



A King Canute, Saxon
Coin, struck at the
Cricklade Mint – now
part of Copenhagen's
Royal Collection.

CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Membership Fees

Please remember that the 2014 AGM agreed that from the 1st January 2015, membership fees increased to £15 (single) and £26 (joint).

To Summarise, effective January 1st 2015

Single membership is £15 per annum
Joint membership is £26 per annum

Please contact Paul Marley if you need any help in making payment of the correct amount on 752851 (evenings only)

Forthcoming Events

Unless otherwise stated all **Talks** are held at the **Town Hall Annex; doors open at 7.00pm, Refreshments served at 7.15 and the talk will start at 7.30pm**

11th March Quiz Night. Please call Yvonne Keeble if you want last minute tickets on 751963

16th March “Dad’s Underground Army” speaker Bill King

9th April - Book Sale 10-12 at the Club at Cricklade
12th April – Museum Cleaning at 10.00am

20th April – The Vikings – second part of a Dark Age talk following on from the Anglo-Saxon talks in November 2015. Speaker Martin Way

18th May – “Churches are full of surprises” Speaker John Hickman

20th May – “Friday evening at the Museum” to celebrate the last three years of museum improvements

1st June – Walk, “a picture of Cricklade before living memory. Repeat of August 2015 walk led by Wendy Marshall; Starts at

the Town Bridge at 7.15pm and finishes at the museum

11th June Book Sale – 10-12 at the Club at Cricklade

15th June Silbury Hill – an update speaker Chris Penny

19th June Cricklade Festival – the museum will be open from 11.am to 4pm

Archive Audit

The Archive Audit takes place at 10am until 12 on the following dates: -

- 12th April
- 3rd May
- 7th June

If you are interested in getting hands on with the archive, please do come and join us: we still have a lot of sorting out of the archive such as auditing the photographs and working out how best to archive and access these items. Any member can join this team, training will be given or you can just call in and see what we are doing

AGM

The Chairman’s speech to the AGM is included with this newsletter

New Accessions in the Museum

Work continues to ensure items are accessioned as smoothly as possible into the museum. Last week we received an Honourable Discharge Certificate from WW1 which will be on display soon.

New Exhibitions

Paul Marley has put the 1916 part of our World War 1 Exhibition on display

The Cricklade Pottery display is looking lovely and we would welcome any more pieces in the Cabinet.

I am working on pulling together a display about RAF Blakehill.

Administrative tasks update

Several times last year I appealed for help with Administrative tasks.

Nobody came forward to help with the web site so this has now been outsourced to a non member to support and maintain for us. This will of course cost money.

Installing emergency lighting and smoke detectors has resulted in yet more administrative tasks to add to the fire extinguisher tasks. Fortunately, a member, Paul Povey, has offered to lead on the day to day monitoring of these systems.

We are also looking for somebody to take over the compilation and editorial of the Bulletin. I have been performing this task for the last eight years and given the increase in work load I have acquired with the museum to get it up-dated, it is time for somebody else to take on the production of the Bulletin. I will support who ever volunteers to take this on but I am no longer able to do it myself.

Please let me know if you are interested in being involved with any of these tasks.

Launch of an Exhibition

St Mary's along the River Thames

Saturday 2nd April 2016 10.00am- 4.00pm at St Mary's Church, High Street, Cricklade.

Between Cricklade and the mouth of the Thames are over 80 places which, over the centuries, have been dedicated to Mary, the mother of Christ.

You are warmly invited to the first of these places to mark the launch of an exhibition about the history, legacy and famous people and events associated with "St Mary's along the River Thames,

Pam Debenham March 2016