



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

CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWS-LETTER SUMMER 2016

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

15th June Silbury Hill – an update: speaker
Chris Penny

19th June Cricklade Festival – the museum will be open from 11.am to 4pm with new displays in the garden and we will be serving refreshments. Please do come along and support us.

21st August (SUNDAY); The Cricklade Historical Society annual walk starts at 2.00pm Sunday 21st August in the Town Hall car park. This year the walk will cover some of the history of the Inns of Cricklade High Street and Calcutt Street ending at the Cricklade Museum, where there will be a display of photographs and refreshments will be served. The Walk Leader will be Pam Debenham

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

Archive Audit

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

July 5th
August 2nd
September 6th
October 11th
November 1st
December 6th

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

Loan items

The museum is pleased to be able to inform you that we have loaned three items to the Blakehill Farm displays; the old landing light; one of the metal screws used to tie down a glider and also the piece of the wooden mast from the GCHQ mast.

Accessions in the Museum

One of our members is busy transcribing the parchment documents in our archive. These documents are providing us with a tremendous insight into the people of our area and I have selected a couple of wills for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

Now that all the enhancements to the museum are completed, I am now starting work on accessioning papers on loan to us from the Court Leet.

New Exhibitions

The Blakehill display of photographs is now in place put into context by a map of the Blakehill buildings which we have been able to link together

Administrative tasks update

Unfortunately, the secretary of the Main Committee and the Museum Committee, Wendy Marshall, will be stepping down at the AGM in February; so we are looking for new secretaries for both of these committees; Please let me know if you are interested in being involved with either of these tasks.

I am currently working on creating "stock" walks for when we have groups wanting a Cricklade walk.

For example, we have a group visiting from Chiseldon in early August who have requested a walk covering the High Street, St. Sampson's and Calcutt Street. They will end their walk at the museum with a cream tea. These types of opportunities are good for fund raising so we want to encourage this type of event.

Important notice about the Printer Ink Cartridge Re-cycling ending.

Over the last few years the income generated by the re-cycling of ink cartridges from the collection box in the Town Council offices has been declining and now we have reached the point where it is no longer viable. This initiative will now be terminated at the end of June. The re-cycle box will be removed from the Town Council office at the end of June.

Cricklade Historical Society thank all those of you who have recycled your ink cartridges which have previously raised a significant amount of funds for the Cricklade Museum.

Pam Debenham June 2016