

Didcot and District Archaeological and Historical Society



Autumn Newsletter 2011.

Members & Friends

We start the new season on Thursday, October 13th at the Northbourne Centre in Church St., Didcot. The change of day was necessary because the Phoenix Drama Group has booked the hall for every Wednesday evening throughout the year. We hope that this will not inconvenience you and hope that you will be able to come at 7.30 pm on the **second Thursday** of each month for this year's new season of historical and archaeological lectures.

During the last few years we have seen our membership drop mainly due to an aging group and we need younger people to join us. We would be grateful if you can pass this newsletter on to anyone who would be interested in local history and archaeology of the area. We would like members to distribute posters advertising our talks and lectures throughout the area.

Again to remind you all our meetings will take place at the Northbourne Centre on the second Thursday evening at 7.30pm of each month from October to May.

Our Programme for 2011-12.

Thursday October 13	Joyce Brown	AGM followed by Didcot Treasures in the Oxfordshire History Centre. AGM from 7.30-8pm followed by Ms Joyce Brown
Thursday November 10	Professor Greg Stores	"The history of witchcraft and attempts to combat its influence"
Thursday December 8	Eugene Coyle	Didcot in amateur film 1920s-60s
Thursday January 12	Graham Keevil	Royal Naval Hospital Portsmouth; Recent Archaeological Research
Thursday Feb 9th	Liz Wooley	Child Labour in 19th century Oxfordshire
Thursday March 8	Tony Hadland	Catholic families of the Thames Valley
Thursday April 12	Anne Dodd	Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Berinsfield
Thursday May 10th	Martin Way	Britain under the Roman Eagles

Several of members will be stepping down from our Committee. Monica and John Pocock, Brian Lingham are leaving the Committee after many years for domestic and health reasons. We would gratefully like to thank all three members for their unstinting loyalty and all the hard work which they have done for the Society and its aims. Brian's work has been published extensively and his books will leave a lasting legacy to the historical heritage and archaeology of this area. Brian will

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bring a selection of his books for sale to his next meeting. Brian will be leaving Didcot and hopes to move to Essex so that he and his wife Barbara will be closer to her son.

Our AGM will be held on the Thursday 13 October and we would like you to consider joining the Committee. Please come forward and make yourself known if you are interested we desperately require three new committee members. Thank you for your continuous support and we look forward seeing you during the forthcoming year.