

Avon Local History & Archaeology – Programme of Events at Member Societies

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Sat 16 Dec 2017	Winterbourne Barn		3.30 £2 adult, £1 children. Includes mince pie and cup of mulled wine or fruit juice.	Carols in the Barn
Sun 17 Dec 2017	Winterbourne Barn		3.30 £2 adult, £1 children. Includes mince pie and cup of mulled wine or fruit juice.	Carols in the Barn
Tue 19 Dec 2017	Marshfield & District LHS	Professor Jim Davis	Talk	The history of pantomime
Wed 20 Dec 2017	Western Front Association - Avon Branch		Christmas quiz and party	
Tue 2 Jan 2018	Yatton Local History Society	Chris Short	Talk	Congresbury church
Wed 3 Jan 2018	Olveston Parish Historical Society	Jennifer Bone & William Evans	Talk	Sir Samuel Astry of Henbury & Aust and the Glorious Revolution of 1688
Thu 4 Jan 2018	Downend Local History Society	Charles Ashley	Talk	For the love of maps - reading the past through the Ordnance Survey large scale maps
Thu 4 Jan 2018	Long Ashton Local History Society	Jean Routley	Talk	Why collect postcards?
Mon 8 Jan 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bristol	Alan Freke	Talk	The Fry family business
Mon 8 Jan 2018	History of Bath Research Group	Jon Benington	Talk	Clifford Ellis, Bath Academy of Art and his recent bequest to Victoria Art Gallery
Mon 8 Jan 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Sandy Tebbutt	Talk	The great houses of Gordano - part 1
Tue 9 Jan 2018	Weston super Mare ANHS	David Brown	Talk	"Out in the dark" - an introduction to bats
Wed 10 Jan 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS	Gail Boyle	Talk	Making connections between family history and museum collections
Thu 11 Jan 2018	Sodbury Vale West Bristol History Group	Helen Thomas	Talk	Bedminster's tobacco women
Fri 12 Jan 2018	Banwell Archaeological Society	Garry Gowans	Talk	Mycenae - city of gold
Fri 12 Jan 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society	Dr Ray Wilson	Talk	Gloucester Docks; past, present and future
Fri 12 Jan 2018	Stoke Bishop & Sneyd Park History	Francis Greenacre	Talk	The iconography of Edward Colston, member of the Royal African Company & philanthropist
Mon 15 Jan 2018	Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society	Peter Malpass	Talk	Homes of the poor in Victorian Bristol
Tue 16 Jan 2018	Marshfield & District LHS	Howard Burton	Talk	Charmy Down: the history of a World War II airfield
Wed 17 Jan 2018	Frampton Cotterell & District LHS	André Coutanche	Talk	A little kingdom: the Harman family's Lundy 1925 - 1969
Thu 18 Jan 2018	UWE Regional History Centre & M Shed	Julian Warren	Seminar. M Shed 18.00 - 19.30 Admission free	From pageants to powerboat racing: the film collections at Bristol Archives
Mon 22 Jan 2018	Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society	Michael Whitfield	Talk	The Bristol & Clifton dispensaries; healthcare for the poor in the 19th century
Mon 22 Jan 2018	Gordano Civic Society	Helen Thomas	Talk	Bedminster's tobacco women
Tue 23 Jan 2018	Avonmouth Genealogy Group	Cyril Routley	Talk	A life on the ocean wave
Fri 26 Jan 2018	Whitchurch Local History Society	Mike Hooper	Talk	Further memories of 1950s Bristol
Mon 29 Jan 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Shirley Hodgson	Talk	Family history - have we forgotten the basics?
Wed 31 Jan 2018	Filton Historical Group	Veronica Bowerman	Talk	Amelia Edwards
Wed 31 Jan 2018	Harptrees History Society	Tony Coverdale	Talk	Avon Valley copper & brass industry, 1700 - 1750

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Thu 1 Feb 2018	Downend Local History Society	Professor Chris Stephens	Talk	Bristol's Australian pioneer: Robert Bush and the Bishop's Knoll WW1 Hospital
Thu 1 Feb 2018	Long Ashton Local History Society	Jenny Gaschke	Talk	The Braikenridge collection
Tue 6 Feb 2018	Yatton Local History Society	Steve Poole	AGM with light refreshments, followed by talk	England's last crime scene execution at Penn, 1830
Wed 7 Feb 2018	Olveston Parish Historical Society	Helen Thomas	Talk	The Bedminster Tobacco Women
Thu 8 Feb 2018	West Bristol History Group	Abbie Edbrooke	Talk	148 year history of Clevedon Pier
Fri 9 Feb 2018	Banwell Archaeological Society	Pat Hase	Talk	Weston super Mare in World War II
Fri 9 Feb 2018	Knowle & Totterdown LHS	Steve Hallam	Talk	The Underfall Yard - its history and recent developments. Walk around at a later date.
