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INTRODUCING A NEW EDITOR

This summer we have had, regretfully, to say goodbye to Sue Barrance, who has worked so hard for the A.L.H.A. over the years, producing Quest, and then nursing Avon Past and this Newsletter into flourishing existence. We are very grateful to her for her dedication and inspiration, and hope that we will not fall below her high standards.

The new Co-Editor of this Newsletter and Avon Past is Jennifer Scherr, a University Librarian who has lived in Bristol for ten years. She has a long standing interest in local history, and a special knowledge of place-names. She has been running the Bristol-based research group on Somerset place names for the last three years, and we include an item on the group below. Jennie was introduced to local history in the area by her University colleague Jeff Spittal, who also persuaded her that the A.L.H.A. was the thing to join!

SOMERSET PLACE-NAMES

The lack of an up-to-date and authoritative survey of the place-names of Somerset has long been felt. The English Place-Name Society (currently publishing a multi-volume work on Dorset) is aware of this gap, and Professor Kenneth Cameron, the Director of the Society's Survey, has given his blessing to a project headed by Michael Costen, of Bristol University's Department of Extra-Mural Studies.

Research groups have been set up at the County Record Office in Taunton (led by Celia Parker and Michael Costen) and at Bristol University (led by Jennifer Scherr). At Taunton they are working on manuscript, and at Bristol on printed sources, covering the whole area of the former county of Somerset. Little by little, a vast collection of every variant spelling of every name (whether town, village, field, river, stream, wood or hill) is being built up as the basis for a future scholarly survey. This file may already be used by other interested people, perhaps as a guide to the meanings of names, but also as an indication of sources available about a particular place. Of course, such material still remains unindexed, but you are welcome to contact Michael or Jennifer with any queries (tel. 24161 ext. 696 and 433).

Both groups meet on Wednesdays, and you may be interested to know that the Bristol group will start up again on Wednesday 8th October at 6.00 p.m. in the University Library, Tyndall Avenue. It is gradually working its way through printed calendars of Public Record Office material - Patent Rolls, Close Rolls and so on. If the idea of careful copying, interspersed with information on place-name origins, and some local historical gossip, appeals to you - why not enrol?

RECORDING GREENWAYS - HELP NEEDED!

Local societies all over England are being asked to provide the Parliamentary All Party Heritage Group of M.P.s with details of representative "greenways" in their area. With the information thus gained, it is hoped to include sympathetic measures in the Wildlife and Countryside Bill which may be presented to the House this autumn or early in the new year. While in general

we think we could define a greenway, it is not too clear exactly what is meant by the term. For those societies who feel the same, we assume that they mean either an unmetalled road, or a metalled road which has now fallen into disuse (one colleague suggesting that in this case it should be a disused through-route rather than just a local road).

The body which is collecting this material is the Ridgeway Conservation Conference. Their Chairman, Mr. Grant King, asks if societies in Avon could provide brief reports on a few of the best examples. The details needed are:-

- a) the name of the "greenway"
- b) names of nearby towns, or the grid references
- c) approximate length in miles
- d) average width in feet
- e) whether the track is bounded by fences etc., or is unconfined
- f) whether it is grass-covered, earthen or metallic
- g) approximate age if known, e.g. prehistoric, Roman etc.
- h) any associated antiquities
- i) any early destinations e.g. country fairs, religious centres
- j) is the track used by motor traffic?
- k) what is its modern classification? e.g. footpath, byway etc...
- l) what is the scenic, historical or scientific value of the trackway?

Two copies of each report should be sent (as soon as possible) to Mr. D. Grant King, Old Laundry Cottage, Little Cheverell, Nr. Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4JZ.

NEW BLIGHT ON METAL DETECTORS

The C.B.A. has reported a couple of useful points as part of the new S.T.O.P. (Stop Taking Our Past - the Campaign against Treasure Hunting) campaign. After pressure from the C.B.A. and the Association of District Councils, the Home Secretary has decided that suitable byelaws about metal detectors would be confirmed because metal detectors "seem invariably to dig for buried objects" and do not just listen to the buzzing in their headphones (?). Carrying metal detectors has been compared with the possession of house-breaking tools - each may be used to commit a felony. The Home Secretary has further announced (14th July, 1980, House of Commons) that licences for metal detectors would no longer be needed (though to our knowledge a licence is still the legal requirement at the moment - Editors). Owners of metal detectors would not then be "licenced to dig" as they so often claim! It is hoped that local authorities in Avon will now take the opportunity to amend their byelaws to deal with metal-detecting even though existing byelaws, in reality, already cover injury to plants, turf etc. For those interested in supporting the S.T.O.P. campaign, information sheets (5p), stickers (25p per sheet) and two posters by Bill Tidy (50p each) are obtainable from S.T.O.P., 112 Kennington Road, London SE11 6RE (i.e. from the C.B.A. headquarters). Finally, archaeologists and metal detector clubs alike are extremely interested in stopping the activities of treasure-hunters who dig without permission (in particular on public land). Do not be afraid to report such instances to the police, the local museum or your local authority. The past they are digging up, stealing and destroying is yours and ours, not theirs!

