

'Lord Burgh's Place'

Series 3 of a series of lectures on Gainsborough Old Hall by PDJ Howitt-Cowan for
Gainsborough & District Heritage Society



The lectures are at
GAINSBOROUGH HOUSE

Located on the East Aspect of the Old Hall opposite the cenotaph

There is an admission charge £4? And light refreshments are available during the interval

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29.@ 7:30pm

1. Old Hall in Context
2. The Families – Burghs, Hickmans & Bacons
3. 1541 Northern Progress – when Henry VIII came to Town!
4. The major Restorations of 1849, 1870's & 1949.
5. The building's Secrets

The third series of talks are to be based on the iconic building of Gainsborough Old Hall. Come with me on a journey of discovery and exploration. Gainsborough Old Hall is a major medieval manor house in an urban context, however that has not always been the case. It was built on the edge of a small inland port. Its former grounds are much shorn, they once stretched to the Parish Church, down to the River Trent with open lands to the north. The 19c heavily reduced its setting with housing development encroaching upon its ancient lands. The Old Hall is now over 550 years old thanks to

three major restorations in 1849, 1870's and finally in 1949 under the auspices of The Friends.

The course shall try to make sense of the building, of the families who have owned it & look at its associations down the centuries. And we shall ask ourselves whether The Friends were wise in expending their time and resources in saving a building, which belongs to a different time capsule and stands incongruously in the 21c. buildings of this age and earlier do provoke serious questioning - should we indeed rescue these old buildings and if so why and what role may they have in order to make a contribution to our time zone.

A Guided Tour by Paul may be arranged in the future during clement weather!

Paul is an Honorary Member of the Heritage Society

This series is respectively dedicated to Mr Sid Pearson who died in April 2016, he was a former Treasurer of the Friends of the Old Hall & a guide. He was born at the Old Post Office, Gainsborough where the Heritage Centre is based. The picture of the Old Hall see above was in Sid's home & was kindly given to Paul on Sid's passing