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*New for 2018*

*When man became  
House-trained*

*We have always been fascinated, and often surprised,  
by the hygiene habits of our ancestors.*

*When looking back, it is easy to be critical now of  
the powders and potions used, but what will our  
descendants make of our use of ..... ?*

*To discover more about some of the lesser known  
aspects of life in the Victorian era please contact*

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*Underpinning the  
Empire*

*Ladies have always played a strong supporting role throughout history enabling Great Britain to rule so much of the world with Her Majesty at the helm*

*But what helped to give these ladies their strength and determination in support of not only their menfolk but most importantly themselves in seeking betterment for all women*

*This talk will reveal the secrets, but remember it is not suitable for the male of the species to be present, after all we ladies must have our secrets.*



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*'Once one is one'*

*'If the British Empire is to continue to lead the World, then it is vital that our children, both boys, and girls, be educated to high standards and that the Government takes the lead and formulates those standards'*

*These sentiments were forcefully expressed by Lady Atherton when in 1865 she along with Miss Dorothea Beale, of Cheltenham Ladies College, gave evidence to the Endowed Schools Inquiry Commission which led to the Education Act of 1870*

*Much has changed since then but education was not available to all, and the lives of children, especially girls, left much to be desired. Most had to become 'adults' far too soon*

*Where do we go from here?*



## Flowers, fans & fancies

*Wearing the wrong flower in your corsage or flicking your fan incorrectly could ruin your chances of attracting the young man of your fancy.*

*The language of flowers and the etiquette of fans were just part of what a young lady, newly presented to good society, needed to know.*

*When you engage Lady Charlotte de Brassey, great granddaughter of Charlotte de Vere who was a courtesan at the Court of Charles II, to visit your group she will be assessing to see if you would be suited to become recruits to here academy.*

*This 'introductory lesson' will also include aspects of deportment, conduct and dress. How will your group measure up?*



## The tale of St James and the Opium Poppy

*Life is full of apparently random events and behaviours none being more so than those associated with our national beverage TEA*

*Since becoming an ambassador for the National Tea Day organisation my researches have unearthed some remarkable connections.*

- *How and where did it all begin?*
- *Why are there so many different types and what makes them taste so different?*
- *Who brought tea to Europe and when?*

*To my mind these are 'dry' questions, I much prefer discovering, and talking about the strange and mysterious.*

*As to the strange & mysterious connection between St James and the Opium Poppy this will remain a mystery unless you invite me to talk to your group,*

*A Rose  
by any other name*



*The English language is full of words, the origins of many of which are open to debate.*

*Others remind us of people to whom we are indebted for their creativity without which our lives would be much the poorer.*

*To get you thinking here are some questions:-*

*Why is a train called a train?  
Which event inspired Thomas Cook?  
What is an ampere and who was he?*

*Has your curiosity been raised and if so why not ask the Professor to explain?*

*Tales from the  
potting shed*



*Since the dawn of time mankind has sought to tame nature in an effort to survive through a combination of inherited wisdom and personal experiences. Then along comes Mrs Beeton.*

*Old Ned, Aunt Martha's long suffering gardener, has the unenviable task of trying to satisfy the needs of her kitchen while doing battle with all that Nature, both good and bad, provides.*

*But you may well be thinking 'Where do Mrs Beeton and eating insects come in?'*

*Well to discover the answer along with some interesting gardening tips you will have to invite Old Ned to talk to you.*