

Thursday 8 June

2.00 - 3.30 pm, St Mary's Church, Binsted

Cost: £5

# NURSERY NOTIONS: THE ILLUSTRATION, MUSIC AND HISTORY OF NURSERY RHYMES

Talk by Jeremy Barlow

Sad to say, there is actually little evidence that 'Ring-a-roses' has anything to do with catching the plague!

Jeremy's talk, with digital slides and high quality recorded music, starts with a history of nursery rhyme books from their humble beginnings in the 18th century to the classic productions of Walter Crane, Randolph Caldecott and Kate Greenaway in the 1870s and 80s. Then comes a historical examination of the rhymes themselves (many are much older than the books), concluding with a discussion of the fanciful theories developed about their origins by Victorian antiquarians.



Jeremy Barlow, ex-resident of Binsted, specialises in English popular and dance music from 1550 to 1750, and also has a particular interest in the illustration of music and social dance over the centuries.

After working as a musical director, flautist and composer, and at the BBC as a radio producer and broadcaster, Jeremy then focused increasingly on early music as a performer, playing baroque flute, recorder and harpsichord. He directed the Broadside Band from 1979.