



B&DAS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member.

Happy New Year.

In October, because of a mix up with the dates, our scheduled speaker did not turn up. Instead we had three short talks from our own members. Chris Sidaway on the perils of surveying historic buildings, Vicki Gardner on a veteran of the American Civil War who is buried in Bristol Road Cemetery and myself on medieval Bridgwater's changing fortunes. Three for the price of one!

In November Liz Caldwell and her business partner, Nigel Harvey, explained how they do geophysical surveys of archaeological sites demonstrating the equipment they use. The museum projector failed to work despite Alan's valiant attempts to obtain the correct lead so we all had to gather round the laptop to view the visuals which did a lot for community adhesion!

At our Christmas event in Wembdon Parish Centre Bob Croft gave us the traditional round up of recent archaeology in our region. We caught up on the medieval grave yard of St. John's Hospital before the new hotel was built on the site, what was found during the reordering of St. Mary's Church and the large pre-development excavations at Bridgwater Gateway opposite the Compass Inn near North Petherton. The buffet provided by the members attending was of exceptional quality - a delightful end to 2018.

Bronwen Wright has resigned from the committee and we thank her for her many years of service.

My next newsletter will be in June. Best wishes, David Baker

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019

Thursday 17th January, 7.30 pm Blake Museum. Cecil Sharp & Somerset Folk Music. Yvette Staelens, Folk Archaeologist. With a love of things archaeological, Yvette writes, performs and lectures internationally specialising in Somerset folk song; definitely an evening to sing about!

Thursday 21st February, 7.30 pm Blake Museum. B&DAS AGM with "The History of Watchet". Paul Upton. Through architectural conservation work in Watchet, Paul developed a keen interest in the town and its people, becoming a founder member of the Watchet Conservation Society and, for many years, its case officer. A talk to whet our appetites for our visit to explore Watchet with him in May.

Thursday 21st March, 7.30 pm Blake Museum. Place Names. Jo Pentney

Thursday 18th April, 7.30 pm Blake Museum. The Story of the Green Man Carvings. Brian Wright. Brian returns to tell us about his fascinating research.

Thursday 16th May 14.30 pm Spring Excursion, Tour of Watchet with Paul Upton to further illustrate his talk to us in February. (Meet @ The Bell)

Saturday 22nd June, 14.30 pm Tour of Weston-super-Mare Museum to admire the results of its complete refurbishment.