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Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter to enable you the opportunity to keep up to date with all our activities.

### **AGM 2026**

Our year started at our AGM in January where we warmly welcomed Clive Dobbs as a new member to the Committee. Clive lives in Granborough and has an extensive knowledge of local history. In 2000 he co-wrote the book *Granborough; celebration of the Millenium*, an illustrated history of the village. After the business section of the meeting we were entertained with a very informative narrated film by John Spargo entitled "Operation Pilgrim", which accompanies his book. It is now available to view on our web-site and is well worth a look.

### **Talks in 2026**

In March we were treated to an excellent talk by Jean Yates called "1000 Years of History Above Our Heads: the Origins of the English Pub Sign" giving us an extremely interesting insight into how public houses originally got their name. A very fascinating and enjoyable evening was had by all.

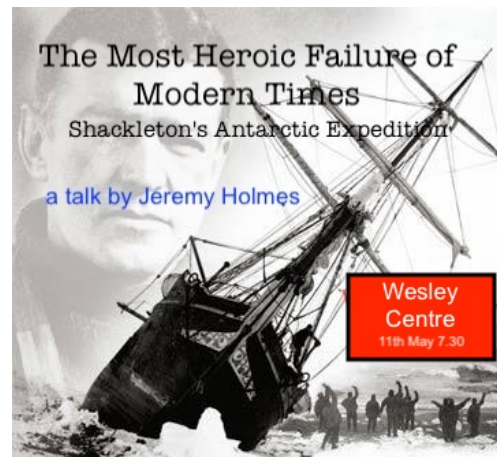
Meanwhile our programme for the rest of this year is now arranged. All talks take place in the Wesley Centre at

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7.30pm. *Please note that our next talk in May is on a Monday.*

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - The Most Heroic Failure of Modern Times - Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition"



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – "Food & Farming in Winslow 1345-1945"

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – "Over Our Dead Bodies: the Third London Airport Campaign 1969-71" (the airport was planned to be at Wing)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – "From Market Town to Metroland: a History of Shopping in Amersham"

These talks are free to members and £2 for visitors.

## **New to View on the History Club Website**

We have added enormously to our on-line archive giving you easy access to view (and print) press cuttings about the village that span from 1960 to 2024. To search the press cutting archive simply log on to our website ([www.northmarstonhistory.org.uk](http://www.northmarstonhistory.org.uk) or scan the QR code below) and hover your pointer over the "Archives" heading in the top tool bar. You'll see a drop-down list of five pages. Click on the one you want to look at.



## **Calendar 2027**

We are already gathering ideas and photographs for the History Club's 2027 Calendar and are planning a theme based on North Marston through the decades going back to the late 19th century. A big thank you to everyone who bought our 2026 Calendar ("Our Village Communities Through the Years") which completely sold out.

## **Membership**

Our club membership is renewed annually in January but it is not too late to renew your membership for 2026..... or to join the club for the first time. For anyone who would like to join the History Club for the first time, please contact Jennifer Heffer on 01296

670273 for us to obtain your details. If you have been a past member and wish to re-join, the fee is £6 (single) and £10 (joint). Payment can be made by bank transfer to TSB Acct No: 15310360 Sort Code: 30-99-74 (please reference this with your NAME and MEMBER). You can also pay by cash or cheque (to "North Marston History Club") and give or send it to Jennifer at 2A Marston Fields Road, North Marston, Buckingham MK18 3PF.

Thank you all for your continuing support of the History Club.

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