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BLHS Newsletter

The monthly newsletter for Bicester Local History Society

Town Walks

The second of Pat Snelson's guided walks around Bicester's architectural heritage took place last weekend. It was just as well received as the first one, and with next month's final rendition already fully booked we feel sure she is set to pull off a successful hat-trick.

Jubilee Market Stall

As some of you noticed on the day, we took over the community stand at the Bicester Market on Friday 3rd June, the Jubilee Bank Holiday, to show a display of the Queen's various visits to Bicester and to try and drum up some interest in the society itself. Whilst the display didn't prove quite as appealing as we had hoped, our stand did attract a lot of interest from the public and will hopefully lead on to some new members come September.



Shelswell History Festival

This year we are taking part in the Shelswell History Festival, linking in to their theme of 'Trade and Transport across the Ages' with a display on the history of some local railways. It will also be another opportunity to promote ourselves to the general public so we are hoping it will be a big success.

We are looking for volunteers to help with manning the stall though, even just for an hour or two would be great help. If you can assist then please contact Bob for more details (contact information below).

The festival takes place on Saturday 16th July, 10am - 6pm. At Elms Farm, just off the A4421 in Newton Purcell, MK18 4AY. Entry is free.

Dates For Your Diary

Shelswell History Festival

16th July @ 10am-6pm

Anni Byard talk

18th July @ 7:30pm

Bicester Advertiser local history article

28th July

Bicester Historian Q3 2022 released

28th July

August newsletter submission deadline

31st July

Bicester Buildings walk

7th August @ 3pm



Bicester History Nerd

A local history blog for Bicester and the surrounding area.

www.bicesterhistorynerd.uk



July's Talk

This month's talk will be held in the Clifton Centre on Monday 18th July, starting at 7:30pm.

Anni Byard's talk 'Archaeology, Artefacts and a Career in Ruins' covers her career thus far as an archaeologist and ancient metalwork specialist. Including some of her favourite Oxfordshire discoveries over the eleven years she was the British Museum's Finds Liaison Officer, together with her current work and research into Iron Age and early Roman coin hoarding.

Town Trail Available

After being absent for quite some time we have managed to restock the town trails available in the library. But since we now have more copies from the council we are also looking for other places to distribute it. So if you have any ideas or offers of help then please get in touch with Bob.

2023 Calendar

This year we have again teamed up with Coles Books to produce a calendar for 2023. We have chosen 'Off the Beaten Track' as our theme and have tried to draw attention to some of the more hidden and less noticeable features of Bicester's history.

This will be available from us at a discounted members rate at our AGM in September (which will also feature a presentation of the photographs chosen and the story behind them) and available from Coles at full price. Exact price details will be announced nearer the time.



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