry VIII's flagship from her construction in 1510, her active service fighting the French, her sinking in 1545, the dramatic raising from the Solent in 1982. to the present day.