Fri 9 Feb 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society	Marion Blackburn	Talk	Arnos Vale Cemetery: history and some of its residents
Mon 12 Feb 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bristol	Shirley Hodgson	Talk	Have we forgotten the basics?
Mon 12 Feb 2018	Gordano Civic Society	Bob Lawrence	Talk	How to use the internet to investigate family history
Mon 12 Feb 2018	History of Bath Research Group	Mike Chapman	Talk	History of the Spa pump room and laundry (now the Archway project)
Mon 12 Feb 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Terry Merrett-Smith	Talk	Dance bands of the 20s, 30s and 40s
Tue 13 Feb 2018	Weston super Mare ANHS	Jerry Sampson	Talk	Somerset mason marks
Wed 14 Feb 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Sodbury Vale	Dave Powell	Talk	A journey by car through history
Thu 15 Feb 2018	UWE Regional History Centre & M Shed	June Hannam and Lucienne Boyce	Seminar. M Shed 18.00 - 19.30 Admission free	Women, citizenship and the 1918 Representation of the People Acts: Bristol women in politics
Mon 19 Feb 2018	Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society		Talk	To be confirmed
Tue 20 Feb 2018	Marshfield & District LHS	Steve Hobbs	Talk	Tying the knot: marriage in 16th and 17th century Wiltshire
Wed 21 Feb 2018	Frampton Cotterell & District LHS	Professor Ronald Hutton	Talk	Tudor history - Bloody Mary
Fri 23 Feb 2018	Whitchurch Local History Society	Alan Freke	Talk	The secret history of Frenchay Hospital
Mon 26 Feb 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Stuart Burroughs	Talk	Weaver & Sons - making and working in Bath City Centre
Mon 26 Feb 2018	Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society	Evan Jones	Talk	The Bristol discovery voyages; an update on the Cabot project
Tue 27 Feb 2018	Avonmouth Genealogy Group	Shirley Hodgson	Talk	Researching for my book "Bristol's pauper children"
Wed 28 Feb 2018	Filton Historical Group	Pat Hase	Talk	When Weston was a village
Wed 28 Feb 2018	Harptrees History Society	Research Group	Talks	Three short presentations on recent work
Thu 1 Mar 2018	Downend Local History Society			No meeting at Lincombe Barn. Visit may be arranged instead
Thu 1 Mar 2018	Long Ashton Local History Society	Murray Stewart	Talk	The history of Leigh Court
Sat 3 Mar 2018	Winterbourne Barn	Soil Association	Workshop. £45. Limited to eight people. Phone 0117 957 4921	Apple grafting workshop
Mon 5 Mar 2018	ALHA Executive Committee			Executive Committee meeting
Tue 6 Mar 2018	Kingswood History Society	Ian Caskie	Talk	The S.S. Great Britain
Tue 6 Mar 2018	Yatton Local History Society	Terry Merrett-Smith	Talk	Ration books to rock 'n roll; slides & music from the speaker's collection of 78s
Wed 7 Mar 2018	Olveston Parish Historical Society	Dr Cathryn Spence	Talk	The story of Bath

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Thu 8 Mar 2018	West Bristol History Group	Garry Atterton	Talk	Causes and consequences of the Bristol riots, 1831
Fri 9 Mar 2018	Banwell Archaeological Society	Paul Gregory	Talk	History of the Weston, Clevedon & Portishead Railway
Fri 9 Mar 2018	Knowle & Totterdown LHS	Gordon Young	Talk and short films	"My first love, my darling": the history of the Clifton Suspension Bridge
Fri 9 Mar 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society	Dr Steven Blake	Talk	The Cotswold Way
Mon 12 Mar 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bristol	Roger Angerson	Talk	Quaker records
Mon 12 Mar 2018	History of Bath Research Group	David Bridgwater	Talk	Sculptors in Bath in the long 18th century
Mon 12 Mar 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Colin Shearer	Talk	Saving England's historic churches for the nation - with special reference to Somerset
Tue 13 Mar 2018	Weston super Mare ANHS	Dr Ian Powlsland	Talk	The history & archaeology of hill forts in S.W. England
