

## Banbury Historical Society Programme 2015 - 2016

<p>10th September</p>	<p><b>Dr. Jonathan Healey</b> A graduate of Magdalen College, Oxford, Dr Healey is University Lecturer in Local and Social History at Oxford University Department for Continuing Education. He specialises in the social and economic history of England from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.</p>	<p><b>'The Tymes being soe Hard with Poore People' Economic crises and poor relief in England 1598 -1730</b> The seventeenth century saw England adopt a national system of poor relief, administered by parishes up and down the country. But did this provide an effective safety net during times of crisis? This talk asks whether the Poor Law could really hope to protect people from the vicissitudes of a fragile economy, at a time of recurrent food shortage, epidemics, and financial crises.</p>
<p>8<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Dr. Barrie Trinder</b> Dr Barrie Trinder grew up in Banbury and for 11 years from 1962 edited <i>Cake &amp; Cockhorse</i>. He published <i>Victorian Banbury</i> in 1982. Most of his working life was spent in Shropshire. He now lives in Olney. He is the Vice-President of this society and is the author of well-known books on the Industrial Revolution as well as on nineteenth century Banbury.</p>	<p><b>Banburyshire's Victorian Boatpeople</b> This talk is based on new research on the boatpeople who lived and worked on the Oxford Canal and its connecting waterways during the reign of Queen Victoria..</p>
<p>12<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p><b>Dr. Kate Tiller</b> Founding Fellow of Kellogg College, University of Oxford; Chair of Education committee of British Association for Local History; author of <i>Remembrance and Community. War memorials and local history</i> (2013) and many other publications on local history. Chair of the VCH Oxon Trust.</p>	<p><b>The Great War at Home</b> The centenary of the First World War has brought a new and intense focus on the impact of the war as felt on the home front as the public and private lives of individuals, families and local communities everywhere were drawn into the unprecedented experience of over four years of war. This talk will illustrate the varied aspects of life on the home front that may be explored by local historians.</p>
<p>10<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p><b>Professor Chris Dyer</b> Professor Dyer comes from Warwickshire and did his degree at Birmingham. He has held posts at Edinburgh, Birmingham and most recently was the head of the Centre for English Local History at Leicester. He is the author of many books and articles on the social, economic and landscape history of the middle ages, for example <i>Standards of Living in the Middle Ages</i> and <i>Making a Living in the Middle Ages</i>. He has been president of the Society for Medieval Archaeology and the Agricultural History Society.</p>	<p><b>A Cotswold wool merchant at the end of the middle ages: John Heritage</b> Everyone knows about the Cotswold wool trade, but little is known about how exactly it was conducted. The discovery of the account book of a woolman of Moreton-in-Marsh reveals how wool was bought from the owners of sheep, and how it was sold on to the London merchants. We learn a lot about local society and business practices.</p>

14 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	<b>Dr. Susan Walker FSA</b> Susan Walker recently retired from the Sackler Keepership of Antiquities at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, and was a visiting scholar at the Getty Museum, Los Angeles in early 2015. She is now an Honorary Curator of the Ashmolean and Emerita Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford. Best known for her work on the archaeology and art of the Roman Mediterranean region, Susan Walker has returned to work on Roman Britain in recent years.	<b>Food for the gods: recent excavations at Steane, near Brackley</b> In 2013 trial excavations took place at Steane, where a small bronze head of the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius was found in 1976. The dig revealed two large late Roman pewter platters, one covering the other, with traces of food still preserved on them. In this talk Susan Walker explores the implications of this and other finds for the understanding of Steane, and assesses the significance of the pewter platters for the history of decorative art in late Roman Britain.
11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Dr. David Robinson</b> David Robinson was County Archivist of Surrey from 1975 to 2002 and is Editor of Surrey Record Society.	<b>Local clergy in the Middle Ages</b> We hear much about those medieval clergy who held high office in church and state. Dr. Robinson's interest is in the clergy who served parishes as unbeneficed chaplains, without the assured income of a rector or vicar and depending on the voluntary support of the local laity.
10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Jennifer Thorp</b> Jennifer Thorp has been the Archivist of New College in Oxford since 2004. Before that she worked in local government archives and also in the private sector.	<b>The Legacy of William of Wykeham to New College Oxford</b> When William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, founded a new college in Oxford in 1379, he displayed huge generosity in its endowment and extraordinary skill in providing for its survival. This talk looks at the legacy, in every sense, that he left to New College after his death in 1404.
14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Norman Hudson</b> Norman Hudson is the chairman of the Country Houses Foundation and has advised owners of historic houses throughout Britain on their management, conservation, and commercial development. He has been a member of the Council of the National Trust, is a long term adviser to the Historic Houses Association, and founded Hudson's Historic Houses and Gardens, the annual guide to UK heritage properties open to the public.	<b>The historic Country House in the post war years and now - its survival and future.</b> Britain's greatest contribution to the history of architecture is probably the Country House. Almost 2000 country houses have been lost over the past two centuries, the majority since 1950. Today, despite increased legal protection, heightened public awareness and access, there is still an urgent need to protect them, their grounds and associated buildings. Is this being achieved and if so how?
May	<b>Tour of Banbury Filling Factory (tbc)</b>	
June	<b>Visit to Fawsley Hall (now a hotel), deserted medieval village and church (tbc)</b>	
July (date tbc)	<b>Annual General Meeting at Thenford House</b>	<b>Lord &amp; Lady Heseltine</b>