

Programme for the Season 2015 to 2016

Tuesday 8th September 2015

Erik Grigg: Magna Carta



This year marks the 900 hundredth anniversary of the sealing by King John of The Magna Carta at Runnymede on the 15th June 1215, in obedience to the insistent demands of his barons. Erik is a senior member of the history department at Manchester University and in tonight's talk he will discuss the background and impact of The Magna Carta and some interesting aspects of the Lincoln example. Magna Carta has often been misrepresented so we can expect a few common myths to be busted.

Tuesday 13th October 2015

Nick Barratt: Behind the scenes of "Who do you think you are ?" and beyond

Nick Barratt is a leading English genealogist who is best known for his work as Genealogical Consultant for the popular TV series "Who do you think you are?". On this, his first visit to The Everyman Club he will talk about the role of TV and the media in changing the way we look at our family history and its relationship to the present, from the making of the show to the way in which technology has changed our research experience and expectations.



Tuesday 10th November 2015

The Rhodes Singers



The Rhodes Singers are made up of talented singers from across the North of England. Performing in any combination from a trio through to a 30 voice chamber choir. The Rhodes Singers will appear tonight as a quartet. Under the Musical Direction of Charles Rhodes they will perform a varied repertoire covering over 500 years and genres of choral music including liturgical sacred, contemporary secular, and folk song arrangements to name but a few. Charles Rhodes is the founder Musical Director of both The Rhodes Singers and Leeds Vocal Movement and is also Musical Director of the prestigious Scunthorpe Cooperative Junior Choir.

Tuesday 8th December 2015

Andy Thomas - A Celebration History of Christmas

This promises to be an evening with a difference as Andy Thomas, who has previously revealed to us the mystery of crop circles and cover ups will give a fascinating and uplifting presentation uncovering the intriguing background to the festive season. The history of Christmas has not always been straight forward; its celebration was banned in puritan times and its traditions splintered into many guises before the Victorians rehabilitated the festival. Andy will show that notwithstanding modern commercialism, we can still find meaning in Christmas today.



Tuesday 12th January 2016

Doug Stewart - The Greatest Show on Earth



The RHS Chelsea Flower Show, formerly known as The Great Spring Show, was first held in 1862 and has been held at Chelsea since 1913. It is the most famous flower show in the UK and perhaps in the world. It is attended by over 150,000 visitors each year. Doug is one of the country's leading horticulturists - he has been widely published and has contributed to both radio and TV programmes. In his talk to The Everyman Club, Doug will take us behind the scenes at Chelsea and consider the question "What does it take to create a winning garden?" and how good a judge would you be?.

Tuesday 9th February 2016

Jim Williams - The first great credit crunch or how Banks and Politicians took the public for a ride in 1720

In 1720 Europe was swept by a wave of speculation that ended in a disastrous credit crunch. Jim Williams is a semi-retired international construction lawyer (and a well known author). He has a special interest in frauds and charlatans, and in his talk he will explain how the scheme was deliberately contrived by a group of financial speculators and corrupt politicians. Despite being almost 300 years old it is a surprisingly modern and entertaining story about human nature .



Tuesday 8th March 2016

Julie Peasgood - Memory makeover. Tips and techniques for maximising your powers of recall



Cleethorpes born actress, Julie Peasgood, has had a career spanning over 40 years of prestigious theatre and television. She is best known to many for her roles in Brookside, Emmerdale and Hollyoaks. In 2004 Julie won the Royal Television Society's TV Personality of the Year award. As a complete contrast, Julie will be sharing with us practical tips for improving our memory and will look at the foods which help boost brainpower, as well as mental aerobic workouts and balancing exercises to sharpen our minds, since part of the brain concerned with memory is also used for balance. We are promised an evening to remember!

Tuesday 12th April 2016

Keith Holmes - Rome and its Fountains

A welcome return to an old friend of The Everyman Club. Keith will reveal some hidden gems concealed within the eternal city of Rome, founded according to legend by Romulus in 753 BC, and later the centre of the Roman Republic and Roman Empire. We can be sure Keith's talk will be accompanied by superb photographs of the sights and famous fountains of this historic city.



Tuesday 17th May 2016

Annual General Meeting



The AGM gives members the opportunity to receive the Chairman's Report, review the current financial position and to appoint officers for the coming year. The formal meeting will be preceded by a wine and soft drinks reception followed by entertainment featuring local performers.