

PMHG - Programme of Speakers 2026

- **January 14th Mike Murray**

The History of RAF Kings Cliffe.

- **February 11th Ian McAndrew**

Low speed drone technology and their application in future conflicts?

- **March 11th Nigel Denchfield**

“Digging Up Dad's Spitfire”. The talk covers Nigel’s dad and his time in the RAF. From training through to joining 610 Squadron towards the end of the Battle of Britain. He was then shot down over France to become a POW.

- **April 8th Andy Stuart**

Tales from the Great War. The story of Arthur Walton, my grandad.

- **May 13th Stuart Orme**

Two Men, One King, and a Town Through Civil War.

Explore the story of two families, a grand mansion, and a town during the most tumultuous period in British history and learn how Huntingdon was a microcosm of the experience of the country through the Civil Wars.

- **June 10th Geoff Turtle**

The Rising Sun Air Force.

From Inception to Capitulation.

- **July 8th Jan Gray**

First World War Trench Diseases.

- **August 12th David Lister**

Jerry doesn't like UP!

Germany is often seen as the leader in Rocket technology during the Second World War. In reality, Britain used rockets far more widely and consistently than the Germans. This has largely been ignored, and confused by post war commentators simply due to naming conventions. Find out more, and Peterborough's links (small that they are) to that story.

- **September 9th Jerry Porter**

Goodnight Darling, God Bless You.

The talk tells the story of a mother (Jerry’s great grandmother) who lost a son.

Based on a wealth of primary source letters, photos and artefacts passed down in the family, it illustrates her life on the home front,

two of her sons' preparations for deployment overseas, the younger one's brief service in the front line and his mother's perhaps surprising reaction to the news that he has been killed in action. It also covers her own experience of coming under enemy attack, and her visits to France in the early 1920s to visit her son's grave.

- **October 14th Jo Fedorak**

The German V2 Rockets of WW2

- **November 11th Ted Gray**

Relic WW1 Ammunition - What can be found on the Somme Battlefields. A presentation about this relic WWI ammunition, what we found, how it was cleaned up and what we learned from it. I hope people will be interested in seeing what was recovered and getting their hands on some of these items.

- **December 9th John Chester**

'Tradition and Honour' - its effect on Command rulings.

The Great War saw men flock to the recruiting offices, ready to join up and go and fight the foe, led by our great military leaders. This talk takes a look at how tradition and honour affected some of the thoughts and ideas these leaders had on what constituted the way to 'do' this war, and how good some of their decisions weren't.