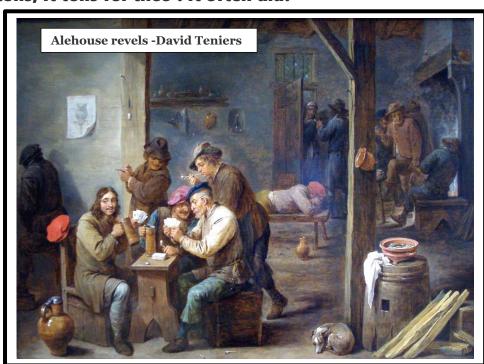


## Sex, drink and death in the 17<sup>th</sup> century Tim Healey

A romp through this turbulent era, featuring bawdy frolics, alehouse revels, highway robberies, Civil War, fire and plague. Hugely entertaining, the talk also gives an insight into evolving customs of courtship, celebration, faith and burial. In this era 30-50% of brides in many parishes were pregnant when they walked down the aisle. Charles II acknowledged at least 12 illegitimate children by his host of mistresses but it was also an age of intense religious debate, the publication of the famous King James Bible of 1611, and conflicting faiths that would contribute to Civil War. Death was a looming presence. Average life expectancy was only 35. It was the poet John Donne who wrote, 'never send to know for whom the bell tolls: It tolls for thee'. It often did!



## Hanney History Group

8.00 p.m
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>
March

**Zoom Meeting**On your laptop or computer

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Visitors [£3 per lecture] are welcome.

**Bring your own wine!** 