Mike Ponsford, Field Archaeologist at the City Museum, Bristol, has sent us the above note, and at the same time we have heard that Rob Iles (Avon County Planning Department, tel. Bristol 290777 ext. 530) is building up a list of occurrences when people are seen using metal detectors, so if you come across someone using one, let Rob have the details. All such sightings will be passed on to the organisers of the S.T.O.P. campaign.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

Following the appointment in the Geography Department of Bristol University of an environmentalist, Dr. Martin Bell, to service D.O.E. -funded rescue excavations in the South West, a one day symposium has been planned. In this it is hoped to take stock of current palaeo-environmental research and to identify promising areas for future work. The intention is that it should be a fairly small meeting of field archaeologists and palaeo-environmentalists who are actively working in the South West. It will take place on Saturday 1st November, in the University of Bristol. Anyone with a particular interest is invited to contact Martin Bell in the Department of Geography for details.

Martin Bell will also be speaking on environmental archaeology on Wednesday, 7th January 1981, at 6.00 p.m. in the Bristol University Department of Extra-Mural Studies (entrance fee 60p). This is one of ten meetings in a series entitled The New Archaeologies, which the E.M. Department is running. The lectures can be attended singly, or subscribed to as a whole. The first four are included in our current diary, and the whole series seems likely to be extremely interesting.

MONUMENTS MONITORED

The Ancient Monuments Board welcomes recommendations for inclusion the list of scheduled ancient monuments. Secretaries of local societies should soon receive (if they have not done so already) a copy of the list of such sites for Avon. Any inconsistencies or omissions should be passed on to the Secretary of the A.A.C., who will make sure they are forwarded to the D.O.E. Any enquiries about what can or cannot be designated an ancient monument can be put to Rob Iles (Avon County Planning Department, tel. Bristol 290777 ext. 530).

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETIES....

Several members of the Newton St. Loe and Corston Local History Society are working on the history of Corston village and its church. They report that they have recently been able to push the date of Corston Church back 100 years, by finding a reference to a manumission (purchase of freedom) by a man who lived at the glebe in the time of the Conqueror. Derek Richards (Dryleaze, Bath Road, Corston) would be very pleased to hear of any other documents, books or letters with information about Corston that you might find.

The Secretary of Almondsbury Local History Society tells us that it is hoped to start a working group on local records, probably first meeting this October. Anyone interested is invited to contact Dr. A.G. Warner, tel. Thornbury 413304.

Bristol Archaeological Research Group have just produced the first number of their new format publication. Entitled the BARG Review it replaces the former Bulletin, and will be issued annually. It is also to be sold separately to subscriptions at 75p a copy, or if ten or more are bought, at 50p a copy. The new size is A4, the present first issue contains 60 pages and numerous line drawings. Articles contained in this issue are: "The Development of Roof Types in North Avon and South Gloucestershire" (Linda Hall), "The Grange, High Street, Portishead" (R.G. Gilson and E.H.D. Williams), "A Summary Report of Excavations at Tower Lane, Bristol .." (Eric Boore), "Neolithic Implements from Sandpit Hole, Priddy .." (Brian Hack), "Bristol Boundary Markers - a Supplementary Note" (John Bryant), "Romano-Bristol Pottery from Salmon Lodge, Oldbury on Severn" (M. Green and T.W.J. Solley), "Excavations at Oldbury Camp .. 1978-9" (Rob Iles), "The Mystery of the Ancient Bronze Figures from Aust Cliff" (David Dawson), "Keynsham Parish Checklist" (Pauline Balsey), plus three book reviews and an editorial.

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Ian Lillington has sent, on behalf of The Malago Society, the following report of their recent activities: "In early September we ran a coach to the 'Yesterday's Farming' show at the Bath and West showground. It was a very worthwhile trip, with horse-ploughing, steam engines driving threshing machines, shire horses in full glory, and a vast range of old farming and household implements. There were displays of country crafts, bands playing, and morris dancers. The show takes place every September, and has such a friendly atmosphere that it seems better every year.

Nearer to home, we recently had a "Bishopsworth Manor open afternoon" when Mr. and Mrs Bristow kindly allowed members of the Society to come and look around the manor. Over 100 people had guided tours during the day, and the event was very successful".

The Malago Society has published a local autobiography, Mark - My Words: Memories of a Bishopsworth Man by Mr. Mark Simmons. (35p from Malago Publications, c/o 23 Grange Road, Bishopsworth, Bristol, BS13 8LE, or from Bishopsworth Library). The illustrated booklet is written in anecdotal form, providing fascinating glimpses of Bishopsworth in the early years of this century. We look forward to the further instalments the author promises us! The attractive cover is from a drawing by Anton Bantock and shows the village as it was when Mr. Simmons was a boy.

Dr. and Mrs Hilliard remind us that Batheaston Museum of local village life is open on the second Sunday of every month, 3.00 - 6.00 p.m. Refreshments are available and there is no admission fee. Groups can accommodated at other times by appointment (Batheaston House, 290 High Street, Batheaston BA1 7RA, tel. Bath 858106).

