

Friends of Hertford Museum – programme 2018

Month	Date	Venue	Event	Speaker	Topic	Notes
January	-	-	Break	-	-	-
February	20	St Andrews Centre	Talk	Marilyn Taylor	Bengeo Businesses	Born in Bengeo and with a passion for its history Marilyn will talk about many of the businesses and shops that have been in Bengeo from the mid 1800s to the present day illustrated with a selection of photographs and old adverts etc.
March	20	St Andrews Centre	Talk [+ AGM]	Jean Riddell	More blue plaques in Hertford	Local historian Jean Riddell will look at a selection of the buildings in Hertford which were awarded Blue Plaques in 2017 by the Hertford Civic Society, in liaison with Hertford Town Council. She aims to speak about how the awards came about and to describe in some detail as to why they were chosen.
April	17	St Andrews Centre	Talk	Ken Griffin	Crime, Criminals and Victims in Hertford 1770 to 1870	Ken is a local chap, brought up in Ware, has lived in Hertford and currently lives in Welwyn Garden City for the last 17 years. He worked at County Hall for over 30 years, most of the time as one of the County Councils Auditors. He became interested in Crime and Punishment after finding that one of his ancestors from Ware was deported to Tasmania for 14 years way back in 1841 for receiving stolen goods. From following his trail Ken has published a listing of all Hertfordshire convicts that were transported to Australia and some of the ones that either died or were pardoned. Since this publication Ken has been busy on identifying all the convicts from Great Britain for the 100 year period from 1770 to 1870 when transportation of felons was ended. The talk will include a little bit comparing Convicts with the amount of other crime in the town. As victims are virtually all towns-people some of the audience will probably recognize some of these names. Hopefully the new work on the Witnesses of these cases will have been completed as many of these will also be towns-people.
May	15	St Andrews Centre	Talk	Mike Smith	Hertfordshire and Blackstone: 80 years of fire service history	Member of The Fire Brigade Society, the organisation for those interested in the fire and rescue service, its history, organisation and equipment, since its formation in 1963. Currently one of the editorial team producing its quarterly journal, "Fire Cover". Volunteer at Essex Fire Museum in Grays. Talk will cover an individual with a Hertfordshire connection who played a significant part in, and in the recording of, British fire service history and will look briefly at that history over the last 80 years, 2018 marking the 80 th anniversary of the Fire Brigades Act 1938.
June	19	St Leonards Church	Walk and guided visit	Gill Cordingley	St Leonard's through the ages	Gill Cordingley is an active member of Hertford & Ware Local History Society. She is responsible for the Open Season at St. Leonard's. The church is thought to date from 1120. It is Hertford's oldest building. It has many interesting features and is beautifully situated above the Lea Valley.

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July	17	Hertford Museum	Talk & guided visit	Sara Taylor / colleagues	[Hertford Museum update]	TBA
August	-	-	Break	-	-	-
September	18	St Andrews Centre	Talk	Peter Basham	Curbing audacity: 500 years of the Royal College of Physicians	Former Chair of the Friends, Peter spent ten years at the RCP's museum, which celebrates its 500 th anniversary in September. He is now Curator at the RC of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.
October	16	St Andrews Centre	Talk	Sarah Keeling	The changing use of St Albans Town Hall: A New Museum for St Albans	From its construction in 1831, St Albans Town Hall was designed as a civic building for the benefit of the public. Within its walls, local magistrates presided over trials and the mayor and councillors governed the district, while dances and lectures took place in the Assembly Room upstairs. This year, in the next stage of the building's history, we are opening a new museum and gallery. Find out more about this fascinating building and see the latest behind-the-scenes photos of the fit out of the museum.
November	20 (8pm)	St Andrews Centre, St. Andrew's Street, Hertford SG14 1HZ	Talk	Ann-Marie Parker	Pictorial Domesday: War Art of the First and Second World Wars – A talk by Ann Marie Parker	With the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day this month Ann Marie returns with a combined and revised version of her two very informative and interesting talks about war artists. If you have heard Ann Marie's war artist talks you will know how enjoyable they are so here's a chance to hear parts of them again and, if you missed out before, do come along to this newly revised version.
December	18 (7:30pm)	St Andrews Centre	Xmas social at Hertford Museum	-	-	Tickets at just £6 to be bought in advance please as we need to know the numbers for catering. They will be available at the Museum AFTER 18th October and at our meetings. The Courtyard Quartet will be entertaining us with a programme of madrigals and Christmas music. There will be an opportunity to hear of any recent purchases from a Museum Staff member and chance to look round the Museum after hours.