

Fri 17 February

51 Fleetgate Update

Lorraine Pearcey speaks about the recent conservation work she undertook at the medieval merchant's house on behalf of CHAMP. Lorraine has also been working on the ceiling wallpaper samples and her work has contributed greatly to a deeper understanding of the property. Lorraine is a freelance conservator and has also worked on the conservation and restoration of Philip Pape's sculpture 'Dove'.

Fri 17 March

My First Year as South Humber Warden for the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

The Wildlife Trusts manage over two thousand nature reserves across the country of which almost one hundred are in Lincolnshire. Simon Wellock is the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's warden caring for eight nature reserves along the south Humber bank. In this talk Simon will reflect on his first twelve months in the post and previews exciting plans for the future of these reserves.

Fri 21 April

Mr Stewart and the Romanovs

The story of Herbert Stewart who was a tutor for the Imperial Russian Royal family a century ago. Using newly discovered photographs, Peter Rogers, from Burnby Hall Gardens & Museum, recounts Stewart's unique firsthand experience of the unfolding Russian Revolution as revealed in his personal diary. The diary vividly captures the terrifying position of a foreign national living through the cataclysmic events in 1917.

Fri 19 May

The River Hull - Friend or Enemy

Linking with Hull's City of Culture "Roots & Routes" Season, Richard Clarke explores the landscape, history and importance of one of the principal rivers flowing into the Humber Estuary. The talk features images taken by Richard as he walked the river bank from source to mouth.

Fri 16 June

Hull City of Culture - The Ferens

As part of our continuing celebration of Hull City of Culture 2017, Kirsten Simister tells the story of the city's Ferens Art Gallery from her perspective as Curator. The newly refurbished Ferens will host the 2017 Turner Prize, one of the biggest events in British art, as part of UK City of Culture, and there is a major new exhibition unveiling for the first time Pietro Lorenzetti's stunning panel painting, *Christ between Saints Paul and Peter* (c.1320), following its recent acquisition and conservation.

Fri 21 July

Annual General Meeting (7.30pm)

Hull Reflections (8.15pm)

Barton has numerous historical and contemporary links with the city - market boats sailed between Hull and Barton until the 1950s, and ropes made in Barton were shipped worldwide from Hull and the raw materials ferried across the Humber up to the 1980s. We even shared the Hull postcode for a long time! Generations of Bartonians have worked and studied in the city while its museums, shops and theatres continue to captivate us. Come and share your own memories of Hull – and getting there by ferry!

Wed 16 August

Burton Constable – East Yorkshire's finest house

As well as a guided tour of this fine Elizabethan mansion you can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the surrounding woodland and parkland with lots of great walks and picnic spots – although there's also a tea room if you'd prefer that! The visit will also include the recently refurbished Stable Block. Full details, including cost, will be available in the spring.

Talks take place at the Assembly Rooms, Queen Street and commence at 7.30pm. Admission for Civic Society members is free. Non-members £2. Check our website for any late changes to the programme.

Thu 7 – Sun 10 September

Heritage Open Days

A number of Barton buildings will be opened over the weekend. Full details will be available in the summer on the Civic Society's website and on heritagelincolnshire.org. If you would like to involve your property in the Barton programme, please get in touch via help@bartoncivicsociety.co.uk.

Fri 15 September

Families and Fortunes in Tudor Lincolnshire

The Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology's Rex Russell Memorial Lecture 2017

In the sixteenth century many Lincolnshire families made their fortunes and rose to prominence on both the local and national scene, with some of the highest positions in court, government, law and the military held by people who were either born in the county or made their homes here. This illustrated lecture by Dr. David Neave, local and architectural historian at University of Hull, will tell their story and that of less prosperous residents through their homes, memorials, inventories and other records.

Fri 20 October

Some Notable Trees in Barton

Andrew Robinson has been involved with many environmental projects around the town over many years including the Civic Society's annual tree planting. Using a selection of his many images, Andrew presents an informal snapshot survey of interesting trees around the town showing their wide variety and recounting stories associated with selected specimens.

Fri 17 November

The First Christmas Card

Do you know when the custom of sending Christmas cards was started? What image was used, who created it, who commissioned it and why? Art historian Dr. Mo Ille returns to Barton to answer these questions and discuss the repercussions.