

# Eastwell History Group

Come along and enjoy a fascinating series of presentations covering the history of Eastwell and surrounding area, the people who lived there and the events that shaped its story.



## Activities

The Group carries out a wide range of activities, the most high-profile of which is the conservation of the ex-Eastwell Ironstone Co. locomotive 'Lord Granby' (see below). In addition, we research local history throughout the ages, undertake historical walks of the village and of the routes of the ironstone mining, and hold a variety of social and fund-raising events. For more information and to book your place on any activity please contact:

**John Wood** - [john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk](mailto:john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk) or 01949 861836.

See below on how to become a member.

## Forthcoming Events

### **RAF Melton Mowbray presentation - Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.30PM Eastwell Village Hall**

Following his talk on RAF Langar in June, historian **Brian Fare** is returning to make a presentation on the history and role of **RAF Melton Mowbray in WWII**. This will take place at Eastwell Village Hall on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 7:30pm. Based on the huge attendance last time Brian spoke we can expect that space will be in demand. Access will be free to paid-up members and under 16s. Non-members will be charged £4 admission, pay on the door.

RAF Melton Mowbray was a [Class A airfield](#) and originally intended for aircraft maintenance but was taken over by [RAF Transport Command](#). Many types of aircraft were flown from the airfield, including [Supermarine Spitfire](#), [de Havilland Mosquito](#), [Vought Corsair](#), [Vultee Vengeance](#), [Grumman Hellcat](#), [Douglas Dakota](#) and [Handley Page Halifax](#) aircraft, plus [Airspeed Horsa](#) and [Waco Hadrian](#) gliders.

This will be an event well worth attending.

**Annual Pub Quiz - Jan 2026 7:00pm exact date TBA** Eastwell Village Hall. There will be a light supper and entrance will be £tba. Teams of six maximum please. If previous years are a guide there will be a high demand for tickets.

### **Become a member of the Eastwell History Group**

Don't forget, a £10 annual subscription entitles you to free entry to most events. If you are not a member, just set up a standing order for £10 to CAF Bank, sort code 40-52-40, account number 00027120, account name Eastwell History Group. Then just contact **John**

**Wood** - [john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk](mailto:john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk) or 07970 987810 to confirm you have set things up – thank you.

## Aspects of Eastwell

This is an illustrated 92-page history of the village from Roman times up to 2000. If you would like a copy price £9, contact [john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk](mailto:john@lordgranbyrail.org.uk) or call 07970 987810. It will be available for purchase at the Open Day alongside the original book for those who do not currently have one

## Lord Granby and The 100 Club

Did you know we have a 100 Club for the conservation of 'Lord Granby' our ex-Eastwell Ironstone Co. locomotive; in service from 1902 to 1959?

Just £5 per month gives you entry into the monthly draw for cash prizes. Your support for this project is extremely important to us.

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For the latest on the Lord Granby project visit our [Facebook](#) page

### Fundraising Tea Towel – Get Yours Now - £4

The 'Countryman's Weather Sayings' tea towel is now available and it is already selling well. At just £4 to members and supporters it is great value and makes an ideal present or even a wall-hanging display. All proceeds go to Eastwell History Group funds. To reflect Eastwell's rural community, it is based on the weather sayings of typical local countrymen and is a good quality cotton towel. It makes an ideal present; get one for each of your friends.

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