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Thurs. 8th October

Marie-Louise Kerr: **The Romans of Oxfordshire: Roman settlement and impact in the local area**

Marie-Louise's talk will cover the Roman invasion of Britain, life before and after the Romans arrived, and examples of Roman remains, archaeological finds, and sites of Roman occupation in Oxfordshire.

Thurs. 12th November

Liz Woolley: **Kingerlee - the family and the building firm since 1868**

The Kingerlee family and firm influenced Oxford's development in the Victorian/Edwardian periods. We will hear of the many private and public buildings which the construction company has built, renovated and repaired in and beyond the city.

Thurs. 10th December

Sean Callery: **Christmas and the Cotswolds**

Today's Yuletide celebrations grew from a mixture of pagan customs, folklore and royal fashions. Sean will tell us about the origins of many of our Christmas traditions, from Advent to Yule logs, including the three Cs - Cards, Carols and Crackers.

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Thurs. 14th January

Victor Ince: **The History of Upton House and the Family**

This talk will take us through the history of the Samuel family, their journey to fame and the purchase of Upton House and its use as a place for their love of art.

Thurs. 11th February

Ian Robinson (Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum): **Home Fires: Life on the Oxfordshire Home Front**

This talk will tell us about how civilians lived and contributed to the war effort and will be illustrated by a selection of objects held at the museum from World Wars I and II.

Thurs. 11th March

Andrew Long: **Naming of Oxfordshire Pubs**

Pub names in Great Britain are a rich, centuries-old tapestry of local history and this talk is about how and why they have been named as they are, with illustrated examples from our county including the local area.

Thurs. 8th April

JOINT MEETING WITH THE FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON CASTLE GROUNDS

Dr. Beatrice Groves: **Shakespeare's flower symbolism**

There are almost 200 individually named plants in Shakespeare's plays and in most of these examples each specific plant adds depth and texture to the character-building or meaning of a scene. This talk will explore some of the religious and cultural meanings of these blooms in his plays.

Thurs. 13th May

Dr. Allan Doig: **The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Deddington: Norman to Now**

Deddington's Parish Church stands at the centre of its community. The changes and additions to the fabric of the church reflect its long history from Norman times to the Civil War and up to the present. Allan's talk will help us to understand its architectural development and its social and historical context.

This event will be held in the church itself.

Thurs. 10th June

Dr. Rowena Archer: **Travelling in the Middle Ages**

It is commonly believed that people didn't travel much in the Middle Ages. Rowena will dispel this myth and explain that they did so in considerable numbers despite the lack of proper roads and maps.

The Deddington & District History Society exists to foster interest in the history and archaeology of this area.

*Except for the May meeting which will be in the Church, all meetings will take place in **Deddington Primary School at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month** from October to June and all are welcome.*

Membership for the season is £20 or £5.00 at the door for non-members.

Enquiries to deddingtonhistorysociety@gmail.com .

Deddington and District History Society Programme for 2026-27



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