

## ***Contact Details:***

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**Wrington Local History Society provides a forum for local history enthusiasts who appreciate and care about the heritage of Wrington and its local area.**

**The society organises monthly history talks, visits to locations of historical interest for members, and supports projects that helps explore and promote Wrington's past.**

***When We Meet:*** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 8pm  
Tea / coffee from 7.30pm  
***Where We Meet:*** Wrington URC Chapel  
Roper's Lane BS40 5NF  
***Meeting Fees:*** £1 members, £2.50 non-members  
£12 annual membership (from Sep)

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**Programme**  
**June 2025 – March 2026**

**June 17<sup>th</sup>                      The Civil War in the West of England**

The West Country played a significant part in the bloody Civil War with power shifting between Royalists and Roundheads. The talk explains how important this region was in contributing to the Parliamentary victory.

**Professor Ronald Hutton**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>    7pm                      Hannah More film evening**

In 2022, Redcliffe Films produced a feature film on the life of Hannah. This is being shown at Barley Wood where she and her sisters lived for 26 years. The house and grounds will be open to look around beforehand. Tickets required.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>    7.45pm              Wrington Estate 1726 to 1841    plus AGM**

Following the AGM, John will describe how landholdings changed on the Wrington Estate after 1726, when it was purchased by William Pulteney, and the impact of the Wrington Enclosure Act of 1810 on its landscape

**John Gowar**

**September 16<sup>th</sup>                      The Battle of Britain over Somerset**

September 15<sup>th</sup> is BoB day and it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the air battle that was to be a significant milestone in WW2. It will look at how events in the sky above Somerset contributed to our air force superiority.

**John Smith**

**October 21<sup>st</sup>                      Hartcliffe Betrayed: The Fading of a Post War Dream**

Plans were drawn up post-war for the Hartcliffe area which would develop it into a “garden city” with modernistic facilities and open spaces but mistakes, bureaucracy and political constraints led to these dreams not being fulfilled.

**Paul Smith**

**November 18<sup>th</sup>                      Advertisements – A Social History**

The illustrated talk looks at advertising over the last hundred years or so and how ads related to the social classes and their different ways of life

**Mike Hooper**

**December 16<sup>th</sup>                      Members’ Evening - Bring and Tell**

At our Christmas meeting we’ll be holding another of our popular evenings where members will be invited to show and talk about items or stories of historical or personal interest. Mince pies and mulled wine.

**2026**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>                      Birnbeck Pier – Back from the Brink**

A potted history of the pier back from its opening in 1867 to its eventual purchase by NSC in 2023. We’ll then learn about the processes and problems with the take-on, the re-generation project and future plans.

**Lorna Clarke**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>                      “Time to Knock Down All Saints Church”**

Why was the Norman parish church knocked down and rebuilt in the 1430s? What did the original church look like and how was the new church built and by whom? Who were the key decision makers?

**Philip Kinsman**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>                      Mysterious North Somerset**

The mysterious and dark side of North Somerset including some local historic murders, a ghost story, standing stones and saints, a highwayman, a giant and even some goblins!

**Jane Hill              Weston Museum**