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CALENDAR

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15th September

Basingstoke Industrial Archaeology Group
Meeting "The History of Lansing Bagnall
and the Forklift Truck"
A. Harvey; SEB Social Club, Bounty Road,
7.30 p.m.

Thursday
18th September

Friends of the Museum meeting.
'A Hampshire Medieval Town' Richard
Warmington, Willis Museum, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday
20th September

Hampshire Field Club, Local History
Conference, King Alfred's College,
Winchester.

Thursday
25th September

'The Iron Age in the Upper Thames Region'
David Miles, Oxfordshire Archaeological
Unit: Chute House, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday
4th October

Field Day at Froyle - meet at
* Treloar College 10.30 a.m.

Friday
10th October

BAS Barn Dance at Kempshott village Hall
8.0p.m. - 11.0 p.m.

*Amendment - The meeting point on Saturday 4th October will be at the School, Froyle, and not at Treloar College.

Willis Society

To those members of the Willis Society who are receiving their first newsletter - 'welcome' to the new joint society.

At the A.G.M. of the Basingstoke Archaeological Society, one of the main subjects for discussion was the proposed merger of the Willis Historical Society with the Archaeological Society. Various people spoke in favour of the proposal, which was passed without dissent. A further motion amending the title to 'Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society' was also passed. All Willis Society members are therefore automatically fully paid up members for the coming year of this society and will receive the programme of events, information (such as revised constitution) and periodic newsletters like this one. The lecture programme was arranged before the merger was proposed, so it is intended to augment it with items of a more historical nature and it is hoped that the lectures will be of interest. The new joint society will be able to offer an improved service to all its members by covering a wider field and it is hoped that it will be a great success.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM on Thursday 3rd July, was well attended. The existing committee was re-elected, the members are:-

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| Chairman | Richard Searle |
| Secretary | Mary Oliver |
| Treasurer | Bob Mulla |
| Committee members | Barbara Applin, Peggy Drury, Peter Heath. |

Further committee members will be co-opted, including at least one representative from the Willis Society Committee.

There was again a lively discussion about the Society's financial future: last year it was decided to devote some effort to fund raising in order to purchase better projecting equipment. The fund raising sub-committee were congratulated on the results so far and these efforts were to continue for a further year. The subscription was to be held at its present level for this year, but would be raised in 1981.

It was decided that a nominal charge would be made for non-members attending the winter lectures: to assist in collecting this members will be asked to sign in before taking their seats at Chute House.

The Chairman thanked all those who had worked for the Society and said that further volunteers to help with committee work would be appreciated.

Andrew Duckworth offered to act as press officer and Iris Gregory as membership secretary. — both offers being gratefully accepted.

The Iron Age in the Upper Thames Region.

The first lecture of our 80/81 season on 25th September is to be given by Mr David Miles, Deputy Director of the Oxfordshire Archaeological Unit. Mr Miles has had considerable field experience in the course of his work with the unit and has made a particular study of the Iron Age sites. He is a Yorkshireman, a clear and competent speaker who already has an archaeological book or two to his credit, and his talk should make a most interesting start to our winter programme. All those members of the Society who have helped to dig on the many Iron Age sites around Basingstoke should find this lecture particularly attractive.

Thursday 25th September, Clennell Room, Chute House, Church Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Field Day at Froyle

It is planned to have an excursion to Froyle, a small village between Alton and Farnham, on Saturday 4th October. There are many things of interest in the area from round barrows and a small hillfort, to several interesting barns; the church, the school and Treloar College, housed in the old manor house.

The plan isto look at the sites and field barns in the morning and after a picnic or pub lunch (three good pubs in the village) to look at the church, school and college. Col. Wilcox, who has made a study of hearaldry, will meet us in the church, which has some very early stained glass dating from 1307.

All those wishing to join this excursion which should entail some pleasant walking in the autumn countryside as well as interesting sight seeing, should ring Nora Jupe, Basingstoke 22552, who can also supply further details.

Meet: 10.30 a.m. at The School, Froyle. Parking available.

Evening Classes

As the dark evenings approach, many of us begin to think of evening classes to add extra interest and stumulation to our lives! There is a good variety available both locally and further afield, of which there is detailed below those on historical and archaeological subjects which might tempt you.

Basingstoke Technical College.

Monday evenings - starting September 15th.

'O' Level course in Archaeology, a very broad based syllabus ranging from Paleolithic to Roman times, including a study of Old Kingdom Egypt. The examination is not compulsory. Further details from the Technical College. Enrolement 8th September (late enrolement possible)

WEA Classes

Industrial Archaeology in Britain: where to go and what to see - Tutor W.J. Turner, 20 meetings on Tuesdays, 23rd September onwards at Basingstoke Central Library 7.30 p.m.

Basingstoke in the 18th and 19th centuries - Tutor D. Spruce, 20 meetings on Wednesdays. 24th September onwards at Basingstoke Central Library 7.30 p.m.

Medieval Archaeology: Tutor F. Aberg, 20 meetings on Tuesdays, starting 23rd September at Basingstoke Central Library 7.30 p.m. (Joint WEA/University Course)

Medieval Hampshire: Tutor Mrs B. Carpenter Turner, 20 meetings on Wednesday afternoons starting 24th September 2.15 p.m. at Chute House, Church street.

Renaissance Painting in Western Europe: Tutor D. Stephens, 20 meetings on Thursday mornings starting 2nd October at 10.0 a.m. at Teachers' Centre, Bramblys Drive. (Joint WEA/University course)

Mr Tim Herrington, The WEA Secretary, can supply further details of any of these courses - Basingstoke 22090.

Southampton University Adult Education

These are courses organised by the extramural department on archaeological and historical topics to be held in Southampton, at the museum or college of Education. Titles include 'The Techniques of Field Archaeology', 'The Pre-history of Hampshire - Neolithic to Iron Age' - 'The Roman Empire', 'Alfred and Charlemagne', 'The Victorian Age'. Anyone wanting further details should ring Basingstoke 24263.

Forthcoming Events

Members are welcome to attend the Lectures mentioned in the calendar which are organised by other societies (e.g. BIAG or Friends of the Museum). There will usually be a small charge made for admission.

Hampshire Field Club Local History Section

One day Conference on local history, with special emphasis on the publishing of local history sources. To be held in the John Stripe Theatre, King Alfred's College Winchester, Saturday 20th September starting 10.30 a.m. Fee £1.60 including tea and coffee. The AGM of the local History Section will take place in the afternoon.

This conference should be of help to anyone planning to publish their research. Further details obtainable from the Secretary, Basingstoke 24263, who also has the booking forms: bookings have been requested by 10th September so please let Mary Oliver know as soon as possible if you would like to go.

Barn Dance

The Barn Dance planned for 10th October is the second major event organised by the fund raising sub committee; we hope it will be as successful as Food Forum and Fun. Dancing will be to "Chaos Manifest" and supper is included in the ticket price of £1.75. Please come along, bring your family and friends and have fun! Tickets will be on sale at the first lecture meeting or can be obtained from any committee member.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for renewal. If you have not paid our Treasurer will be pleased to receive them either at the next meeting or by post made out to the Basingstoke Archaeological Society (the account name has not yet been changed at the Bank!) and sent to Bob Mulla, 60 Fairthorne Rise, Basing, Basingstoke. Rates are as follows:-

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