Wed 14 Mar 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Sodbury Vale	Christine Cole	Talk	Several Williams and a few others: the history of the Blathway family of Dyrham Park
Thu 15 Mar 2018	UWE Regional History Centre & M Shed	John Chandler	Seminar. M Shed 18.00 - 19.30 Admission free	"The World Runnes oin Wheelles": travels by water & road in 17th century Bristol and Gloucestershire
Mon 19 Mar 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Jonathan Musgrave	Talk	An introduction to Leonardo da Vinci's anatomical drawings
Mon 19 Mar 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Paul Goddard	Talk	History of MRI
Mon 19 Mar 2018	Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society	Jinx Newley	Talk	Bristol monks and bones
Tue 20 Mar 2018	Marshfield & District LHS	Alan Freke	Talk	J.S.Fry: a family business
Wed 21 Mar 2018	Frampton Cotterell & District LHS	Alan Freke	Talk	The GWR Badminton line
Fri 23 Mar 2018	Whitchurch Local History Society	John Penny	Talk	The first 50 years of broadcasting in Bristol
Mon 26 Mar 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Colin Chapman	Talk	Family history from newspapers and periodicals
Mon 26 Mar 2018	Gordano Civic Society	Paul Barnett	Talk	Rout on the Riviera - the story of the Slapton Sand disaster
Tue 27 Mar 2018	Avonmouth Genealogy Group	Ken Edwards	AGM followed by talk	History of the 1939 census
Wed 28 Mar 2018	Filton Historical Group	John Penny	Talk	Wartime radio broadcasting
Wed 28 Mar 2018	Harptrees History Society	John Page	Talk	The royal palaces of Cheddar
Tue 3 Apr 2018	Kingswood History Society	Professor Peter Fleming	Talk	The battle of Nibley Green
Tue 3 Apr 2018	Yatton Local History Society	Andy Warren	Talk	Lofty's radar: Arnold Downes' life in the RAF in World War II
Wed 4 Apr 2018	Olveston Parish Historical Society	Gareth Williams	Talk	The Apprentice & his Sorcerer: Edward Jenner & John Hunter
Thu 5 Apr 2018	Downend Local History Society	Rob Acton-Campbell	Talk	A history of Trooper's Hill
Thu 5 Apr 2018	Long Ashton Local History Society	Pat Hase	Talk	The history of Weston super Mare High Street
Mon 9 Apr 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bristol	Judy & Chris Rouse	Talk	Mayhem on the Midland
Mon 9 Apr 2018	Gordano Civic Society	David Martyn	Talk	Kings Weston. The fascinating history of one of Bristol's most overlooked historic sites
Mon 9 Apr 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	John Penny	Talk	The first 50 years of radio broadcasting
Tue 10 Apr 2018	Weston super Mare ANHS	John Page	Talk	The royal palaces of Cheddar
Wed 11 Apr 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Sodbury Vale	Rose Wallis	Talk	18th century crime and magistrates in the south-west
Fri 13 Apr 2018	Banwell Archaeological Society	Bev Knott	Talk	Roman roads in Avon
Fri 13 Apr 2018	Knowle & Totterdown LHS	Peter Malpass	Talk	The development of Victorian Clifton

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Fri 13 Apr 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society	Sandy Tebbutt	Talk	A brief history of Portishead
Mon 16 Apr 2018	Keynsham & Salford Local History Society	André Coutanche	Talk	"A little kingdom" - the Harman family's Lundy
Tue 17 Apr 2018	Marshfield & District LHS	John Putley	Talk	Ugly mugs: great gargoyles of Gloucestershire
Wed 18 Apr 2018	Frampton Cotterell & District LHS	Sarah Harris	Talk	Marie Antoinette's guide to farming
Thu 19 Apr 2018	UWE Regional History Centre & M Shed	Katy Laytton-Jones	Seminar. M Shed 18.00 - 19.30 Admission free	Brandon Hill to Ham Green: survival, loss and innovation in Bristol's green spaces 1750-2017
Mon 23 Apr 2018	History of Bath Research Group	Colin Johnston & Anne Buchanan	AGM and Talk. Starts at 6.30	AGM, followed by the Bath Local Studies Centre development
Wed 25 Apr 2018	Filton Historical Group	Mike Britton	AGM at 7 p.m. followed by talk - all welcome	Images of change from the 1930s
Wed 25 Apr 2018	Harptrees History Society	Prof. Alan Jocelyn	Talk	The Bristol riots of 1831
