

Thirteen events from ten Buckinghamshire societies and organisations are vying for your attention this month. And for the first time online talks and meetings are outnumbered by those in person... just like old times!

BAS Active Archaeology Group evening meeting – IN PERSON and on ZOOM



In search of a holy well at Old Linslade



The existence of a holy well at Old Linslade is well-documented, but its location is not. **Paul Tate** will tell how recent digging has uncovered an interesting structure – but the nearby canal is not helping with its excavation.

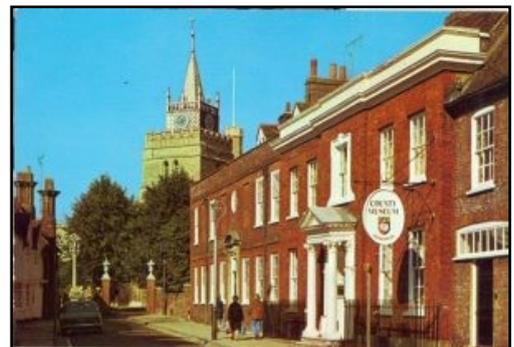
- **Thursday 13 May**, streamed on **ZOOM** from a **LIVE** meeting in Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury. Opens 7.15pm, talk 7.30pm.
- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO JOIN THIS MEETING](#)

Bucks Archaeological Society Saturday Lecture – IN PERSON and on ZOOM

The ancient site and historic buildings of the Discover Bucks Museum

A short talk by **Sarah Gray**, former curator of the Bucks County Museum – now renamed the ‘Discover Bucks’ Museum – followed by a guided tour for those who attend in person.

The oldest of the museum’s buildings was once the 15th-century Guildhall of St Mary, while others formed the 18th-century Grammar School and masters’ houses. At its centre is the grand 1995 Art Gallery. But its site dates back much further: to an Iron Age hillfort, the graveyard of a Saxon minster and a medieval royal manor.



• **Saturday 21 May**, streamed on **ZOOM** from a **LIVE** presentation following the society’s Annual General Meeting in the Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury. The talk will start at 2.45pm (the AGM – for society members only – will open at 1.45pm and start at 2pm).

- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO JOIN THIS MEETING and/or TALK ONLINE VIA ZOOM](#)
- **OR** [CLICK HERE TO COME IN PERSON TO THE MEETING and/or TALK AT THE MUSEUM](#)

You can always find out what’s happening in the Bucks Archaeological Society by going to [OUR WEBSITE](#)

See the following pages for events organised by the county’s other local history and archaeology societies...

Guided walk to William Cowper's alcove



COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM

- **Sunday 1 May**, 10.30am–2.30pm: Meet at the museum in Market Place, Olney MK46 4AJ, for a guided walk with light refreshments. £10 for adults and £2 under 16.



The Rutland Roman Villa project

A **ZOOM** talk by former Leicestershire county archaeologist **Peter Liddle**.

- **Tuesday 3 May**, 10am–12noon, on **ZOOM** for members only.

A different kind of digging: Archaeology at Stowe

A **LIVE** talk by **Stephen Wass** of Polyolbion Archaeology, on the archaeological excavations at Stowe landscape gardens over the past five years.

- **Tuesday 17 May**, 10am–12noon, in the Olney Centre, High Street, Olney MK46 4EF
- *Talks are for members only – but please join us!*
- **TO JOIN THE SOCIETY AND THE TALKS:** please eMail Ann Burrows in advance of the meeting at jacksonburrows@googlemail.com. For ten talks in the society's Spring series membership is £25.

Claydon: now you see it, now you don't

A **LIVE** talk by **Frank and Daphne Preece**, on Claydon House, which has been the seat of the Verney family since 1620.



**Milton Keynes
National Trust
Association**

- **Thursday 5 May**, 2pm, Oak Tree Centre, Wallinger Drive, Shenley Brook End, Milton Keynes MK5 7GZ.
- For more information phone the membership secretary on 01908 388379.



**The
Stoke Poges
Society**

Baylis House and Baylis Park, Slough

A **LIVE** talk by **Elias Kupfermann**, a noted authority on the history of Slough.

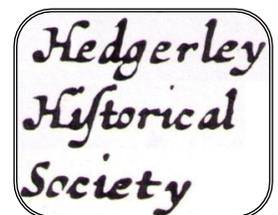
- **Thursday 5 May**, 2pm, in the Village Centre, 129 Rogers Lane, Stoke Poges SL2 4LP. • £5 for non-members.
- The society is organising a guided visit to Baylis House and Park on Thursday 9 June, starting at 2pm. *Booking is essential* – email tspsevents@outlook.com or phone 07478 309044.

Your house through time... a free workshop

A **LIVE** workshop led by **Julian Hunt, Kevin Langford and Peter Phippen**.

It's amazing what stories can be associated with a single house, through its occupants. You may wonder about the history of your own home. Ancient building or modern house, all have stories to tell. Come hear how to research your house.

- **Saturday 7 May**, 2pm-5pm, in Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Hedgerley.



Widows of the ice

A **LIVE** talk by **Anne Fletcher**, who will tell the story of Scott's Antarctic Expedition of 1910-13 through the experiences of three wives whose husbands did not return.

- **Wednesday 18 May**, 8pm, in Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Hedgerley.
- For more information on both events, email jdlovelock@btinternet.com

The battle of Agincourt: The Buckinghamshire connection

A **ZOOM** talk by **Professor Anne Curry** of the University of Southampton, who will consider the tradition in Michael Drayton's poem 'The Ballad of Agincourt' that a Bucks contingent took part in Henry V's famous victory over the French on St Crispin's Day 1415. A Bucks Military Museum Trust lecture.

- **Tuesday 10 May**, on **ZOOM** at 7pm. Free, all welcome.
- **CLICK HERE [TO REGISTER TO JOIN THE MEETING](#)** and for further details.



By their dress divided...

It is thought that you could determine whether a person was a Royalist or Parliamentarian by the clothes they wore. Puritans wore black and white... didn't they?

- A talk by **Patricia Heed**, streamed on **ZOOM** from a **LIVE** meeting. £3 for non-members.
- **Wednesday 11 May**, at the Sawpits Centre, off Richmond Road, Towcester, open 7.15pm, talk 7.30pm.
- **TO JOIN THIS TALK ONLINE:** please phone 01327 351782.

Popular protest and the preservation of open spaces in Victorian London



A **ZOOM** talk by **Mark Gorman**, author of 'Saving the People's Forest', in which he tells of the key role played by popular protest in the campaigns to preserve Epping Forest and other open spaces in and near London, showing how such places were venues for both radical politics and popular leisure.

- **Wednesday 18 May**, on **ZOOM** at 8pm.
- Contact the Secretary by email on secretarybucksha@gmail.com for how to join this talk.



Roman Britain and where to find it

A **LIVE** talk by **Mike Bryan**, Marlow Archaeology Group member and author, about his quest to visit all the major Roman sites in Britain and to hunt out those museums with intriguing treasures such as the Ribchester cavalry parade helmet, the Illum pan and the Great Chesterford phallus pot!

- **Tuesday 31 May**, at 8pm, in Liston Hall, Marlow. £3 for non-members.
- **Book at www.marlowarch.co.uk/booking**. Enquiries email info@marlowarch.co.uk