KEMERTON LECTURES, AUTUMN 2026

Learn about unusual and unexpected aspects of our county in the Kemerton Lectures autumn series beginning on **Thursday 8 October**. It will be given by **Tony Conder**, who is a retired museum curator and now volunteers with Gloucester Civic Trust. He researches Gloucester's history and gives guided tours and talks about it.

8 Oct 2026: **A Gloucestershire Odyssey** – the history and traditions of the county

15 Oct 2026: **Gloucestershire Observed** – 500 years of Journals and Diaries written in or about the county,. highlighting the life of people

22 Oct 2026: **Voices from Gloucester** – 2000 years of the city's history and Gloucester's place in the national story

29 Oct 2026: **Gloucester and the Atlantic Slave Trade** – an introduction to slavery and a look at the people who made money locally and at the growth of opposition

12 Nov 2026: **Maritime Gloucestershire** – for a seemingly inland county Gloucester has seaports, shipbuilders and mariners and a long history of trade

19 Nov 2026: **Gloucestershire Comes to the Light** – a surprising history of how electricity came to the county

All sessions are on Thursdays, starting at 7.30 pm. The charge is £5 per night: a bargain. Sue Bennett and Team rpandsbennett@gmail.com