Fri 27 Apr 2018	Stoke Bishop & Sneyd Park History	Peter Weeks & Liz Tomlinson	Talk	Leaving home to fight: stories from our book about Stoke Bishop men of World War I
Fri 27 Apr 2018	Whitchurch Local History Society	Pat Hase	Talk	Victorian servants
Mon 30 Apr 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Colin Johnston	Talk	Explore house history
Mon 30 Apr 2018	Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society	Simon Cox	Talk	Bristol fashion - recent archaeological discoveries concerning Bristol housing and industry
Mon 30 Apr 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Professor Baskett	Talk	Frank Pantridge and the evolution of pre-hospital emergency care
Mon 30 Apr 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Roger Rolls	Talk	The Bath medical museum
Tue 1 May 2018	Kingswood History Society	Shirley Hodgson	Talk	Every boy will join the Navy
Tue 1 May 2018	Yatton Local History Society	Geoff Marchant	Talk	A local war hero: Captain Andrew Henry
Thu 3 May 2018	Downend Local History Society	David Martyn	Talk	A history of Kings Weston
Tue 8 May 2018	Weston super Mare ANHS	Vince Russett	AGM at 7 p.m., followed by talk at 7.45. Visitors welcome	Busy Romans and reversing rivers: the last 2000 years at Kenn Moor
Fri 11 May 2018	Banwell Archaeological Society		Dinner	60th anniversary dinner
Fri 11 May 2018	Knowle & Totterdown LHS	Gina Merrett Smith	Talk	An age of elegance - The House of Worth - Edwardian fashions and perfume
Fri 11 May 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society	Peter Malpass	Talk	Temple Meads Station. Wrong building, wrong place
Mon 14 May 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bristol	Rose Hewlett	Talk	How to get the best from village records
Mon 14 May 2018	History of Bath Research Group	Stephen Clews	6 p.m. start. See website for location	Bath Archaeological stores visit
Mon 14 May 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Eve Bickerton	Talk	Introduction to Somerset Archives
Tue 15 May 2018	Marshfield & District LHS	Dr Cathryn Spence	Talk	The story of Bath
Wed 16 May 2018	Frampton Cotterell & District LHS	Professor Steve Poole	Talk	Ghosts in the garden
Thu 17 May 2018	UWE Regional History Centre & M Shed	Nick Nourse	Seminar. M Shed 18.00 - 19.30 Admission free	The people's music: from street ballads to music hall in 19th century Bristol
Fri 18 May 2018	Whitchurch Local History Society		Annual General Meeting, followed by talk to be arranged	
Mon 21 May 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Andrew Galloway	Talk	Adoption and the family historian
Wed 30 May 2018	Harptrees History Society	Felicity Medcalf	Guided Walk. £3	Newton Park, Bath. Its history and Capability Brown's gardens

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Mon 4 Jun 2018	ALHA Executive Committee			Executive Committee meeting
Tue 5 Jun 2018	Kingswood History Society	Pat Lindegaard	Talk	Killed in a coalmine
Thu 7 Jun 2018	Downend Local History Society	Professor Gareth Williams	Talk	Angel of death: the story of smallpox
Fri 8 Jun 2018	Banwell Archaeological Society	Kurt Adams	AGM and talk	Treasures and trinkets (archaeology antiques road show)
Fri 8 Jun 2018	Knowle & Totterdown LHS	Mike Hooper	Talk	Knowle and other parts of Bristol from the air
Fri 8 Jun 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society		Evening walk	Meet at Thornbury Museum at 18.30. Tickets on sale from March meeting
Mon 11 Jun 2018	History of Bath Research Group	David Crellin	Visit. 6 p.m. start	Visit to Swainswick including private gardens and houses
Mon 11 Jun 2018	Nailsea & District LHS		7 p.m. onwards	Wine and cheese social at "Bracken Lodge", Church Lane, Backwell
Fri 15 Jun 2018	Stoke Bishop & Sneyd Park History	Michael Whitfield	Talk	Dr Goodeve and Cooks Folly
Mon 18 Jun 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bristol	John Penny	Talk	Georgian and Regency St Pauls, Bristol.
