



DIDCOT & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Newsletter Summer 2018

Dear Members and Friends of the Society,

So another year has passed I will be your Chairman for at least another year but wish to step aside at next years AGM in the spring of 2019.

I'm afraid to say our membership is showing its age and I would like some ideas on how we recruit new members young and old to keep the society vibrant, we are still promoting awareness of local history, heritage and artefacts which are relevant to the Town of Didcot and the surrounding area.

There are a lot of opportunities to attend local events but we don't seem to have enough people will to man stands at local events so we would like to hear from any members who would volunteer to help.

Looking back at last season's talks, we opened in October with Andrew Sargent, a very interesting talk entitled **A Pre History of the Upper Thames**

50 years of the Great Western Society at Didcot a talk by Laurence Waters a well known local Railway historian was as expected well attended as the societies locomotives can be heard through the town on steaming days.

Local personality Christine Wallace of Bake off fame gave a **Christmas themed** talk and food samples to follow.

Into 2018 and Ellie Reid from the Oxfordshire County Council Archives dept gave a talk **Historical Pageants in Oxfordshire during the 20th century** which took part to celebrate in particular the coronations of Kings Edward VII ,George V ,George VI these appear to have been lavish occasions with a cast of thousands.

yours truly delivered a talk on **The Army in Didcot** for the February talk.

Martin Way made his annual appearance, this time to give us a talk entitled **Tin Hats and Gas Masks** a reminder of the home front in World War 2.

Unfortunately our speaker for April was taken ill so Alan Winchcomb stepped in at the last minute to save the day. With a talk about **"Life in the 60's"**

Our May talk was about **Basildon Park** a very amusing historical account of the house and owners given by Clive Williams a guide from the house situated near Pangbourne this was to complement our summer outing to the house which took place in June when 14 members had an enjoyable date out with an excellent guided tour of the house and a walk around the extensive gardens.

Basildon Park June 2018



Looking ahead to later this year dates for your diary (all Thursdays).

2018

11th October: Memories of the Vale by Julie Ann Godson

8th November: Armistice 1918 and After by Stephen Barker
13th December: Didcot and all the Trimmings by The committee

I am keen for us to conduct interviews with local people with knowledge of the Town and surrounding areas as it was in the past.

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 OX11 8DG.

For more information on the Society please visit our website www.ddhas.org.uk

Or contact the Chairman on 01235 816376 taylordavid265@gmail.com

David Taylor June 2018

Didcot and District Archaeological and Historical Society - Data Protection Policy

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 DDAHS will make every effort to ensure that personal data:-

- Is accurate, adequate, relevant to our needs (without being excessive) and up to date
- Has been obtained fairly and lawfully for a specific and lawful purpose
- Is not held longer than necessary and reviewed regularly
- Is held securely and not shared with other organisations or individuals without consent

Those upon whom we hold data shall:-

- Have given permission for that data to be held and the purposes for which it shall be used
- Have access to the data held about them upon request, access to our policy and be able to request said data is updated or deleted at any time by contacting the secretary.
- Be asked to confirm at regular intervals their willingness for us to continue to hold their information and the accuracy of information held.

The overall responsibility for personal data protection within DDAHS rests with the committee, the secretary will be responsible for ensuring members:-

- Understand the act as it pertains to them and the DDAHS committee and Members by sharing our policy and bringing updates or changes in data protection to the attention of the committee
- Are aware of potential problem areas
- Have clear and effective procedures

All members of the committee and those assisting them will make every effort to follow this policy

OUR POLICY

DDAHS will ensure any personal data is collected in a fair and lawful way by gathering the minimum information needed and explaining why it is needed, how long it will be kept and what it will be used for at the time of collection.

Members of DDAHS will be asked to supply the information they are willing to have held and will be asked to agree its use amongst committee members.

Information will be held safely, be available to the individual it relates to upon request and never be shared outside the committee without specific consent from that individual.

Before gathering personal information from anyone outside the membership, consideration will be given as to the nature of the information needed for the specific purpose, the reason it is needed, the length of time it will be held and who this specific information will need to be shared with (this can be done in line with the data protection act by the committee member requesting the information and does not need to be agreed case by case within the committee or stored in the committee records). Anyone we ask for personal information must be informed of how it will be used and agree in writing to its storage and use (this can be in email form and should be kept by the committee member until the data has been deleted).

To ensure accuracy and full compliance we will regularly review this policy and ask individuals to confirm the information we hold on them and their willingness for said information to continue to be held.

To ensure the security of personal data information held will be kept to a minimum, stored in a safe place (ideally on a private/password protected computer) and disposed of properly at the end of its use (shredding of paper documents recommended)

Members of the committee will make every effort to ensure they do not pass on personal data (such as email addresses) without proper permission by using facilities such as blind copying when including people outside the committee membership in conversations until proper permissions have been sought.

29TH August 2018

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Didcot and District Archaeological and Historical Society Membership renewal form.

To the treasurer: Maria Simpson, 34 Green Road, Didcot OX11 8SX

Email : c21maria@btinternet.com

Please find enclosed my/our renewal payment for membership of the above Society. (Block Capitals Please)

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone no.....

Email.....

Payment due £15 single or £28 joint (both at same address)

Please make cheques payable to DDAHS

£4 on the night.