Meetings of the Frampton Cotterell and District Local History Society, which has no formal programme, are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month. Details can be obtained from Mr. or Mrs C.J. Spittal, 162 Church Road, Frampton Cotterell (tel. Winterbourne 773158).

The Downend Local History Society have produced an illustrated booklet about the riding school at Downend. Mrs Peris Jones, the secretary of the Society contributes a short note about the school below. Copies of the booklet are available from her at 77 Fouracre Road, Downend; price 20p, plus postage. Don't forget that the Downend Society are hosting the joint A.L.H.A. and A.A.C. 'Animal Vegetable and Mineral' evening on the 15th November (see diary) and that this promises to be very entertaining (surprise or puzzling objects welcome, but in advance please). Don't forget, also, that on the same day, the Keynsham Archaeological Society are acting as hosts for the A.A.C. Symposium (in the morning and afternoon - also see diary) so be sure to put a red star against the 15th in your diary!

THE RIDING SCHOOL, CLEEVE HILL, DOWNEND

A dictionary of architecture published in 1887 defines a riding school as a "place for teaching riding or exercising horses". It goes on to say that ideally the building should be rectangular, the length three times the breadth, and with a gallery on the inside "to admit of the inspection of the riders and for the spectators". At some riding schools professional horsemen, the cavalry, were trained, but from the 18th century (or earlier possibly) private riding schools were built for the exclusive use of members of a family, their guests and their friends.

The Cleeve Hill riding school at Downend was a building of this sort, built in the 19th century by the Cave family, Bristol Bankers and Merchant Venturers. Their home in Downend called "Cleeve Hill" was demolished in the 1930's, but the outbuildings associated with it (including a barn, tack room, coach houses, living accommodation for the family coachman, and the riding school) survive as a group of Grade II listing buildings.

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The riding school, built of local pennant stone, has a slate roof which originally had a central lantern light. The Royal Commission on Historic Monuments is of the opinion that the building may be unique because of its shape; other private covered riding schools that survive are rectangular, whereas the one in Downend is octagonal on the outside and circular within, having a diameter of over 40 feet. The corbels supporting the roof timbers are set at about 16 foot from the ground. Two gothic-style doorways with their original studded doors survive and where a third doorway was built to give access to the coachman's adjoining living accommodation, the wall is found to be 4 foot thick. (Our thanks to Mrs Peris Jones, the Downend Society for this note).

SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING....

.. might be Woodspring Museum's recently published booklet on Worlebury Hill - fort, compiled by Jane Evans; this traces the story of Worle Hill from 3,500 B.C. to the 19th century... Or you might like to try the same museum's delightful selection of watercolours and drawings in Weston-super-Mare: an Anthology in Words and Pictures, records made by 19th century visitors to the small seaside resort...

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Issue no. 3 of our own journal will also be out in good time for Christmas reading, we hope. The editors would be very glad to hear of anyone who can help with sales to fellow members of societies, friends and family! If you are a teacher, does your school library subscribe? Is there a copy in your branch of the County Library system?

We also hope to include a correspondence column in the next issue, as well as a section featuring the work of local groups. If you have a burning (or even just smouldering) issue you would like to debate in print; or would like to supply a note (for which you would like a rather more permanent home than if it were to go in the Newsletter) about any of your, or your society's projects, we would be very glad to hear from you (copy date for the next issue absolutely by the 9th October!). All communications to the editors or the A.L.H.A. Secretary:

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D I A R Y

October - December

If your society's dates aren't here, it's because we haven't received your programme. The next Newsletter will cover events in January - March and the copy deadline is December 1st - so, if your spring programme is available, why not send us one now?

This Autumn the University of Bristol's Department of Extra-Mural Studies has planned local history and archaeology courses in Banwell, Bath, Bristol, Clevedon, Frenchay, Keynsham, Pucklechurch, Radstock, Sandford and Ubley. We can only include day and weekend courses in our diary, as the others are so numerous. Full details are obtainable from the Department, 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol, BS8 1HR (tel. 24161 ext. 777 or 686). Likewise details of the courses run by many other bodies in the area can be obtained from their own literature, or

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from your local library.

We can give advance notice here of a course being run jointly by the A.A.C. and the University of Bristol entitled Field Archaeology. It will consist of ten meetings on Tuesdays, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. at Soundwell Technical College, Kingswood; starting 6th January 1981. In connection with the course it is hoped to form a group to work on the archaeology of the Kingswood by-pass. Further details from M. Aston (Extra-Mural Department as before).

We can also welcome a new venture offered by Bristol Polytechnic: a part-time M.A. course in History. This is a three year C.N.A.A. evening course beginning January 1981. It offers graduates a core course in Theory and Practice of History and a choice of one special subject (e.g. working class history 1850-1914). Further information can be obtained from the Admission Officer, Bristol Polytechnic, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1Q7 (tel. 656261).