Tue 19 Jun 2018	Marshfield & District LHS	Professor Jennifer Tann	AGM and talk	Sweeps to slaves: working children in the past
Thu 21 Jun 2018	UWE Regional History Centre & M Shed	Clare Hickman	Seminar. M Shed 18.00 - 19.30 Admission free	Therapeutic landscapes: the design and use of Bristol's hospital gardens since 1800
Mon 25 Jun 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Jean Routley	AGM followed by talk	The fascination of Victorian photographs
Wed 27 Jun 2018	Harptrees History Society	Gary Nott	Guided visit. £6	Wills Memorial Building and Tower, Bristol
Tue 3 Jul 2018	Kingswood History Society	David Hardill	Talk	History of Parnalls, Yate
Sun 8 Jul 2018	Knowle & Totterdown LHS		Walk	A walk around the Cumberland Basin including the Underfall Yard
Mon 9 Jul 2018	Nailsea & District LHS		Visit - details to follow	
Wed 11 Jul 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Sodbury Vale	Sarah Harris	Talk	The story of windmills and windmillers in Somerset
Sat 14 Jul 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society		Annual July outing	Kingston Lacy (National Trust). Leave Chipping Sodbury clock at 09.00
Wed 25 Jul 2018	Harptrees History Society	Mike Chapman	Guided riverside walk. Cost TBA	From Pulteney Bridge, Bath to Widcombe
Mon 30 Jul 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Cai Mason	Talk	Bath Quays excavation
Tue 7 Aug 2018	Kingswood History Society	Terry Merrett-Smith	Talk	Ration books to Rock 'n Roll
Mon 3 Sep 2018	ALHA Executive Committee			Executive Committee meeting
Tue 4 Sep 2018	Kingswood History Society	Mike Britton	Talk	Images of change from the 1930s
Fri 7 Sep 2018	Stoke Bishop & Sneyd Park History	Ian Beattie	Talk	The noble history of Sneyd Park and Stoke Bishop
Mon 10 Sep 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Bob Jones	Talk	Life in the backyard - craft industry in medieval towns
Fri 14 Sep 2018	Sodbury & District Historical Society		AGM	Details to be confirmed
Mon 24 Sep 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath			To be confirmed
Tue 2 Oct 2018	Kingswood History Society	Phil Cox	Talk	The Newport medieval ship
Mon 8 Oct 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Peter Gosson	AGM and talk	An Avon voyage
Mon 15 Oct 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Dr P. Main	Talk	The Hotwells Spa
Mon 15 Oct 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Dr M. Whitfield	Talk	Dr Richard Smith
Mon 29 Oct 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath			To be confirmed

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Tue 6 Nov 2018	Kingswood History Society	Professor Chris Stephens	Talk	Bishops Knoll Hospital - World War I hospital
Fri 9 Nov 2018	Stoke Bishop & Sneyd Park History	Michael Manson	Talk	Vice and virtue: discovering the story of Old Market
Mon 12 Nov 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Professor Steve Poole	Talk	Living with water - histories of flooding in Somerset
Mon 26 Nov 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath	Marie-Louise Luxemburg	Talk	Charles Dickens, miniaturist, comes to Bath 1762
Mon 3 Dec 2018	ALHA Executive Committee			Executive Committee meeting
Tue 4 Dec 2018	Kingswood History Society		AGM. American supper quiz and entertainment	
Mon 10 Dec 2018	Bristol & Avon Family HS Bath			To be confirmed
Mon 10 Dec 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Ms Lois Tutton	Talk	All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth
Mon 10 Dec 2018	Nailsea & District LHS	Tim Lewis & Sheila Furneaux		Glorious Mud - the life and times of Flanders & Swann
Tue 11 Dec 2018	Bristol Medico Historical Society	Mrs Judith Franklin	Talk	The later life of Elizabeth Dunbar