



A Happy Christmas to Everyone

*Thank you all very much for attending Local History meetings
in 2025!*

*The turnout has been tremendous, averaging mid-50s and
reaching 70 for October's talk.*

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finance; Pam, Karen, Lynne & Sanda for beverages; and Matt for reprographics.*

Pat Talbot, U3A K2 Local History Tutor

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Proposed first half year 2026 Local History Programme

13 JANUARY: *Woolies v M&S:* Pat Talbot

A story of women's football and community fund-raising in 1930s Staines.

10 FEBRUARY: *A visit to the new Spelthorne Museum in Staines.*

Curator Nick Pollard will be our guide.

I suggest we have two groups, one visiting 1.30-2.30 and another 2.30-3.30.

10 MARCH: *"Take the 459 Bus to Whiteley Village."* Pat Talbot

A linked history of William Whiteley, Whiteley's department store in Bayswater, their farm in Hanworth and the legacy that created a village on the edge of Walton

14 APRIL: *The Story of Queen Mary Reservoir.* Nick Pollard.

12 MAY: *Apsley Pellatt: respected scientist, quality glassmaker, liberal reformer & Staines resident.*

Brand new research by Mike Taylor, volunteer at Spelthorne Museum Archive

9 JUNE: *'The coming of the Railways':* Joan Gardam

How Staines acquired not one but three railway stations.

All meetings will be at the Methodist Church in Staines and start at 2.30 pm.

Meet upstairs in the Library for the February visit at 1.30 or 2.30 pm.