Please note that in the Diary below, most meetings are open to visitors, but there may be a small charge made).

OCTOBER

- 1 - 25 Gallery, 35 King Street, Bristol: BRUNEL EXHIBITION, concentrating on his work in the Bristol area and including photographs, early engravings and his diaries. 10 a.m.-7.30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 12.30-7.30 p.m. Saturday.
- 1 Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society: THE SOMERSET AND DORSET LIGHT RAILWAY - THE LAST PUFF; Film made by Philip Fowler, 7.15 p.m., Lecture Theatre, Bath Technical College (New Building).
- 2 Chew Valley Local History Society: THE STORY OF THE SMYTHES, CONTINUED, by Anton Bantock. 8 p.m. Club Room, Bear and Swan.
- 7 Downend Local History Society: FARM LIVESTOCK SINCE ROMAN TIMES, by George Young. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
8. Bath Museums Service: BATH: THE BLADUD MYTH, by Bob Stewart, 1.10 p.m., Concert Room, Pump Room, Bath.
- 9 City Museum, Bristol: RECENT ACCESSIONS, Georgina Plowright, 1.15 p.m.
- 10 Banwell Society of Archaeology: OLIVER CROMHALL, Professor P. McGrath, 7.30 p.m., Village Hall.
- 10 Batheaston Society: BATH AFTER THE ROMANS, Tim O'Leary, 7.30 p.m. Methodist Hall, Batheaston.
- 13 Marshfield and District Local History Society; WILLS, Colin Chapman, 7.30 p.m., The Legion Hall.
- 13 Almondsbury Local History Society: MEMBERS' EVENING (a display of material and work in progress). 7.30 p.m., Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury.
- 13 Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society - Bristol Section: THE ELEANOR CROSSES: THEIR ARCHITECTURAL AND ARTISTIC SIGNIFICANCE, by M.J.H. Liversidge, 5.45 p.m., Schools Room, City Museum, Bristol.
- 15 Bath Museums Service: BATH: EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE BATHS, by Sam Hunt. 1.10 p.m., Concert Room, Pump Room, Bath.
- 16 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: TOWNS IN ROMAN BRITAIN, by James Russell. 7.30 p.m. Conference Room, Bristol City Museum (Coffee 7.00).
- 17 Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society: VICTORIAN BATH - THE AVON STREET LODGING HOUSE SCANDAL, by Graham Davis. 7.30 p.m. Ellsbridge House, Bath Road, Keynsham.
- 17 - 19 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: PUBLIC DISORDER AND POPULAR PROTEST IN THE WEST COUNTRY, a residential weekend. Further details from the Director, Dillington House College, Nr. Ilminster, Somerset.

- 18 Folk House Archaeological Society: Trip to WELLS and MENDIP. Depart Anchor Road 9.00 a.m. by members' cars.
- 20 Bristol & Avon Family History Society: NON CONFORMIST RECORDS, by Don Steel. 7.30 p.m., Folk House, Bristol.
- 21 Downend Local History Society: RURAL HOUSES OF NORTH AVON AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE (1400-1720), an illustrated talk by Mrs Linda Hall, whose book is about to be published. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
- 21 Malago Society: LOCAL SHOPS, by children of the Malago Archives Committee (and friends!), 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth.
- 21 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society: QUAKERS IN SOMERSET IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, by S.C. Morland. 7.00 p.m., Woodspring Museum, Burlington Street, Weston.
- 22 Bath Museums Service: LIFE IN BATH DURING THE CIVIL WAR, by John Wroughton. 1.10 p.m. Concert Room, Pump Room, Bath.
- 23 City Museum, Bristol: RECENT EXCAVATIONS, Mike Ponsford, 1.15 p.m.
- 25 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: EIGHTEENTH CENTURY COSTUME AND MATERIALS, a day course at the Costume Research Centre, Bath. Further details from the Staff Tutor in Local History.
- 27 Bathford Local History Society: AGM, at which some of its records will be displayed. 8.00 p.m. at The Parish Room.
- 27 Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society - Bristol Section: AERIAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE COTSWOLDS, by J.E. Hancock. 5.45 p.m., Schools Room, City Museum, Bristol.
- 29 Bath Museums Service: SAXON BATH, by Tim O'Leary. 1.10 p.m. Concert Room, Pump Room, Bath.
- 29 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY, by M.A. Aston, 6.00 p.m. 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 30 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society: THE GOLDEN AGE OF BEDE, by Rev. H. Saxby. 7.30 p.m., Community Centre, Clevedon.
- 31 Folk House: BRISTOL IN THE 20's, an illustrated talk by Reece Winstone. 8.00 p.m. 75p.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Bristol Archaeological Research Group, Coach trip: THE NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM, GREENWICH. Contact Bristol City Museum (299&1) for details.
- 4 Downend Local History Society: TWO DAYS IN 1940, by John Penney, on the air attacks on Filton on 25 and 27 September 1940 (complete with sound effects). 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
- 5 Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society: KING HENRY VIII's MARY ROSE, by Alf Webb. 7.15 p.m. Lecture Theatre, Bath Technical College (New Building).
- 5 Bath Museums Service: BATH: A CATHEDRAL CITY, by Tim O'Leary. 1.10 p.m., Concert Room, Pump Room, Bath.
- 6 City Museum, Bristol: ANCIENT GLASS, Mike Thomas, 1.15 p.m.
- 6 Chew Valley Local History Society: THE BLACK DEATH, by Professor Bruce Perry. 8.00 p.m., Club Room, Bear and Swan.
- 8 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: CURRENT WORK ON LOCAL HISTORY IN THE BRISTOL AREA, a day course. Further details from Staff Tutor in Local History.

