

August is a month for the great outdoors, so this month's events include a Summer Outing to Brill to explore the village once frequented by kings Edward the Confessor and advance information about the BLHN Conference and Olney's autumn programme.

Bucks Archaeological Society SUMMER OUTING

A history walk around once-royal Brill

Mike Farley is the author of [The Kings at Brill](#), a newly published book on the days when the medieval kings came regularly to their hilltop manor at Brill and to hunt in the forest of Bernwood. He will lead this walk around the historic sites and buildings of Brill, and set out clues to the location of the royal manor, with its a pre-Norman hall, chapel, gatehouse and bridge over a ditch or moat.



- **Saturday 20 August:** Meet at Brill Windmill at 2.30pm.
The walk will take between 90 minutes and two hours, starting at Brill Windmill and finishing near The Green and All Saints Church. There will be some steepish climbs and stout footwear required.
- **We hope to arrange tea and cake** after the walk.
- **Use your own transport:** Brill is 14 miles west of Aylesbury; the easiest approach is from the A41 Aylesbury-Bicester road, turning south at Kingswood and following signs for Brill. If your car has SatNav the postcode for Brill Windmill is HP18 9TQ and it is in South Hills, Brill.
- REGISTER FOR THE BRILL WALKS AT <https://bas1.org.uk/event-registration>

You can always find out what's happening in the Bucks Archaeological Society at our website <https://bas1.org.uk/>

Events by other Bucks history and archaeology societies ... AUGUST 2022



The
Stoke Poges
Society

HS2 Archaeology: Emerging results and themes

A **LIVE** talk by **Dr Emma Hopla** on the discoveries of national significance that have been revealed during excavations in advance of the construction of the HS2 high-speed rail line – especially on our doorstep in the Colne Valley of south Buckinghamshire, where she has been the Archaeological Technical Lead.

- **Thursday 4 August**, 7.30pm, at Stoke Poges Village Centre, Rogers Lane SL2 4LP.
Free for Stoke Poges Society members, £2 for non-members.

A guided walk along the River Misbourne

A walk led by **Andrew Clark and Haydon Bailey**, of the Chiltern Society Rivers and Wetlands Group, who will look both at the Misbourne's geology and how human activities have affected the river historically, and still do today.



- **Sunday 14 August**, 10.30am-1.30pm, meeting at Little Missenden Village Hall, Little Missenden. For SatNav the postcode is HP7 ORD. Please park in Little Missenden.
- A three-mile walk from Little Missenden along the Misbourne to Shardeloes Lake and back.



First chance to see the Roman busts discovered in the archaeological dig at Stoke Mandeville

Two rare Roman heads from busts uncovered during the excavation of Stoke Mandeville old church have been loaned to the museum in Aylesbury. They will be available to public view until the end of October. The sculptures were found in a circular ditch around the foundations of what is thought to have been a Roman mausoleum, discovered beneath the nave of the old church during excavations ahead of the HS2 rail line.

- **Entry to the museum** is £5.50 for adults, with children free.

Discover Bucks Museum

Olney Archaeological Society Autumn Programme



Tuesdays at 10am: eight talks, all on **ZOOM** and four also **LIVE** in the Olney Centre, High Street, Olney (north of Milton Keynes) MK46 4EF.

JOIN THE SOCIETY for £20 for the whole programme, or £3 for non-members per talk at the Olney Centre.

- 6 September **ZOOM** : **Bog bodies: face to face with the past** – Dr Melanie Giles
- 20 September **LIVE and ZOOM** : **The Ice Age** – Dr Jill Eyers
- 4 October **ZOOM** : **Chedworth Roman villa** – Dr Martin Papworth
- 10 October **LIVE and ZOOM** : **The wartime films of Britain and Hollywood** – Dr Colin Schindler
- 1 November **ZOOM** : **Sir John Schorne, the rector who conjured the devil in a boot** – Wayne Perkins
- 15 November **LIVE and ZOOM** : **LTC Rolt, pioneer of canal and railway preservation** – Julian Hunt
- 6 December **ZOOM** : **The emergence of the English** – Professor Susan Oosthuizen
- 20 December **LIVE and ZOOM** : To be announced.

PLEASE APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP to Ann Burrows at jacksonburrows@googlemail.com

Bucks Local History Network **OCTOBER CONFERENCE AND LOCAL HISTORY FAIR**

BLHN ♦ 2022

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY NETWORK Conference and Fair
♦ **Saturday 1 October 2022** ♦ The Oculus, Aylesbury ♦ 10am–4pm

The cottage industries of Buckinghamshire

with speakers on Pots and Potters, the Lace industry, Straw-plaiting, Chair-making and Needle-making – all once major Bucks industries.

PLUS the Bucks Local History Fair, with displays and stalls by local history and archaeology societies and organisations.



SEE THE CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME AT

<https://bas1.org.uk/blhn-conference-1-october-2022>

AND GET TICKETS AT

<https://bas1.org.uk/blhn-2022-tickets>

Details are still being finalised for the

Sixth Bucks HS2 Archaeology Conference

planned for **Saturday 10 September**, in-person at The Oculus in Aylesbury.

- For full details please watch THE Bucks Archaeological Society website at <https://bas1.org.uk/>.