



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

# CRICKLADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2020

### The Bulletin

Hopefully by now you will have received your bulletin that was sent out to members in July. Please let me know if you did not receive the Bulletin.

### Volunteer Rota for 2021

In these very unusual times it is difficult to work out how to proceed with museum opening. As you know we are hoping to open the museum in April but this will of course be depending on how Covid-19 is still impacting on our lives. It would be very helpful to me if over the next few months you could let me know how you feel about working as a volunteer in the museum from April.

### AGM

The Historical Society Committee recently discussed how we can run the AGM in February. Assuming we cannot hold a meeting in the Town Hall our plan is that we will run a postal/email AGM. You already have the minutes of the last AGM in the Bulletin, we would send you the financials and the Chairman's annual report and ask you to raise any questions by Phone or email. We would then send you a paper asking you to vote on the various agenda items.

### Programme for 2021

This year's programme has been rejigged for next year and will be sent out with your receipt for membership fees in January.

### Museum

Following the additional mezzanine floor in the museum we are slowly being able to get tasks done. The electricians still has a few tasks to do but all the painting, new light and wall sockets on the new mezzanine have happened. We are still working in the museum on a regular basis.

### Marion Parsons new booklet

## MEMORIES OF VE DAY & VJ DAY

### From Cricklade and From Near and Far

This new VE Day & VJ Day booklet now on sale is a souvenir collection to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW2. The memories and archive newspaper accounts it includes were collected during the lockdown restrictions in May and June when it became clear that the planned public events could no longer take place. Instead, it describes the events of May 8<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> 1945 from a personal perspective. Cricklade sets the scene, and is followed by the accounts of local people who remember their lives in 1945 and how they celebrated these two events from wherever they were living at that time. Now in their eighties and nineties, all 33 contributors were then either children or young adults, but their stories from local towns and villages as well as from all corners of the country add up to a fascinating read.

The A4 booklet with its bright patriotic cover is also interspersed with pictures, cartoons and advertisements taken from a copy of The Daily Sketch newspaper published in London on VE Day itself. The paper describes the events that took place in the City as they unfolded, including speeches by King George V1 and Sir Winston Churchill. Local reports are taken from The Wilts. & Gloucestershire Standard.

The booklets are **£3.00** each and are a one-off limited edition of only 200 copies. Please contact **Marion Parsons** on **01793 750542** or email: [mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com](mailto:mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com) to find out how to obtain yours. Due to Covid 19 restrictions local home delivery / collection can be arranged or posted to you if required. After production costs, proceeds will be donated to Cricklade Open Door and the Cricklade Branch of The Royal British Legion, both of which are currently greatly missed by the older generation.