- 8 Folk House Archaeological Society: Afternoon tour of BRISTOL. Meet outside Theatre Royal at 2.00 p.m.
- 10 Almondsbury Local History Society: HISTORY OF THE LONDON LIVERY COMPANIES, by Edward Barnes. 7.30 p.m. Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury.
- 10 Marshfield & District Local History Society: PRE-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN THE LOCAL AREA, by Leslie V. Grinsell, 7.30 p.m. Legion Hall.
- 10 Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society - Bristol Section: BRISTOL AND THE FIRST CIVIL WAR, by Professor P. McGrath. 5.45 p.m., Schools Room, City Museum, Bristol.
- 12 Bath Museums Service: ARCHITECTURE OF PRE-GEORGIAN BATH, by Stephen Bird, 1.10 p.m., Concert Room, Pump Room, Bath.
- 12 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: AERIAL SURVEY OF EXMOOR, Richard Macdonnell. 7.30 p.m. Schools Room, Bristol City Museum (Coffee 7.00).
- 12 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY, by Dr. Peter Fowler. 6.00 p.m. 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 14 Banwell Society of Archaeology: SOMERSET TRACKWAYS, by B. Orme. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.
- 14 Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society: CURRENT EXCAVATIONS IN BATH, a lecture with slides by Simon Hunt. 7.30 p.m. Ellsbridge House, Bath Road, Keynsham.

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AAC/ALHA: ANIMAL, VEGETABLE AND MINERAL EVENING, hosted by Downend Local History Society, 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, (car-park Rockland Road), Downend. Refreshments will be served. Would Society Secretaries please let Mrs P. Jones (tel. 561633) know how many of their members will be coming and also what objects they would like to present to the experts for comment. (Slides acceptable if objects cannot be brought to meeting). It would be a help if objects could be sent beforehand if possible.

Admission by ticket 75p inc. refreshments from Mr. R. Howlett, 3 Mangotsfield Road, Mangotsfield (565993), or at the door.

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AAC Symposium at KEYNSHAM, in association with Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society. Walk round Keynsham in the morning - meet at 11 a.m. at entrance to Fry's Factory, Station Road (10 a.m. for those wishing to see the Roman Museum at Fry's).

The afternoon session (2.15 to 6 p.m. at the Key Centre, Charlton Road) will include a number of speakers on different aspects of Keynsham's history. Tickets 75p (including tea) from Mrs B.S. Trude, 17 Westfield Close, Keynsham, Bristol.

- 17 Bristol & Avon Family History Society: HERALDRY CAN BE UNDERSTOOD, by Colin Chapman. 7.30 p.m., Folk House, Bristol.
- 18 Downend Local History Society: ICE HOUSES, by Geoffrey Locke, 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
- 18 Malago Society: AUSTRALIA by Anton Bantock. 35p, in aid of the restoration of Ashton Court Gatehouse. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth. 7.30 p.m.
- 18 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society: AVON WILDLIFE TRUST, by Dr. C. Wood. 7.00 p.m. Woodspring Museum.
- 19 Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society: AGM. 7.30 p.m., Number 1, Bennett Street, Bath.
- 20 City Museum, Bristol: HISTORY OF BRITISH TRADE UNIONISM, John Griffin. 1.15pm.
- 24 Bathford Local History Society: BATH STONE, an illustrated talk by R.M. Ogston and R.H. Muray-Jones. 7.30 for 8.00 p.m., Parish Room.
- 25 Malago Society: Illustrated talk on the RESTORATION OF ASHTON COURT MANSION by Steven MacFarlane, the architect. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth, 7.30 p.m.
- 26 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY, by Brian Hopley, 6.00 p.m. 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 26 Freshford and District Society: MEMBERS EVENING, 7.30 p.m. Freshford Memorial Hall.
- 27 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society: RECENT WORK IN THE ARCHAEOLOGY DEPT. OF BRISTOL CITY MUSEUM, by Georgina Plowright, 7.30 p.m., Community Centre, Clevedon.

