

Welford and Weston Local History Society

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What did you do in the war, Dad?

An illustrated talk by Alistair Price

**29 September 2023, at 7:30 pm in Welford Memorial Hall
(also available via Zoom)**

The speaker for this talk, the first of our new Season, lives in Henley in Arden.

His talk is about his father, Squadron Leader Kenneth Price DFC, who was born in Coventry and joined the RAF in 1938. He was in Bomber Command and completed 58 trips before being shot down in July 1943. The life expectancy of bomber aircrew was five such trips, so he was very lucky. He was in Pathfinders, who laid flares on the target prior to the main bombing mission.

After being shot down, he was rescued by the Dutch resistance, but was betrayed to the Gestapo. He was beaten by them, but survived and finished up in Stalag Luft 111 for nearly two years. He took part in [The Great Escape](#), a feat which was immortalised in the film of the same name in 1963. He was number 182 to come out of the Tunnel -Harry.

He survived the war, but died quite young in 1980, due to a great extent to the privations of being a POW.

Our speaker Alistair Price has published a book recently on the life and experiences of his father, which backs up the talk in much greater detail.

The presentation will last for around 45 minutes, after which there will be an opportunity to ask questions.



The photo is of the speaker's father Ken on the left with his identical brother Douglas on the right.

This talk will be available to people attending in person in the village Memorial Hall, as well as available remotely via Zoom. The choice is yours.

You will receive an email from Karen Dickinson, inviting you to join this meeting, about a week before the meeting itself. This email is being sent to all members, whether or not you will be going to the Memorial Hall or viewing remotely via Zoom. Please check in your junk folder if you don't receive it.

***On the evening** of the talk, you will be able to join the meeting by Zoom from 19:00. The talk itself will start at 19:30. If you are fairly new to Zoom, I would encourage you to join the meeting early, so that if you experience a problem, you'll have time to call Karen Dickinson (on 07970 179821), and get it sorted out before the talk starts at 19:30. If you are going to attend in person, the doors of the Memorial Hall, are open from 19:10. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to the first talk of our new Season on 29th September.*

Kind regards, Brad Plimmer 14 August, 2023.