



**Guest Speaker – 21st February 2019**

## **James Fairburn and Anthony Haskins**



### **Digging up a Spitfire.**

In October 2015 Oxford Archaeology East were asked to excavate the site of a Spitfire which crashed during a training flight at Holme Lode Farm near Holme on 22 November 1940. What was thought to, initially, be a straightforward excavation took an unexpected turn. The resulting dig uncovered the final hours of 20 year-old Pilot Officer Harold Edward Penketh's life. James Fairburn and Anthony Haskins, Archaeologists for the excavation, will be here to talk about the difficulties they encountered and how the dig became a personal tribute to Pilot Officer Penketh's life.

St Andrews Church Hall, Oakington.  
Meeting starts at 7:30pm (until approx 9:15pm)  
Free to members, a charge of £4 for non-members

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