DECEMBER

- 1 University of Bristol/Bristol Archaeological Research Group: GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE CELTIC/HALLSTATT PERIOD IN CENTRAL EUROPE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MINING, Prof. Karl Kromer, Dept of Prehistory, University of Innsbruck, Wills Memorial Building, Bristol, Room 28, 7.30 p.m.
- 2 Downend Local History Society: AGM and Social Evening, Lincombe Barn, 7.30.
- 3 Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society: ARCHAEOLOGY OF MEDIEVAL BRISTOL, by M.W. Ponsford. 7.15 p.m., Lecture Theatre, Bath Technical College (New Building).
- 4 Chew Valley Local History Society: MENDIP MINES, by J.V. Harris, 8.00 p.m., Club Room, Bear and Swan.
- 6 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: CURRENT WORK IN NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY, a day course at the University of Bristol.
- 6 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: GLOUCESTERSHIRE DESERTED VILLAGES, a day school at Grinium Museum, Cirencester.
- 6 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: THE RECORDING OF MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, a day course at Bristol Cathedral.
- 6 Folk House Archaeological Society: BEDMINSTER, by Anton Bantock, 3.00 p.m., Folk House.
- 8 Marshfield and District Local History Society: THE PENDRAGON SOCIETY, 7.30 p.m. The Legion Hall.
- 9 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society: Members' Christmas Evening - WESTON PAST AND PRESENT, by Mrs J. Bizley, 7.00 p.m. Woodspring Museum.

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- 10 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: FUR AND FEATHER, NORTH AMERICAN ETHNOGRAPHY AND MISSING PREHISTORY, Georgina Plowright, Schools Room, Bristol City Museum, 7.30 p.m. (coffee 7.00 p.m.).
- 10 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY, by Neil Cossons. 6.00 p.m., 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 11 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society: EXCAVATION AT ROCK SHELTER, TICKENHAM, by J. Pullan. 7.30 p.m., Community Centre, Clevedon.
- 12 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society: MEMBERS' MEETING, 7.30 p.m., Ellsbridge House, Bath Road, Keynsham.
- 15 Bristol & Avon Family History Society: RECORD OFFICES AND OTHER SOURCES, by various speakers. 7.30 p.m., Folk House, Bristol.
- 16 Malago Society: CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING, 7.30 p.m., Zion Methodist Hall, Bedminster Down. (Theme "Famous People Through the Ages" - Bristolians preferred).
- 18 City Museum, Bristol: CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS, by Victoria Airey. 1.15 p.m.
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Avon Local History Association: CHRISTMAS SLIDES OF VICTORIAN BRISTOL. Mr. Phillip Gallop will show some of his collection of lantern slides and there will be a quiz on Victorian Bristol. Friday 12th December, 7.30 p.m. at Redland Friends Meeting House, Hampton Road. (Hampton Road runs parallel with Whiteladies Road, and access to the Meeting House is along Redland Park).

This meeting is being organised by the Bristol Visual and Environmental Group, and wine and seasonal refreshments will be available at moderate cost.

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AVON PAST No. 3

If you were present at either of the AAC/ALHA events last November 15th, you were offered the chance of buying a copy of AVON PAST No. 3 wet off the presses (almost)! The editors are pleased to be able to report that this issue was made available on the date previously announced, and that it has been selling briskly ever since.

In case you haven't yet seen a copy, this latest issue of 40 pages contains articles on Avon barrows (L. Grinsell), place-name studies (J. Scherr), an eighteenth-century watercolour of Weston-super-Mare (J. Evans), nineteenth-century nonconformist chapels in Bristol (D. Dawson), and an early balloon ascent from Bristol (M. Crane); not to mention a crossword, cartoon, book reviews, editorial, letter to the editors, illustrations, and a profile of the Clevedon and District Archaeological Society.

Has your local society been selling copies? If not, Lucy Hamid has stocks for distribution (there are still a few copies of AVON PAST Nos. 1 and 2 for those who missed them the first time.) and you can also obtain individual copies from her at Avon Community Council's new address: 209 Redland Road, Bristol 6. Please enclose £1.00 for No. 3, 75p for No. 1 or 2.

Budding authors please note - the copy-date for AVON PAST No. 4 is February 7th 1981. Correspondence, notes of a more permanent nature than would be offered to this Newsletter, material for society profiles, and longer articles are welcomed, for No. 5 as well as No. 4. The next issue is expected to include articles on cruck-houses in south Avon, the writing of church and chapel guides, and Kingswood miners, amongst others.

WANTED - MARKETING MANAGER FOR AVON PAST

All the effort put into producing AVON PAST is wasted if it does not reach the public. The future depends on secure retail outlets, not just on subscription copies and individual sales. The Editorial Committee has been hoping that someone from the ranks of AAC would step forward to fill the role - so, if you're between 18 and 81, with a taste for travel and PR/sales/advertising - we'd like to hear from you! ALHA members need not feel excluded from this appeal - but the ALHA has already provided officers to look after advertising revenue and long-term sponsorship, as well as an enormous amount of administrative help from Lucy Hamid - how about it, AAC and affiliated members?

