

ROADE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY PAST EVENTS

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2005

1. Sept 28: [The Changing Faces of Northampton and Roade since the 1960s. Chris Clayson](#)
2. Oct 27: [Development & Flight of Man-powered Inflatable Aircraft. Fred To](#)
3. Nov 23: The Castle and the Tudor Manor House at Alderton. Derek Batten & John Kline

2006

4. Jan 25: The Wake family connections with Roade. Sir Hereward Wake
[Launching the Nisan Micra by Tony Burton \(Mr Micra\)](#)
5. Feb 22: The Impact of Canals on Roade. David Blagrove
6. Mar 22: Charles Bradlaugh MP. Colin Eaton
7. Apr 29 - May 1: [RLHS Photographic Display of Roade and its residents. Bill Hudson](#)
8. May 24: The Hidden Treasures in the Northamptonshire Studies Collection at Northampton Central Library.
Terry Brasher
9. Jun 24: A Village Walk - Historic Grafton Regis. Sue Blake
10. Jul 27: Visit to Piddington Museum and Roman dig.
11. Sep 28: [Reminiscences. Bernard Donoughue, Lord Ashton](#)
12. Oct 25: [Planning & Consequences of the Last Gulf War. Paul Lewis](#)
13. Nov 22: [The BBC, then and now - my life at the BBC. Jim Black](#)
14. Dec 13: Magical Mechanical Music. Kevin McElhone

2007

15. Jan 27: New Year Lunch. Grafton Regis Village Hall
16. Feb 28: Cooperation in the Retail Jewellery Trade. Michael Jones
17. Mar 28: Sulgrave and the George Washington Connection. Chris Blyth
18. Apr 14/15: Family History event. Roade Village Hall
19. May 23: Caroline Chisholm, 1808 - 1877. Dr Carole Walker
20. Jun 30: Ashton Village Walk. A guided tour by David Farrand
21. Jul 22: History of Salcey Forest. A guided tour by Andy Patmore
22. Sep 26: [160 Years of the Royal Train. Chris Hillyard RVM](#)
23. Oct 24: [The Capture of Pegasus Bridge. Richard Dyke](#)
24. Nov 28: [Doctors of Roade. Dr Clements](#)
25. Dec 12: Aspects of the English Civil War. Tom & Rusty Ardwinkle of The Sealed Knot Society

2008

26. Jan 16: The 8 Names Missing from Roade War Memorial. Gordon Hall
27. Jan 26: New Year Lunch. St Mary's Church Hall, Roade
28. Feb 27: [Business experiences of two Roade Men. Alan Allen and Tushar Patel.](#)
29. Mar 26: [Rails Around Roade: 'My Favourite Line'. Alvin Barby
& 'The Geology of Roade Cutting'. Diane Sutherland](#)
30. May 3 - 5: [RLHS Display of Photographs of Roade and its residents. Bill Hudson](#)
31. May 28: Pub Signs of Northampton. Eileen & Ken Cheshire
32. Jun 28: Royal Ordnance Depot, Weedon. A guided tour by Mike Rumbold
33. Jul 26: Naseby Battlefield Trail. A guided tour by Patrick Crecraft of the Naseby Battlefield Project
34. Sep 24: [Raw recruit to Radar Operator -the story of Wartime Ops in Plymouth. Dee Jordan](#)
35. Oct 22: [Medicines Ancient & Modern. Dr John Gwilt](#)
36. Nov 09: [Exhibition Commemorating Those who Served and Died during 2 World Wars & Launch of the Roade Roll of Honour](#)
37. Nov 26: [The Story of Toys with a Northampton Connection. Roger Brown](#)
38. Dec 17: Film Show: Events in pre-war Northampton. The Northamptonshire Film Archive Trust

2009

39. Jan 28: The Chronicle & Echo Past & Present. Peter Clarke
40. Jan 31: New Year Lunch. St Mary's Church Hall
41. Feb 25: 78 Derngate & Candida Cottage in Roade. Ken Simpson
42. Mar 25: 19th Century Stoke Bruerne including England's Last Inclosure Riot. David Blagrove
43. Apr 22: Black Boots and Short Trousers. Syd Sharp (ex Fegan boy)
44. May 27: AGM / Unmentionables - the History of Victorian Underwear. Victoria Davies
45. Jun 24: [Roade Primary School 1876 - 2009. Team of six Year 6 Pupils](#)
46. Jul 22: Visit to Sywell Aviation Museum. Ben Brown
47. Sep 23: Rockingham Castle & the Watson Family. Michael Boyce
48. Sep 26/7: Exhibition and Launch of 'Roade Through the Camera'
49. Oct 28: 40 Years On. Dr Bull
50. Nov 25: [Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust. John Farebrother](#)
51. Dec 16: History of Pantomime. Lynda Maud

2010

- 52. Jan 23 New Year Lunch. St Mary's Church Hall
- 53. Feb 24 Northants Police Museum. Richard Cowley
- 54. Mar 24 The Culworth Gang. David Hewitt
- 55. Apr 28 From Pillar to Post. Philip Deacon
- 56. May 26 Growing Up in a Railway Family. Ray Wake
- 57. Jun 19 [Visit to Hyde Farm House, Barry Parsons & Hyde Farm Dovecote, Laura Stockdale](#)
- 58. Jul 17 Visit to Towcester: Towcester Trail.
- 59. Sep 11 2nd Northampton Heritage Fair - RLHS exhibit
- 60. Sep 22 My Little Evacuee. Gordon Abbott
- 61. Sep 25/6 [RLHS Photographic Display of Roade and its residents. Bill Hudson](#)
- 62. Oct 27 The Burning Car Murder. Richard Moisey
- 63. Nov 24 The History of Northampton Castle. Brian Giggins
- 64. Dec 15 [The Hatricks. Dick, Ron & Andy Johnson and Anthony Smith](#)

2011

- 65. Jan 22 New Year Lunch. St Mary's Church Hall
- 66. Feb 23 Church Wall Paintings of Northamptonshire. Janice Morris
- 67. Mar 23 The Courtier and the Queen. Malcolm Deacon
- 68. Apr 27 Living in the Falklands. John Bateman
- 69. May 25 Bath Beyond the Guide Book. Kim Jordan
- 70. Jun 22 Visit to Northampton General Hospital Historical Archive
- 71. Jul 22 Visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton
- 72. Sep 28 Royal Bastards. Roger Powell
- 73. Oct 26 A Northamptonshire Hero: William Rhodes-Moorhouse V.C. Enid Jarvis & Michael Heaton
- 74. Nov 23 [Munich - a personal view. Bill Hudson](#)
- 75. Dec 14 [History of Christmas Customs - Roade Primary School Yr 5](#). Followed by Christmas Carols with audience participation accompanied by the first public performance of Jinxed group

2012

- 76. Jan 21 New Year Lunch. Roade House Restaurant
- 77. Feb 22 [The Buncefield Disaster. Christine Marshall](#)
- 78. Mar 28 The History and Natural History of Salcey Forest. Andy Patmore
- 79. Mar 31 Film show of historic events in Roade. Kay Ogilvie of Media Archives of Central England
- 80. Apr 25 The History of the Picture Postcard. Douglas Goddard
- 81. May 23 [The BRAG Affair. Peter Mawby](#)
- 82. Jun 2 [Exhibition of photos & memorabilia on Royal Jubilees and Weddings at the Village Hall to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee](#)
- 83. Jun 23 Visit to Harrington village, the Carpet Baggers aviation museum and Thor missile site
- 84. Jul 14 Visit to Potterspury village. Jack Clamp
- 85. Sep 9 [Exhibition of photos of Jubilee activities in Roade on 2nd June and 'A Day in the Life of Village Families', together with audio recordings of 18 village residents' memories.](#)
- 86. Sep 26 Local Airfields under Bomber Command in WWII. Garth Barnard
- 87. Oct 24 Witchcraft in Northamptonshire - Dr Cathy Smith
- 88. Nov 28 How Bletchley Park read Hitler's secret messages. Phil Hayes
- 89. Dec 19 Moulton Morris Men

2013

- 90. Jan 19 New Year Lunch. Roade House Restaurant
- 91. Feb 27 Sir Ernest Shackleton. John Bates
- 92. Mar 27 Growing up in the 1940s and 1950s in Northamptonshire. Malcolm Deacon
- 93. Apr 24 Victorian Northamptonshire Inventors and Inventions. Jon-Paul Carr.
- 94. May 22 [Women's Timber Corp in WW2. Alan Allen](#)
- 95. Jun 1 Visit to Spratton. Guided walk around the village with Spratton Local History Society.
- 96. Jul 14 Visit to Blisworth. Guided walk around the village with Beryl Andrews and Hilary Spurrier.
- 97. Sep 14 Exhibition: Roade in 1911
- 98. Sep 25 Sinking of the Laconia. Jo Pratchett
- 99. Oct 23 Subterranean Secrets of London. Amanda Pickard
- 100. Nov 27 [The Mallock family and Motor Sport. Richard Mallock](#)
- 101. Dec 11 Pictures in the Parlour. Kevin Varty

2014

- 102. Jan 18 New Year Lunch. Roade House Restaurant
- 103. Feb 26 The Story behind the Painting. Sue Edwards
- 104. Mar 26 Roade & the Northamptonshire Regiment. David Folwell
- 105. Apr 23 Buckingham Canal, then and now. Helen Preston
- 106. May 28 [From Grafton Road to the Galilee. Ron Johnson](#)
- 107. Jun 21 Visit to Oundle. Museum tour and guided tour of the town

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2014 (cont from p2)

- 108. Jul 19 Visit to Yardley Gobion
- 109. Sep 24 The Sport of Kings. Adrian McGlynn
- 110. Oct 22 Northampton in the Summer of 1914. Kate Wills
- 111. Nov 9 Dedication of RCAF Memorial and Exhibition
- 112. Nov 26 [My Life in Show Jumping. Tim Stockdale](#)
- 113. Dec 10 Elizabeth, Tudor Housewife. Denise Legge

2015

- 114. Jan 17 New Year Lunch. Roade House Restaurant
- 115. Feb 25 Red Arrows & Other Stories. Richard Cooke
- 116. Mar 27 History of Stoke Bruerne - the development of an English village over 2000 years. David Blagrove
- 117. Apr 27 Victorian Churchyards & Cemeteries - black feathers to black underwear. Kevin Varty
- 118. May 27 [Splendour and Squalor: Volunteering in 1960s Kathmandu. Steve Blyth](#)
- 119. Jun 20 Visit to The Monastery, Shutlanger
- 120. Jul 17 Visit to Hanslope. Guided walk around the village & Church tower
- 121. Sep 23 A Suffragette in the Family. Peter Barratt JP
- 122. Oct 28 The Gunpowder Plot: A Midland Conspiracy. Malcolm Deacon
- 123. Nov 25 An American Eye View of Northamptonshire. Gary Shaeffer
- 124. Dec 9 An Evening of Archives & Christmas Cheer. [RLHS Committee](#)

2016

- 125. Jan 23 New Year Lunch. Roade Bowls Club
- 126. Feb 24 The Recorders of Northampton. HH Judge Rupert Mayo.
- 127. Mar 23 Researching your Family History. Angela Malin.
- 128. Apr 27 Lunacy and the Victorian Asylum. Dr Cathy Smith.
- 129. May 25 The Last Naval Hero: David, 1st Earl Beatty. Roy Smart.
- 130. Jul 23 Claude Grahame-White. Exhibition at Roade Village Hall.
- 131. Sep 17 Visit to Hyde Farm House with Mrs Sharon Nola
- 132. Sep 28 Joined at the Hippo (Flanders and Swann). Kevin Varty.
- 133. Oct 26 My Father's Journey Through WWII. Andy Tenny.
- 134. Nov 23 [The NHS Then and Now. Dr Alan Sutton](#)
- 135. Dec 12 An Evening Of Christmas Cheer.

