



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), normally 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.

2026 Spring PROGRAMME

Friday 1st May 7.15pm – Annual General Meeting (AGM) – talk on the Tolpuddle Martyrs by David Nunn a branch secretary for the Prospect trade union.

SUMMER VISITS (MEMBERS ONLY)

June Avalon Marshes Centre, Shapwick Road, Westhay BA6 9TT. On site donation parking and craft shop, toilets and café available - £10.50 per member. See a replica Iron Age roundhouse, Roman Villa, Saxon long hall and Viking boat with our own Avalon Archaeology guide.

August: Cerne Abbas Archaeological Dig Site. The fourth year of excavations locating the actual site of the lost medieval abbey. Site leader is Hugh Willmott senior lecturer in European Historical Archaeology at Sheffield University. Meet in Kettle Bridge donation car park (near the village hall) in Kettle Bridge Lane off of Duck Street DT2 7GY

September (TBC): Shaftesbury Abbey Museum (donation). King Alfred the Great founded a convent which became Shaftesbury Abbey which was dissolved in 1539 by order of King Henry VIII. The museum has a collection of Saxon carving, medieval floor tiles amongst evidence discovered during Julian Richard's 2019 excavations. Park in Town car parks – car sharing recommended.

Membership Fees 2026

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

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