

22/09/21	"That Woman!" The life of Wallis Simpson <i>Roy Smart</i>	<i>Wallis Simpson, the American socialite, had been married twice before when she met Edward the Prince of Wales and caused the "abdication crisis".</i>
27/10/2021	The History of the True Romanies <i>Peter and Gloria Wright</i>	<i>Find out about the origins of the Romany people from A.D. 400 in India, their travels westward and how they have assimilated with every nation they have encountered on their journey to the present day.</i>
25/11/21	Duke John and the Africans <i>Crispin Powell</i>	<i>The second Duke of Montagu was interested in people of other ethnicities including the black activist Ignatius Sancho who worked for the family for a period. The talk deals with slavery and the racism of the time.</i>
15/12/21	Christmas Party	<i>The BHS party will be in the W.I. Hall once more. Further details to come.</i>
26/01/22	The River Nene <i>Peter Gout</i>	<i>The history of the river Nene and its beauty.</i>
23/02/22	A Working Canal Family <i>Barry Watson</i>	<i>There were an estimated 18000 families living and working on canal boats at one time. The talk will give some idea of what life was like for them.</i>
23/03/22	The Great Fire of Northampton <i>Ruth Thomas</i>	<i>On September 20th 1685 a great fire destroyed most of Northampton with dramatic consequences. Ruth will tell the story of that catastrophic event and the rebuilding of a new and more prosperous Northampton.</i>
27/04/22	Daily Life in the Bronze Age Flag Fen <i>Chris Carr</i>	<i>This talk will give an insight into what life was like on this Bronze Age site 3000 years ago and the Flag Fen discoveries since it was opened in 1982.</i>
25/05/22	King John and the Barons of Northamptonshire <i>Mike Ingram</i>	<i>King John stayed at Northampton castle many times. As a consequence the county became frequently embroiled in events, including being central to the sealing of the Magna Carta as well as the war that followed.</i>
22/06/22	The Ladies of Fermyn Woods Hall. <i>Bill Simon and Sally Wilks</i>	<i>This talk will explore the lives of the ladies Ann and Gertrude Fitzpatrick who lived at Fermyn Woods Hall and were much involved with the life of Brigstock.</i>