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# North Marston History Club **Newsletter**

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*"Giving the past a safe  
future"*

## **Brave New World**

With the end of the year fast approaching it's time to look at our key objectives for 2018, and the big message from the History Club is ***we're upping our game.***

Now the Heritage Centre is established we need to make full use of the facilities and to start broadening our horizons. We wish to widen our appeal by offering talks, exhibitions and "experience events" that encompass the history of North Marston and the world beyond.

We have commissioned six evening presentations by people who will use a wealth of dramatic and professional know-how to provide a memorable and enjoyable experience. Basically, ***we're investing more to get more.***

## **So What Does The 2018 Programme Look Like?**

We start off in January with a talk entitled ***"Rural Workwear of***

***the 19<sup>th</sup> Century"*** accompanied by a display of clothing associated with the North Marston tailors, H.J. Holden. In March we will be learning about ***"Spices and Medieval Society"***. In May, along with our AGM, we will be told of ***"An 18<sup>th</sup> Century Love Affair"*** based on letters found under the floorboards of a house in Marsh Gibbon; and in July the topic will be ***"The Spy who Loved Himself"*** about the villain Eddie Chapman whose spying activities saved thousands of British lives. Our September talk will be ***"The Aylesbury Duck and the Aylesbury Prune"*** and in November, we'll be hearing all about ***"The Claydon House Archives."***

In addition to these evening talks, we will be hosting in March a ***Murder Mystery Dinner, "The Body in the Well"***, which is set in North Marston in 1910. Later in the year we will be holding a

### ***“World War Two Experience”***

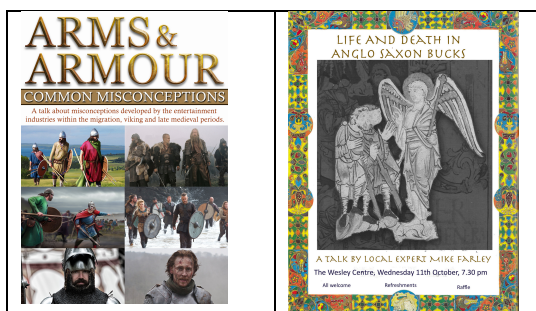
which will include a film about life on the home front during the war and an opportunity to sample food from real WW2 recipes during the challenging period of food rationing.

All these events will be staged at The Wesley Centre in Schorne Lane and from January we will be making a small charge of £2 to non-members.

As you can see, there is a lot about to happen, with other things still in an early stage of preparation, for example a week-end of village music and dance.....but more on that in due course.

### **Recent Highlights**

This is not to say that what we’ve been doing this year hasn’t been both interesting and successful.



Robbie McSweeney’s talk on ***“Arms and Armour”*** and Mike Farley’s talk on ***“Life and Death in Anglo Saxon Bucks”*** rated highly in feedback from audiences. Our village calendar

sales surpassed all expectations with 100 calendars being sold by mid-October!



Of course, none of this is possible without your continued support for which we thank you.

**John Spargo**  
**Chairman**

### **Dates For Your Diary at The Wesley Centre (all at 7.30pm)**

Will Phillips	Rural Workwear of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century and a display of HJ Holden clothing	24 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY
Eve Bacon	Spices and Medieval Society	14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH
Sue Baxter	An 18 <sup>th</sup> Century love Affair	23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY (and AGM)
Michael Kushner	The Spy Who Loved Himself	25 <sup>TH</sup> JULY
Mike Palmer	The Aylesbury Duck and the Aylesbury Prune	12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER
Sue Baxter	The Claydon House Archives	21 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER