



Yeovil Archaeological and Local History Society

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

YALHS talks start at **7:15pm prompt** (doors open 7pm), 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. Talks are held at the **Holy Trinity Church and Community Centre, Lysander Rd, Yeovil, BA20 2BU**. Members free, Non-members £2.

2025-26 Autumn-Winter-Spring PROGRAMME

Friday 3rd October 7.15pm – a talk by Bryn Hawkins on “From Boy to Man in the Somerset Coal Fields” - Bryn tells the story of his family in the Somerset Coal Mines, and of his own experience working for over 17 years for the National Coal Board in Somerset until the mines closed.

Friday 7th November 7.15pm – Jonathan Holt editor of “Follies” with an educated talk and photographs about the extraordinary architectural ‘Somerset Follies’. Author of *Somerset Follies*; *Wiltshire Follies*; *The Follies of Bristol & Gloucester Parts 1 & 2*; *Discover Dorset Follies*.

Friday 5th December 7.15pm – Luke Mouland with an illustrated talk on ‘Life in the Victorian Workhouses’ drawing on stories from various workhouses in Dorset and Somerset.

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Friday 9th January 7.15pm – Members evening.

Friday 6th February 7.15pm - Dr Anne Teather, Managing Director of Past Participate, with a talk on ‘Living Amongst the Sarsens’ a community archaeology project in the Valley of Stones, Portesham, Dorset.

Friday 6th March 7.15pm – Wessex Archaeology

Friday 10th April 7.15pm – a talk by Robert Hurford the wheelwright expert who has helped archaeologists understand the designs of Iron Age and ancient Egyptian chariots.

Friday 1st May 7.15pm – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Membership Fees 2025

Individuals £15: Joint £20: Family £25: Juniors/Students £2: Guests £2

Find out more at: www.yalhs.org.uk