A.A.C. SYMPOSIUM AT KEYNSHAM

The A.A.C. held its bi-annual symposium at Keynsham on Saturday 15th November as guests of the Ksynsham and Saltford Local History Society. For early risers the day started with a visit to the Roman Museum in the gatehouse of Fry's factory, followed by a walk round Keynsham, including a visit to the Society's excavation site at the Abbey. Talks in the afternoon included a new look at the possible existence of St. Keyna by Bob Milner, Barbara Lowe showed slides of the excavation and finds from the Abbey (painfully emphasising the loss that was incurred by the building of the by-pass). Elizabeth White led the audience through an intricate and finely researched detective story showing that the collapse of the Church tower was probably not due to lightening as was claimed, Joan Day gave a competent resume of Keynshams early industries and Mary Fairclough made a horrifying comparison of present day Keynsham with how the village had appeared in early photographs. After an excellent tea, Charles Browne summarised the history of Roman Keynsham. Nicholas Thomas took the chair - he must have had a busy day as the same evening he was on the

A.L.H.A./A.A.C. Animal, Vegetable or Mineral panel event hosted by the Downend Local History Society!

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE OR MINERAL?

Later the same day, over 100 people were entertained at Lincombe Barn, Downend, by a panel of experts who gave us their thoughts on an astonishing variety of objects sent in by local society members. At this joint AAC/ALHA meeting, hosted by Downend Local History Society, Cleo Witt and Nicholas Thomas (City Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol), William Harris (BIAS) and George Young (Downend), were offered 40 or so items for perusal. They ranged from an eighteenth-century flea-catcher to a mole-trap; and from a limelight (for a lantern-slide projector) to a miner's candle-holder. A number of fascinating objects reflected the variety of agricultural and industrial occupations in the area - a lump of window-glass waste, a cheese tester, stone from Siston Common, a farmer's flask... Particularly memorable were a late eighteenth-century vinaigrette/mourning ring, three travelling pen and inkwell sets (from Mr. Bullock's collection of 80 or 90), and a 1904 Edison phonograph, complete with rendering of 'It's a long way to Tipperary'! The hosts provided a generous buffet, including punch, and photographic displays of local interest, to round off an extremely enjoyable evening.

WILLSBRIDGE MILL

Our Newsletter No. 1 (Sept.1979) carried a note about Kingswood District Council's interest in purchasing this mill for community use. Since then a plan for its future has been developed, and the ALHA has been involved in the discussions. The Avon Wildlife Trust is interested in leasing the building and some 16-20 acres from Kingswood D.C., with a view to establishing their regional centre. Their proposals have recently been accepted in principle by Kingswood, subject to access to the mill being improved. The scheme (costing £150,000 altogether) is to set up a nature reserve and study centre to be used by the local community as well as the Avon Wildlife Trust. The Trust is willing to involve local history societies in the project, which will include a library/museum, lecture hall etc. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Mollie Ashley (tel. Bristol 675303) who is acting as liaison officer between the ALHA and the Trust, or from the ALHA's Information Officer, Mr. Jeffrey Spittal (tel. Winterbourne 773158). Mr. Spittal has copies of the papers from Form Structures of King Street, Bristol, giving the proposals for the site. Interested parties should contact him to see these.

AVON INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS TRUST

This new Trust, sponsored by the Bristol Industrial Archaeology Society, has been set up "to preserve whatever may exist in and around the County of Avon in the form of buildings, plant or machinery of particular industrial, historical, architectural or constructional interest". Membership of the Trust is £3.50 per year, and members will receive reports of progress on buildings restored by the Trust, be admitted to the sites, have the opportunity to participate in restoration work, and receive copies of Avon Conservation News. Further details are available from the Hon. Secretary, BIAS, c/o City Museum, Bristol.

SALTFORD BRASS MILL

By coincidence, the first project undertaken by the Avon Industrial Buildings Trust is also the restoration of a mill - Saltford Brass Mill, where there is an almost complete furnace surviving. The Department of Environment says "our Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments considers this site to be most impressively complete and an unusual survivor. The remains are unique, probably in Europe".

The present owner has agreed to lease the historically valuable part of the site to the Trust, in order that the building and watercourses can be restored,

and eventually put to use as a small museum concerned with the history of industry in the Avon valley. Approximately £40,000 is still needed to cover the cost of restoration. An illustrated leaflet outlining the project is available from the Hon. Secretary, BIAS, c/o City Museum, Bristol.

PARISH MAGAZINES

At a recent Day School organised by the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, one lecturer drew attention to the value of parish magazines as source material. She had found a use for them in connection with work on the standard of living of farm workers in nineteenth-century Gloucestershire. Other uses are of course possible - C. of E. school finances and management, or the comments of an incumbents on the 'mores' of his flock, or on his view of his ministry generally, come to mind.

Like mothers-in-law, parish magazines have of course for long been the subject of denigration, and perhaps this insistent sniping has brought many of us to a state of forgetting that they do have real value. Certainly second-hand booksellers believe they do! It might be useful therefore to hear from members who know of the whereabouts of runs of parish magazines in the Avon area, either in private hands or in the custody of the local church. Communication of any such information giving details of dates covered, imperfections in the run and conditions of accessibility would perhaps be of interest.

