

## Current Presentations

**'A Postcard from Sunny Bunces...'** - The Sunny Vale Pleasure Gardens, Halifax - Yorkshire's Alton Towers of the 19th Century – Social history – 1 hour presentation.

**'The World of Brass Bands'** – Social history with musical examples music – 1 hour presentation'

**'Other Folks Rubbish...'** – Social history theme – thought provoking humorous lecture presentation– the time scale can be tailored to suit your requirements.

**'All in a Days Work...'** Reminiscences from 30 years in the Police Service – (humorous lecture presentation) – the time scale can be tailored to suit your requirements.

**'A Week in May'** – A story based on the Murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish (of the Devonshire family) in Phoenix Park, Dublin in 1882 and its impact on Brighouse a small West Riding mill town and a twist in the tale off the coast of South Africa – 1 hour presentation.

**'Percy Shaw'**— the man who brought the catseye to the highways of the world — 1 hour presentation.

**'Can you remember the 1940s and 50s...?'** - A nostalgic return to the early post war days—social history — 1 hour presentation.

*Other presentations are in preparation...*

## Current Publications

### **1. '...West Yorkshire Speaker Directory...'** -

A bi-annual publication designed to help speaker finders. This book has over one hundred speakers, presenters, demonstrators, small musical groups and slide show hosts to choose from. £10.99 - including p/p for the 2014-2015 edition.

### **2. '...A Postcard from Sunny Bunces...'** -

The Sunny Vale Pleasure Gardens memories of those Sunday school outings brought to life in the story of what was often called 'The Playground of the North...£10 + p/p £2.50

### **3. '...What Brass Bands Did For Me...'** -

A look at the world of brass bands and what has helped to create the largest amateur music organisation in the world... £10 + p/p £2.50

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If you would like further information about any of these books or would like to discuss speaking at one of your functions please contact:

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## **Chris Helme**



**Published author, nostalgia journalist, reminiscence facilitator brass band radio producer and presenter. As well as being a new cruise ship speaker he is regularly engaged to be a guest speaker at over 60 organisations annually in and around Yorkshire.**

*If you are wanting a speaker who can conjure up some laughter and melancholy. Then ask a busy speaker who can still be available for short notice bookings*

**Chris Helme** - for thirty years he was a serving Police Officer and was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1990 for his service in the community. He has written / published seven local history books and written a weekly nostalgia column in his local newspaper for over twenty eight years. He has also written a number of articles which have been published in UK local and regional magazines.

For over twenty five years he taught local history to adult community learning classes. In recent years he has taught older users the mysteries of how to use a mobile phone and very basic computer skills and teaching job-seekers basic computer skills to enhance their opportunities of finding employment. He is a reminiscence workshop facilitator.

During the mid 1980's he was beginning to be in demand as a speaker outside his usual job related presentations and has now developed a style that can both inform and entertain. He is regularly booked to deliver presentations to both small and large groups.

His presentations have often been described as '*Infotainment*'. He has developed a presentational style that can both conjure laughter and melancholy through his various subjects and have been appreciated by many local groups and including on two occasions at the National Association of Brass Band Conductors annual convention. For five years he was the editor of 'The Conductor' magazine, the in-house magazine of the National Association of Brass Band Conductors.

He is a regular speaker at Luncheon Clubs throughout the county and averages 60 presentations annually. Even on his regular holidays to Cyprus on one occasion he was asked to speak at an expat evening gathering at a hotel.

For almost twenty years he has contributed to a number of brass band publications and the very popular [www.4barsrest.com](http://www.4barsrest.com) website. Where his stories about some of the legendary performers and bands of the past have been appreciated by brass band enthusiasts.

As the producer and presenter of 'Sunday Bandstand' a brass band radio programme which is available from 2pm / 4pm every Sunday on [www.phoenixfm.co.uk](http://www.phoenixfm.co.uk) 96.7FM a community radio station in Halifax. Additionally it can be heard through the following radio stations — Wellington New Zealand [www.worldfm.co.nz](http://www.worldfm.co.nz) and in the southern Yorkshire Dales, Cowling, Sutton and Colne areas on [www.drystoneradio.com](http://www.drystoneradio.com) 7.30am – 9.30am, [www.wiganfm.co.uk](http://www.wiganfm.co.uk) 2pm – 4pm and [www.mycyradio.eu](http://www.mycyradio.eu) which is the first community radio station in Nicosia Cyprus. This popular radio programme is now available on South Ribble community radio.

Chris is hoping to expand his radio coverage to other community radio stations in the future.

For the first time in 2014 he was invited to be a guest speaker on a cruise ship. This was an opportunity too good to be missed. A first and one to build on for the future when passengers will have the opportunity of enjoying his varied topical presentations.