

# **WELCOME BACK VILLAGE HALL TALKS**

We are pleased to announce that we are reintroducing a short programme of village hall spring talks. It has become a tradition in the village to hold a programme of talks each spring and to donate any money raised to a charity. However, Covid 19 prevented us from continuing them for the last two years

This year we are holding two and we will be planning a full programme for the spring of 2023.

The talks will be free and no tickets will be required. Doors open at 7.00 and a bar will be available. There will be a retiring donation for the selected charity. The evenings are very informal and provide opportunities to meet friends and make new ones. Do come.

Further details will be posted nearer each event.

**Monday 21st March. 7.00 for 7.30**

## **SING FREEDOM - THE LIBERATING POWER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALS AND ESTONIAN FOLK SONGS.**

**SPEAKER - BRIAN CASTLE.**

Issues of freedom and oppression are high on the world's agenda today. The Spirituals are the songs of the enslaved people of the Americas. The talk will illustrate the story of how they came to be sung and the impact they had on the enslaved and on the plantation owners. It will also highlight the enormous influence the Spirituals have on contemporary music. The talk will conclude with the story of the 'Singing Revolution' where songs played a significant role in Estonia's liberation from the iron grip of the USSR. A key part of the talk will be listening to songs that liberate.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. 7.00 for 7.30**

## **HISTORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

**SPEAKER - PATRICK HOYTE**

Patrick's interests in the history of the American Civil War and early photography come together in this talk which will be illustrated with many early photographs and his own images taken on his visits to the battlefields in the United States