



# Yeovil Archaeological and Local History Society - Winter 2023 & 2024

Are you interested in history and archaeology, particularly of Yeovil and its surrounding towns & villages?

YALHS talks start at **7:15 pm (prompt)**, on the **1st Friday** of the month, October – May. We also organise visits to historical sites and archaeological digs (when available) during the summer months.

## Winter Programme 2023

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Jane de Gruchy - (SW Heritage Trust) – **Tales from the Quarter Sessions** - Somerset's Criminal Past.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Steve George – **The Life and Times of Cardinal Wolsey**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Dan Broadbent – **The Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme** has been running a wide range of historic heritage projects across the Quantock Hills since 2020, including heritage conservation work; LiDAR interpretation; archive research and an extensive programme of community archaeology. Dan Broadbent is the scheme's Historic Heritage Officer and will be sharing details of the project's progress to date, along with plans for the future. Included in the talk will be reports on the discovery of a late Bronze Age enclosure, the search for a 'lost' medieval manor, an update on the recent findings from an interesting henge site and much more.

## Programme 2024

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Members evening – all welcome.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Tim Hall talking about **Outdoor Music Making in Somerset** ranging through ancient horns to village bands, folk noise, militia bands, drummers, rough music, and much more. Tim will also bring along some musical instruments.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Liz Caldwell of Mick Aston Young Archaeologists Group (MAYA) talking about **Mick Aston, Julian Richards and Phil Harding** and past excavations along with the practical fieldwork carried out.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Wessex Archaeology - **Life and Death in Roman Somerton**. Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by BAM Construction Ltd to undertake an archaeological excavation on the outskirts of Somerton, ahead of construction work for a primary school. Work was carried out in 2019/2020. Most notably, ancient burials unearthed on the Somerset County Council-owned land have shed significant light on life and death in Roman Somerset. Preliminary results have revealed a sequence of past human activity spanning around 1500 years, from the late Bronze Age to the end of the Romano British Period.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Annual General Meeting followed by Jack Sweet **An Illustrated Talk** ([Non-members - free Entrance](#))

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - TBC

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Mary Chisholm talking about **The Historic Graffiti of Montacute House**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - TBC

Talks are held at the Holy Trinity Church and Community Centre, Lysander Rd, Yeovil, BA20 2BU. Members free, Non-members £2.

**Membership Fees:**

**Individuals £12: Joint £17: Family £20: Juniors/Students £2: Guests £2**

**Find out more at: [www.yalhs.org.uk](http://www.yalhs.org.uk)**

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