2017

- 136. Jan 28 New Year Lunch. Roade Bowls Club
- 137. Feb 22 The Cooper Collection: Three Generations of Northamptonshire Photographers. Gary Shaeffer.
- 138. Mar 22 Charles II and the Dukes of Grafton. Charles FitzRoy.
- 139. Apr 26 Victorian Gardens - ingenuity and hard work. Christine Stones.
- 140. May 24 A History of Leather and the National Leather Collection. Philip Warner.
- 141. Jun 17 Visit to Delapr  Abbey.
- 142. Jul 1 Visit to the Church of St Neophytos (formerly St Crispin's Hospital Chapel).
- 143. Jul 22 "Now & Then" exhibition at 1st Roade Scout Group Family Fun Day.
- 144. Sep 27 [The Fall and Rise of the Country Houses of Northamptonshire since 1880. Neil Lyon](#)
- 145. Oct 25 [Ernie \(His Word is his Bond\). Phil Hayes.](#)
- 146. Nov 22 Marriage, men and women in the 16th and 17th centuries. Dr Cathy Smith.
- 147. Dec 13 An Evening of Christmas Cheer, including carol singing with Roade Community Choir.

2018

- 148. Jan 20 New Year Lunch. Roade Bowls Club.
- Feb 28 *Event postponed due to severe weather conditions.*
- 149. Mar 28 Get 'em down - your memoirs that is. Kate Wills.
- 150. Apr 25 [Cutting Remarks: Tales from the depths of Roade Railway Cutting. Chris Hillyard RVM](#)
- 151. May 23 [Canons Ashby: Priory, House & Family. Roy Phillips.](#)
- 152. Jul 11 Visit to the National Leather Collection in Northampton.
- 153. Sep 8 & 9 [Roade Cutting Exhibition \(180th Anniversary of opening London to Birmingham Railway\).](#)
- 154. Sep 26 Escape from Roaditz. John Dickie.
- 155. Oct 24 The Women's Land Army in Northamptonshire during the First World War. Helen Frost.
- 156. Nov 11 [Roade Roll of Honour Exhibition.](#)
- 157. Dec 12 [A Christmas Collation.](#)

2019

- 158. Jan 19 New Year Lunch. Roade Bowls Club.

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2019 (cont from p3)

- 159. Feb 27 [Roade's Collector Cousins. Peter Mawby.](#)
- 160. Mar 27 [The Silk Road. Ray Rowlson.](#)
- 161. Apr 24 [By Royal Disappointment. Tony Clarke \(ex-MP for South Northants\).](#)
- 162. May 22 [Photos from two Facebook groups: 'Roade Remembered' & 'Pianoforte Supplies Ltd'. Ron Johnson.](#)
- 163. Jul 2 [Visit to Cosgrove and Furtho. Guided by Wendy Page.](#)
- 164. Sept 25 [Northampton's First Police Force. Alex Wood.](#)
- 165. Oct 23 [Alfred Cockerill, Northampton's Forgotten Philanthropist. Bob Farey.](#)
- 166. Nov 7 [The Every Brothers - Their Story. A play by Ron Johnson](#)
- 167. Dec 11 [Christmas Cheer. A variety of exhibitions, prizes, a talk and some songs.](#)

2020

- 168. Jan 18 [New Year Lunch. Roade Bowls Club.](#)
- 169. Feb 26 [In the Thick of It. Dr Andrew Jeffrey.](#)

Due to the Covid pandemic, no further events took place in 2020

Due to the Covid pandemic, events did not resume until July 2021

2021

- 170. Jul 28 [Down Memory Roade - recollections of Roade residents past and present.](#)
- 171. Sept 22 [Horton Hall - one of Northampton's lost Country Houses. Maureen Williams.](#)
- 172. Oct 27 [The Best Burglar in the County. Neil Lyon.](#)
- 173. Nov 14 ['Cutting Remarks' book launch and History book sale. Roade Village Hall.](#)
- 174. Dec 8 [Christmas event including old films of Northampton and Roade.](#)