



# St Helen's Community Heritage Centre

Ashby-de-la-Zouch

## Heritage Talks 2022 – 2023

**September 27th Peter Liddle *Discovering the Rutland Roman Villa***

*A high status Roman villa was discovered in Rutland in 2021. Peter Liddle MBE, former County Archaeologist, will describe the project and the finding of a dramatic mosaic showing scenes from the Siege of Troy.*

**October 25th Wendy Freer *Films: Dinner at St Helen's & Comrades in Arms***

*Dr Wendy Freer is the founder of Pudding Bag Productions, a voluntary community heritage group, started in 2013. Their main interest is in making historical drama films, but they also make documentary films for other organisations and have made several for and about St Helen's. Two dramas filmed in the church in February this year will be shown this evening.*

**November 22nd Anne Heaton & Julie Starkey *A Thousand Years of the English Parish Church & some of its vicars***

*Churches have been at the heart of the system of parishes in England for well over a thousand years. These magnificent buildings are repositories of history, heritage and art and have witnessed huge periods of change, something which continues today. A church has been on the site of St Helen's for most of this time and its story will be used to illustrate tonight's talk.*

**January 24th Mike Hawkes *Graffiti in Medieval Churches - is the writing on the wall?***

*Mike studied archaeology at the University of Leicester. He is Archaeological Advisor to the Dioceses of Leicester and of Southwell and Nottingham. He also works as a freelance archaeological illustrator and is involved with a project looking at early medieval parish formation in the Kingdom of Mercia.*

**February 28th Rachel Askew *Catholic Resistance and Subterfuge at Breedon***

*How did the Shirley family flaunt their Catholic faith in a fervently Protestant age? Join Dr Rachel Askew, Heritage Officer at Breedon Priory Church, as she explores the church's 16th & 17th century monuments.*

**March 28th Peter Ackers *Religious Nonconformity & the early Leicester Labour Movement.***

*Leicester was a major stronghold of the Churches of Christ. Peter, Emeritus Professor in the History of Industrial Relations at Loughborough University, will talk about their influence in the Boot & Shoe worker co-operative movement, as well as the Great War conscientious objection movement.*