

Friends of Kettering Art Gallery & Museum, with Kettering Civic Society
and Northamptonshire Heritage Forum

HISTORY DAY ♦ KETTERING PAST REMEMBERED

Saturday 12th October 2019 • Kettering Corn Market Hall

Overview of the Day

The History Day will explore aspects of the historic town of Kettering with some of the events, people, places and buildings that have helped shape the town.

History of Kettering

An Introduction by David Brown, Chairman of the Friends of Kettering Art Gallery & Museum.

I serve you best by recommending the excellent book 'A History of Kettering' by R. L. Greenall. Amongst his sources is a volume entitled 'A Sketch of the History of the Town of Kettering Together with Some Account of its Worthies', 1891, by Frederick William Bull. Bull was aware of the numerous archaeological finds in the town area, unearthed as a result of the extensive iron ore workings, and the building of houses as the population expanded. You will hear of this in the first presentation. The early medieval period passed in the usual way with the agricultural cycle and exploitation of the peasants by the lords!

Kettering has always had a reputation of being a bit 'awkward' and in the 17th Century this manifested itself in the rapid rise of religious non-conformism, such that a century later there were almost as many non-conformists as Anglicans in Kettering. This non-conformism in turn led to three main movements. Firstly, and directly it produced missionary zeal, particularly William Knibb and William Carey. Secondly, it led indirectly to the creation of the wool, silk and shoe industry, and associated engineering works as non-conformists were barred from university education and the professional life, for one of industry. Thirdly it created the atmosphere for the highly successful Kettering Co-operative movement. All three aspects will be mentioned on the tours in the afternoon.

Weaving its way through this social history in the story and fate of several important families, for example the Easts and the Gotches, who will be discussed during the day, as well as the landowners residing at Rockingham Castle and Boughton House.

Not to be overlooked in all this, is the history of our magnificent parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul, which in 2020 celebrates the 800th anniversary of the appointment of the first Rector.

The Speakers

Steve Sharpe

An active member of the Ise Archaeological Research Society. In the past he has contributed to their talk programmes, with presentations on Kettering's archaeology. He has been hands-on in local and national digs, and is a volunteer at Kettering Museum and Art Gallery.

Ian Luck

Chairman of the Kettering and District Art Society. As well as painting, Ian has co-authored the 'Catalogue of the Permanent collection of the Kettering Art Gallery' and more recently 'Alfred East – The Incidental Etcher'. He is the acknowledged authority on all Kettering artists.

David Brown

Currently the Chairman of the Friends of Kettering Art Gallery & Museum. He is a retired doctor, and is now free to indulge in his two great passions: art and history. He regularly presents at Friends' meetings and was instrumental in organising the cemetery tours.

Tracey Clarke

Community Link Manager at Wicksteed Park. Since taking over this role she has been instrumental in many recent changes. Most importantly her outreach work has reinvigorated interest in the improved facilities and also the heritage and archives of the park.

Phil Steele

A leading light in the Northamptonshire Battlefields Society. His main interest is with the Naseby site, but he is an expert on historic battles across the nation, and is frequently asked to present at meetings. His other passion is war games, online and face to face.

Delia Thomas

A history graduate with many local roles. She runs Local History courses and sessions and is an expert in the interpretation of old documents. Her knowledge of the history of Kettering is boundless. She also spends much time in the museum, helping the permanent staff.

Andrea Pettingale

Is a former local studies librarian, with a passion as a Northamptonshire local history researcher. She is a member of the Kettering Civic Society and the Northamptonshire Family History Society. At Kettering Museum she also runs courses and sessions on family history.

Parish church of St. Peter & St Paul



Programme

- 10.00 Welcome – David Brown
- 10.05 Kettering Archaeology – Steve Sharpe
- 10.30 The History of Kettering – David Brown
- 11.15 Coffee
- 11.45 Kettering's Artistic Heritage – Ian Luck
- 12.30 The History of Wicksteed Park – Tracey Clarke
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 A choice of one of the following tours:
1. A tour of London Road Cemetery. David Brown (General), Ian Luck (Artists), Phil Steele (Military)
 2. A tour of the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, followed by a brief tour of the Manor House Museum (Manager: Karen Adhemar) and the Alfred East Art Gallery (Manager: Billie Stevenson)
 3. The north town. Early religion/non-conformist sites, shoes and missionaries. – Delia Thomas
 4. The south town. Monumental buildings, banks and almshouses. – Andrea Pettingale
- 16.00 Tea and Cakes
- 17.00 Depart

Lunch Menu

A buffet lunch will be provided on the day.

Dietary Requirements

If you have any special dietary requirements please list against the member's name on the form below.

Friends of Kettering Art Gallery & Museum

Known affectionately as Friends of KAGAM, the association still holds to its original aims: to promote the activities of the gallery and museum and to help to finance acquisitions and conservation. We meet regularly on the third Wednesday of the month. Over the last couple of years our activities have widened. We have recreated the tours of the London Road Cemetery. Recently, we have been very involved with talks with local networks, to explore how history and culture can help to reinvigorate our town centre, and have acquired the use of a vacant town centre shop as a 'pop-up' gallery.

Kettering Civic Society

Founded in 1969 and celebrating its 50th Anniversary the Society is a voluntary independent organisation with charitable status. Its objectives are to protect, preserve, develop and improve the town through collaboration with appropriate bodies by acting as a co-ordinating body with local authorities, charities, organisations, and persons having similar aims.

The Society publishes literature, holds meetings, lectures and exhibitions. Fund raising in order to achieve objectives includes saving the Town Mosaic and a blue plaque trail around the town.

Annually a Silver Rose Bowl is awarded for a project demonstrating good architecture and design in the town or to persons showing civic pride.

The Society also has a community room at the Railway Station called 'Time Travellers' which is used as its headquarters whilst at the same time members are 'Station Adopters' providing planting to enhance commuters experience and offer a welcome to visitors.

Display Space

There will be a minimum amount of display space which will be limited to a table of no more than 5ft per organisation/individual. Tables can be reserved on a first come basis.

How to Book

Please complete the form below and return to:
Northamptonshire Heritage Forum History Day
c/o 47 Woodlands Road, Irchester, Northants, NN29 7BW.

Please enclose a cheque for £20.00 per person payable to 'Northamptonshire Heritage Forum' this includes the cost of refreshments and lunch.

Please include a stamped addressed envelope for confirmation of your booking in the form of the History Day admission ticket.

Closing Date 30th September 2019

Bookings for the event are available to Forum Members in the first instance until the 31st August 2019.

Email: northamptonshireheritageforum@gmail.com

Website: northamptonshireheritageforum.co.uk

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Please include a stamped, self addressed envelope.

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Please include FULL NAMES of ALL attendees in CAPITAL LETTERS, only one single contact address is required.

Attendees Names

Special Dietary Requirements (Vegan, Vegetarian, Coeliac etc.)

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Contact Address

Post Code

Organisation (if any)

Email

Telephone

The Northamptonshire Heritage Forum gives formal notice that it makes arrangements for this event as Agents on behalf of each member attending and no liability can be accepted by the Forum for any injury, loss or inconvenience caused by any person in consequence of the event.