



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

CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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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

21st September “Richard Jefferies and the agricultural scene around Swindon” speaker: Dr. Mike Pringle

24th September Annual Draw at the museum at 11.00am. Refreshments are served at this event.

1st October Book Sale, the last of the year at the Club at Cricklade between 10 – 12noon

19th October “From War to Wildlife” a personal peacetime mission of remembrance of Blakehill Farm. Speaker: Vince Povey

15th November Museum Cleaning at 10am

No speaker in November and December.

10th December Last day of opening at Museum for 2016

2017

7th January Museum re-opens

22nd February – AGM at Town Hall Annexe

15th March The Roman Invasion with local context. Speaker: Bill King

Archive Audit

The Archive Audit takes place at the museum between 10am until 12 on the following dates for the rest of this year.

2016

September 6th

October 11th

November 1st

December 6th

2017

January 3rd

February 14th

March 7th

If you are interested in getting hands on with the archive, please do come and join us: there will always be a need to continuously review the archive, checking the item location against our database and working out how we can make the items more accessible to the members. Any member can join this team, training will be given or you can just call in and see what we are doing

Accessions in the Museum

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have been offered, as a gift, a Thomas Carter George III long case clock in an oak body. The clock is currently in Leeds and I am currently working out how to collect it. I have no problem with the journey; just not sure if it will fit in my car!



The dimensions of the clock are 77.25 inches high; 22 inches wide and 9.50 inches deep.

The clock was given to the donor by her mother, the late Jessie Swift nee Iles of College Farm Purton.

Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffalo

The RAOB that met in the Red Lion since the 1950's has now been wound up and many of the artefacts have been passed to the museum over the summer, for the museum archive; once everything is accessioned, I will be putting a

display together of some of the artefacts including the “jewels” and the regalia.

Administrative tasks update

Now that we have got through all the changes necessary for sorting out the contents of the museum, it was decided at the August meeting of the Museum Committee that this committee would be disbanded and all future discussions regarding the museum will take place in the quarterly Main Committee meeting.

As well as creating the walk for the Chiseldon local history group whom we had the pleasure of meeting on the 3rd August, I have also created a walk relating to the Inns of Cricklade High Street and Calcutt Street which took place on the 21st August; amazingly we had 35 people on that walk, (I had expected about 6 people!) I will include a summary of the walk in the Bulletin. Our plan is to create a library of walks so we don't have to start afresh each time we are asked to do a walk.

Unknown people photographs

Since the last newsletter we have put a further 12 images up on the website – please do have a look at: www.cricklademuseum.co.uk we are currently working on improving the presentation of the photographs, hopefully by the next newsletter this new presentation will be in place on the website.

Please let me know if you recognise anybody.

Forthcoming event at St Mary's Church.

St Mary's Church are holding an exhibition

“St Mary's along the River Thames” 200 miles of river and 1,000 years of history.

A virtual journey to churches, lost Abbeys and Priors and sites associated with Shakespeare, Dickens, Thomas a Becket and many more of the great and the good.

Opening times: Saturday 10th September between 10am and 4pm: Sunday 11th September between 11am and 4pm at St Mary's Church.

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