



# B&DAS NEWSLETTER

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## January 2018

Dear Member,

In October, David Dawson, the leading expert on historic pottery manufacture in Somerset, gave a most interesting talk on "Bridgwater and the Pottery Trade." Bridgwater traded in its own pottery and that from a wide area including Nether Stowey, Wrantage, Donyat and Bristol.

The next month David Sebborn, dressed as Andrew Paschall Vicar of Chedzoy in 1685, gave a dramatic presentation of that clergyman's account of the Battle of Sedgemoor.

At our Christmas Party Chris Sidaway tested our memories with a fascinating quiz about several themes related to Somerset. The buffet contributed by everybody present was most enjoyable.

On a stormy evening in January a small but select audience was entertained by pictures and stories of BDAS past events going right back to our beginning in 1963. I did the first 44 years using old fashioned slides and Chris Sidaway brought us up to date with his digital images.

# **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

## February 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at Blake Museum

A.G.M. and Stewart Richards - The Mill Project.

Stewart will explain the Mill Project which he is leading. The idea is to restore the historic mill which lies in ruins next to the museum.

## March 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at Blake Museum

John Page - The Saxon Palaces at Cheddar

These royal halls were excavated in 1960-62 by Phillip Rahtz and are of national significance.

## April 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30 at Blake Museum

Joyce Hurford - Who lived in a House like this?

Joyce, a local historian, has researched the lives of very interesting people who lived in some historic houses in Bridgwater.

## May 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at Blake Museum

Brian Smedley - Bridgwater and Slavery

Brian will discuss the important role played by Bridgwater in the history of slavery.

## Further Dates :

June 21<sup>st</sup> Half Day Visit.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner.

Details to follow.