

# **Belper Historical Society Talks Programme – 2016/2017**

Belper Historical Society put on talks at the Heritage Centre on the First Wednesday of the month (except August) at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Annual Membership of the Society is £15 (from 1st September) or, alternatively there is a non-member charge of £3 per meeting.

## **Wednesday 2nd November 2016**

Working Women and Children in the Industrial Revolution Michael Parkin The presentation examines the transition from a rural and feudal society, bringing women and children into the category of employment.

## **Wednesday 7th December 2016**

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway: Into the Next Decade Eric Boulton The origins, development, history and current developments of the Duffield to Wirksworth railway.

## **Wednesday 4th January 2017**

Beech Lawn, No. 17 Green Lane and some Belper Doctors Rosemary Annable The house was built by, and has a long history of being a doctor's home and surgery. Members may even have been treated there.

## **Wednesday 1st February 2017**

A History of Freemasonry in Belper  
Richard Moss

Richard will talk about the lodge's history and perhaps unveil some mystery and dispel some myths surrounding this ancient organisation.

## **Wednesday 1st March 2017**

Framework Knitters  
Jane Whitaker

Jane will plot the rise and fall of this early industry and discuss the troubles with Luddites and the 'Bag Man'.

## **Wednesday 5th April 2017**

Derbyshire on Film

Presented by John Barnett

Archive film of Derbyshire Peak District. Includes events and features of the first third of last century.

## **Wednesday 3rd May 2017**

The History and Mystery of Matlock Bath – England's only inland seaside resort Godfrey Holmes Steeped in the birth of tourism, later mass tourism. This pretty village has a wonderful story to tell. No wonder Defoe, Swift, Darwin, Princess Victoria & John Betjeman loved it!

## **Wednesday 7th June 2017**

Openwoodgate: Enterprise Crossroads  
David Ford

The history of Openwoodgate which was once the home of many commercial enterprises and small industries. David will welcome member's own memories of the community.

**Wednesday 5th July 2017**

Croxden Abbey and Stydd Hall

Keith Blood

This is a guided photographic tour of the important Cistercian abbey with details of the Monastic life. At Stydd Hall Farm is the remains of the Preceptory of the Knights Hospitalers.