



## Ivel Valley Summer Talks 2026

*Join us for an engaging series of expert-led talks this Summer*

By popular demand, we are pleased to announce a new series of Summer Talks at Priory Methodist Church.

Our group is fortunate to include members with a wide range of experience, skills, and professional backgrounds, and this series is an opportunity to share that knowledge. For this initial programme of three talks, two of our members will be presenting, alongside guest speaker Luke McCarthy—while not a member—is likely to be known to many of you through his work at My Foot Medic.

The talks will take place at Priory Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford, MK41 9QJ, starting at 7:15pm and lasting approximately two hours. Tea and biscuits will be provided.

Admission is £3.00 (cash, exact if possible), payable at the door, to cover hall hire.

### ***Coming Soon – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June***

**Chris Evans** will present on the Design and Construction of the 3.4km long Colne Valley Viaduct and 16km long Chiltern Tunnels on HS2. Chris will use photographs, video and graphics to explain how this complex piece of civil engineering works has been constructed.

Please text Roger on 07989307046 as numbers are limited

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Luke McCarthy**, extended scope specialist Podiatrist and founder of My Foot Medic, will be giving expert advice on how to look after your feet. From injury prevention to general nail and skin care and how to keep you moving at your best.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, Brian Gubbins** will give a talk entitled “The Mystery of the Cabin Boy Lost At Sea”, a who-done-it of sorts, that incorporates Brian’s extensive knowledge of genealogy. The story will be told in a similar fashion to the “Who Do You Think You Are?” television program and is non-technical so does not require any previous knowledge of family history research.