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**PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR LOCAL HISTORIANS**

# Person Nominated

Peter Boylan

# Short Citation

Peter has made an outstanding contribution to the knowledge and enjoyment of local history through his passion for Braughing’s past.

# Extended Citation

Peter was a keen supporter of Braughing’s LHS after its revival 1998. The society continued to grow and thrive under his chairmanship 2003 - 2015.

He has contributed immensely to the understanding of Braughing’s history presenting extensive and skilful research, including:

* Herbert Shepherd Cross (Hamels Park)
* Freddie Longman of Upp Hall - first Braughing soldier to die WWI (published as *The Last Post). A*rranged Service of Remembrance to those lost in the Great War.
* Braughing midwife at Claydon House (Bucks).
* Braughing’s parish workhouse
* 19th century childhood deaths
* lives of WWI soldiers
* Braughing postcards.

Peter has scanned, transcribed and digitised important local records, making them accessible to researchers.

* Created and sold CDs of over 4,000 local photographs from Braughing Society’s Collection
* Parish registers (1563 – 2005)
* Congregational Chapel records
* 20th century Inland Revenue books
* 1863 parish map and valuation (CD), original map deposited at HALS
* Braughing’s Manorial Court Rolls, arranging professional translation of early records

Peter mounted well-received exhibitions on Braughing aerial photographs and 1863 valuation map.

Peter is known and respected in the village and beyond for his knowledge of Braughing’s history, buildings, families and life. In sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm he has helped to bring Braughing’s past to life.