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**TALKS** are held in **The Forum**, Millennium Plain, NR2 1TF. *Members £4 / Non-members £8 unless stated otherwise.* **NO REFUNDS**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 6:30pm**



**TALK 'Am I not a Woman and a Sister':**

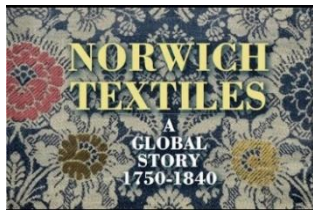
**The Norfolk Women Abolitionists**

**Speaker: Dr Alison Dow**

This talk will reveal the pre-eminent role played by citizens of Norfolk and Norwich, and specifically by its women in the campaign to Abolish Slavery in the British Empire - the first ever mass campaign for human rights.

**Dr Alison Dow**, formerly a GP in Mile Cross, Norwich, was born and brought up in Northern Rhodesia and has a special interest in colonial and African history, and is happy to play her part by researching the life of local historical figures whose role in history has been much overlooked.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**



**TALK Manufacturing and Marketing Norwich Textiles in the Late Eighteenth Century**

**Speaker: Dr Michael Nix**

This talk will explore the manufacturing processes and machines involved in the making of Norwich Textiles in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and assess the importance of pattern books and pattern cards in marketing fabrics for overseas trade.

**Dr Michael Nix** is a maritime and textile historian and author of *Norwich Textiles A Global Story 1750-1840*.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am**



**TALK What the Normans did to...and for Norwich.**

**Speaker: Adrian O'Dell**

Norwich *has always* welcomed Strangers to its city but some have been more welcome than others. The Normans disrupted Anglo-Scandinavian life, breaking the 200-year link with Denmark and reconnecting with France and Europe.

**Adrian O'Dell** following an international career in the oil industry, has devoted himself to the study of Norfolk and Norwich's history as well as being a freelance city tour guide.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm**



**TALK From Leprosy to Lunacy: Caring for the sick in Norwich over the centuries**

**Speaker: Vanessa Trevelyan**

This talk looks at how sickness was dealt with in the past and some of the key buildings in which treatment took place, many of which are a much-loved part of our built heritage but may well have changed functions over the years.

**Vanessa Trevelyan** is Chair of the Norfolk Gardens Trust, President of the Costume & Textiles Association and a former Chair of The Norwich Society.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10:30pm**



**TALK Edmund Kean in Norwich**

**Speakers: Michael & Carole Blackwell**

Edmund Kean was the greatest Shakespearian actor of his time and an international celebrity. This talk will explore what happened during his visit to Norwich in the summer of 1819 and will try to imagine what it must have been like to be at the Theatre Royal for his performances.

**Michael and Carole Blackwell** are authors of *The Norwich Theatre Royal: The First 250 Years*. Michael received his PhD in history from UEA and Carole graduated in theatre from George Mason University in Virginia.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

*Further details available in March 2025*

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am**

**Different Drums: Doing Different in Wartime.** Anti-warites, pacifists, pacificists and peace movements in early twentieth-century Norwich. **Speaker: Victoria Manthorpe**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am**

**Sir Peter Eade, in his own words, at the bicentennial of his birth** **Speaker: Phillida Scrivens**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10:30am**

**The Celebrated Norwich Geologist Samuel Woodward: His 1881 Memoir** **Speaker: Matthew Williams**

