

ARCHITECTURE GROUP

TALK BY VIC HUGHES – 15 JANUARY 2026

Well-known local historian and guide, Vic Hughes, returned by popular request to tell us about Lincoln Castle, in his own inimitable style.

He talked about its origins as a Norman Fort, established by William the Conqueror's brother to control the area and its role in major events, including the Battle of Lincoln. Vic described the various towers around the walls, which included Lucy Tower with its unmarked gravestones and also Cobb Hall where executions took place and thousands gathered to watch the gory spectacle.

His enthusiasm for the Old Prison was infectious. We learnt how the prisoners were kept separate from each other at all times, even when allowed out for very brief exercise or to go to the Chapel. Lincoln Castle Chapel, with its layout ensuring prisoners could only see the priest, is unique and well worth a visit.

Vic illustrates his talks with photos and illuminates them with numerous anecdotes. If you haven't heard him, (and I recommend that you should!) you will have the opportunity to do so next year as he has agreed to come back in January 2027.

Luke Pickering