



## DIDCOT & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### NEWSLETTER 2015

Dear Members and Friends of the Society'

If you are interested in History and new to the area let me tell you something about The Didcot & District Archaeological & History Society it was founded in 1976 and it promotes awareness of local history heritage and artefacts all relative to the Town of Didcot and the surrounding area. If you share our interest and would like to join us or attend one of our meetings they take place on the second Thursday of the month between October and May at the Northbourne Centre, Church Street, Didcot postcode OX11 8DG.

Website [www.ddahs.org.uk](http://www.ddahs.org.uk)

The society is a volunteer run not for profit organisation sustained by annual subscriptions of its members. Monthly talks take place on the Thursdays indicated above. We arrange an annual summer trip to a location of interest to all members. We are always open to suggestions from our members to develop and improve the programme and activities we offer. But first of all I must take you back to November 2014 and thank two outgoing members of the committee Joyce Hall and Rosemary Pryor who have been involved with the Society since its inception in 1976! On behalf of all current members I would like to thank both Ladies for their contribution over the years. During the last few months I have been working with fellow members on getting the Society website updated and making it more user friendly this is very much work in progress at the moment.

So onto this seasons talks being prepared for the Autumn and Winter evenings.

We start on Thursday October 8th with the talk by David Moon entitled the "Didcot Mirror and other Archaeological Discoveries in Didcot."

This year's AGM is scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Northbourne Centre any items you wish to discuss at the AGM need to be submitted in writing to the secretary copied to the Chairman no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> October and will be followed by Martin Way telling us all about Barrels, Barley and Beer in Oxfordshire.

December we have provisionally pencilled in Jane Mc Donald Festivals, Feasts and Feeding

We start 2016 on January 14<sup>th</sup> which I hope will be an excellent talk as yours truly tells you all about the Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway

February 11<sup>th</sup> is Shaun Morley talking about Oxfordshire riots and rural revolts

March 10<sup>th</sup> Fred Moughton (11EOD Ret) –History of Didcot Barracks

April 14<sup>th</sup> Stephen Barker Oxfordshire Home Front

May 12<sup>th</sup> TBA

All these talks are subject to change.

We are always on the lookout for new Committee members, so if you feel you could spare the time please make yourself know to any current committee member.

Cheques preferred should be made payable to **DIDCOT & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY (DDAHS)** and can be paid at the meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fees for 2015/2016 are individual £15 joint/family £28

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