

Date February 7th 2026

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To: all who have so far registered we look forward to seeing you at the

From Waterways to Railways Seminar

 #GuildOccupations

to be held on Saturday February 21st 2026 Colonel Dane Memorial Hall, Church Street, Alwalton, Peterborough PE7 3UU at 9.30am for 10.00am.

Below are some additional details in advance of the seminar.

A. VENUE - Colonel Dane Memorial Hall, Alwalton

The venue < <https://www.hallshire.com/halls/view/7608/colonel-dane-memorial-hall> > is situated in Alwalton, a village 5 miles west of Peterborough city centre on the A1. Please note that the venue does not have Wi-Fi access.

Peterborough, easily accessible by train, bus and road, has a range of hotels nearby including a Premier Inn within a short distance.

You can find a local map here or < <https://tinyurl.com/3fjyu7ks> >

B. HOW TO GET THERE

a - By Rail

Peterborough Station (PE1 1QL) on the LNER east coast mainline from King's Cross < <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/peterborough/> > is 5.5 miles away.

The 6.54am from London King's Cross arrives in Peterborough at 9.10am. The return journey is Peterborough 5.52pm into London King's Cross 8.29pm; unfortunately these journey times include a rail replacement bus between Peterborough and Bedford that day. If you are arriving by train but cannot take a bus but need picking up from the station please email < seminar-booking@one-name.org > and we will endeavour to find you a lift.

b - By Bus

Stagecoach X4 Peterborough to Northampton leaves the railway station at 07.53 (or 09.19), bus station 08.32 (09.32) and arrives Alwalton (Oundle Road) at 08.51 (09.51) from where it is a short walk to Church Street.

The return journey leaves Alwalton at 17.06 arriving at the railway station at 17.29 and bus station 17.32

< <https://tinyurl.com/2jtt8cbr> >

c - By Road.

SATNAV: sse Postcode PE7 3UU.

From the **A1 southbound** leave at the Alwalton turn off onto the (“old”) Oundle Road (A605)



Then turn left immediately after The Cuckoo onto Church Street in front of the Post Office/shop. Continue past the church to the venue on your right hand side



From the **A1 northbound** leave after the Welcome Break services



Turn left at the T-junction onto the (“new”) Oundle Road (A605) and after passing back over the A1 turn left into Alwalton onto the (“old”) Oundle Road (A605)



Then turn right immediately before The Cuckoo, with the Post Office/shop on your right, onto Church Street and continue to the venue on your right after the church.



If you would like any special help please email < seminar-booking@one-name.org > as soon as possible.

C. PARKING

There is ample parking available at the hall.

D. ARRIVAL

The Seminar registration desk will be staffed from 9.00am in case of early arrivals.

E. REFRESHMENTS

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available on arrival from 9.30am and at 3.40pm.

A finger buffet lunch and lunchtime refreshments are included in the cost of this seminar. Please advise us as soon as possible if you have any dietary requirements.

F. PROGRAMME

The programme (at the time of writing) is:

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09:30 - 10:00	Arrival: Registration and Coffee
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome to the Seminar - Alison Jones (8891)
10:10 - 11:10	Yorkshire's Watermen: Illuminating their lives through genealogy - Mr David Scrimgeour (5991)
11:10 - 11:15	Comfort Break
11:15 - 12:15	Harwich for the Continent: The history of the railway ships - Mr Chris Turland
12:15 - 13:15	Buffet Lunch
13:15 - 14:15	Lives on the Ocean Wave: Tracing the careers of British mariners in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries - Dr Nicholas Dixon
14:15 - 14:20	Comfort Break
14:20 - 15:20	Railway History - Dr Richard Marks
15:20 - 15:45	Refreshments
15:45 - 16:45	What Life Working on the Railways was really like - Dr Mike Esbester
16:45 - 16:50	Close of Seminar

For full details of the seminar are on the Guild website

< <https://one-name.org/seminar-events/> >

G. SEATING

The main hall has typical padded folding chairs. As always we recommend bringing a cushion if you find sitting for any length of time uncomfortable.

H. POSTERS and CASE STUDIES

To make the day more interactive we encourage delegates to bring along details of, or case studies from, their studies for display and sharing. Pin boards will be available for your use. Please email < seminar-booking@one-name.org > to “book” a pinboard or tabletop.

I. DNA TEST KITS and SALES

We will not have DNA kits for sale at this seminar. More information on DNA kits and the current special Guild member discounted prices is available on the Guild website

< <https://one-name.org/dna-kits-available-from-the-guild/> >

J. ACCOMMODATION

There are a number of budget and other hotels close to Alwalton and Peterborough and you can find some details here

< <https://one-name.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Alwalton-accommodation-listing-2026-1.pdf> >

A number of the seminar organising committee and other delegates are staying at the Premier Inn Peterborough Ferry Meadows. Due to one delegate having to cancel with have a spare room available there for the Friday which will be cheaper than the currently available price so if you are interested in this room, or if you need any further advice on accommodation, please contact

< seminar-booking@one-name.org >

K. FRIDAY EVENING MEAL

For those staying overnight at Peterborough Ferry Meadows a number of tables for dinner have been booked from 6.30pm at the adjacent Granary Beefeater

< [The Granary Beefeater Steak Restaurant in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire](#) >

Please email < seminar-booking@one-name.org > as soon as possible if you have not already asked to be added to the dinner request list but would like to join us.

There is no pre-booking of a specific time/table but we will just fill tables as delegates arrive. We will email out on Wednesday 18th to those we think are eating (currently just 12 delegates? - so please tell us as soon as possible if you want to join the dinner booking) so let us know then if you don't get that email.

(Please note that whilst we organise this Friday evening meet up for the benefit and enjoyment of those delegates staying overnight, any complaints about the arrangements should be directed to the restaurant itself and not the seminar organisers!)

L. VOLUNTEERS

If you can offer a pick up from Peterborough train station on the Saturday morning (should anyone request this) or are happy to help support the (reduced number of) Seminar Team members available on the day please email us < seminar-booking@one-name.org >.

Thank you for booking and we hope you will have a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Kind regards,

Alison Jones (Seminar Organiser)

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PS: If you print a copy of these joining instructions we recommend that you recheck nearer the date of the seminar in case they have been updated and there is a higher version number (see bottom right of the page)