



# Yeovil Archaeological and Local History Society - 2024

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

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

## Summer visits & Winter / Spring Programme 2024-25

### **SUMMER VISITS:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am** Sherborne Museum, Abbey Gatehouse, Church Lane, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3BP. We are visiting the Textile Collection (located upstairs with no lift) on a Monday when they are closed. We are restricted to a maximum of 20 - no reimbursement necessary, but any donations are welcome.

Afterwards Brian Gittos will show members around the **Conduit**, an unusual hexagonal shaped building just outside The Parade.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 11:00am** The Painted House at The Old House, Lower Cockhill Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7NZ. Numbers are strictly limited and it will cost £10 per member.

This will be followed by a visit to the **Cary Market House** at 2.30pm. Please note that there are no lifts at either location.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** - visit to the **Cerne Abbey** archaeological dig site locating the actual location of the Abbey – details to follow.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1.00pm- 2.30pm** – visit to **St Michael's Church, Mere** and a **18<sup>th</sup> century cottage at Gillingham** - a wonderful church and a fascinating cottage. St Michael's Church Mere is famous for its 12<sup>th</sup> century external niche statue of St Michael, and work from the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, including 15<sup>th</sup> century rood screen, misericords and tower. Those who wish can ascend the tower to see the ringing chamber and clock room with its chime barrel. Some tunes can be played, then on up to the roof for fine views. A female peregrine falcon currently in residence may still be on site. Followed by a visit to Andy Dutch's sons' 18<sup>th</sup> century cottage at Gillingham. There is no charge for the church visit but donations welcome.

This will be followed by a visit to the **Toll House in Gillingham at 3.00pm**. (Directions and parking etc to follow).

### **WINTER / SPRING PROGRAMME 2024-25:**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.15pm** – a talk by **Marian Dutch** on 'Industrial Bath in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries'.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7.15pm** a talk by **Mary Chisholm** on 'Historic Graffiti at Montacute House'.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.15pm** – Talk by archaeologist and TV presenter **Julian Richards** on ‘A Career in Ruins’. Ticket only event – details to follow.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 7.15pm** – Members evening (talk TBC).

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7.15pm** – (talk TBC)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm** – a talk by **Andrew Pickering** author of ‘The Witches of Selwood: Witchcraft Belief and Accusation in Seventeenth- Century Somerset’ with a talk on ‘The Witches of Selwood and witchcraft, belief and accusation in 17th Century Somerset.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7.15pm** – (talk TBC)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.15pm** – Annual General Meeting and (talk TBC)

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

### **Membership Fees 2024**

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

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