Jeffrey Spittal (ALHA's Information Officer, who has sent us this note) would be quite happy to collect the information if anyone cares to supply it. He adds that chapel magazines or news-sheets would also be just as interesting to locate. He can be contacted at "The Shielling", 162 Church Road, Frampton Cotterell (tel. 93 773158).

APPEAL FOR SPEAKERS

Lucy Hamid has a note of a few names of speakers on topics of local interest. As she receives enquiries from society secretaries planning future programmes, she thought it would be useful to build up a comprehensive list of such speakers. If you are interested in putting yourself on the list, or know of a name/names to suggest, please contact her at 209 Redland Road (tel. Bristol 36822). Details required are: topic(s) of lectures, whether illustrated, and fee (if required), as well as name and address, of course.

QUERY

Does anyone know when and where the term 'smetham' or 'smitham' (meaning poorer lead ore after it has been broken down and washed) was first used on the Mendips? It is found in the Derbyshire lead mining area from the sixteenth-century, but the enquirer, who is working on geographical aspects of nineteenth-century lead-working in the Mendips, would like to know whence it originated. Anyone who can help is invited to contact Jennifer Scherr (tel. Bristol 24161 ext 433 (day) or 39053 (evening)).

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETIES

Mrs Mavis Weare and Mrs Marylyn White, members of the Downdend Local History Society, have recently completed a transcription of all the monumental inscriptions in the village of Mangotsfield. These include the inscriptions on gravestones in St. James' churchyard and those in the ground around the Old School, Mangotsfield (at the junction of Richmond Road and St. James' Street), the inscriptions within St. James' Church, and those on the Mangotsfield War Memorial.

Copies of their work will be deposited with Rev. John Morgan, Vicar of Mangotsfield and with the Bristol and Avon Family History Society.

Mrs Peris Jones is retiring as Secretary of the Downend Local History Society, and as from January 1981, Mr. Reg Howlett will be taking over (3 Mangotsfield Road, Mangotsfield. Tel. Bristol 565993).

The Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society report that Transactions Vol. XCVII appeared in April 1980 and included articles on the bells of Gloucester cathedral (the Dean of Gloucester), and the Frocester Court Roman villa (second report, H.S. Gracie and E.G. Price). Newsletters have kept members up-to-date with events, and these have included visits to Sezincote, the Forest of Dean with Lydney Park, Flaxley Abbey and Newlands, and very recently a continental tour, of Normandy based at Bayeux. This experiment will doubtless establish a precedent for further travels by the Society. Membership is a figure something over 800. This year's President is Mr. Bernard Ashwell, architect to Gloucester cathedral.

Bathford Local History Society has recently published (in a limited edition) a book, compiled by Commander A.S. Craig, on Some history of St. Swithun's Church, Bathford. The special edition consists of 88 pages, bound in blue buckram, and costs £3.75 (75p postage extra). Copies can be ordered from Cmdr. Craig at Milkwood Cottage, Pump Lane, Bathford, BA1 7RT.

The latest issue of the Banwell Society of Archaeology's annual journal, Search, contains an illustrated account of the Banwell Fire Service, amongst other things. The Service also features in their own museum, opened in an old cottage at 3 Church Street, Banwell, which will be available to visitors once the winter months are over.

The Avon Place- and Field-Name Survey needs more volunteers to collect field-names from the nineteenth-century tithe awards. Places covered so far include Frampton Cotterell, Burnett, Queen Charlton, Compton Dando, Stanton Drew and Bathford. Further details are available from John Moore (tel. Bristol 24161) or Rob Iles (tel. Bristol 290777 ext. 530).

NEW BOOKS NOTED

We should draw your attention to the important survey compiled for CRAAGS by Alan Savile, entitled Archaeological sites in the Avon and Gloucestershire Cotswolds, and published this year at £3.00. 906 sites, from 4000 B.C. to 1500 A.D. are described and analysed. Plough damage is serious on many of the rural sites. Recommendations for preservation, excavation and research are given. (Available from: CRAAGS, The Archaeological Centre, 1 Mark Lane, Bristol 1).

Nailsea and District Local History Society has recently published a booklet on The care of the poor in Nailsea, by J.M. Pullan. The contents, including sample case histories and disbursements, are based on the seventeenth- to early nineteenth-century Overseers Accounts of the Poor Rate (held in Nailsea Public Library). The booklet costs 75p and is available from The Secretary, A.L.H.A., 209 Redland Road, Redland, Bristol BS6 6YU.

A leaflet, illustrated with line drawings, and entitled Past particles of the parish of Publow, by V. Davies, is available for only 10p from the church at Pensford, or from the village post office.

One of our members, Mr. H.J. Vincent, has spotted a newly published book on local philatelic history, Bristol 5th clause and penny posts, 1793-1800, by I.M. Warn. It covers the development of postal services during the years mentioned in an area from Thornbury to Weston-super-Mare, and is published by the Postal History Society and the Bristol Philatelic Society (c/o 9 Christmas Steps, Bristol).

Those confused by the many boundary changes in our area (and others) can now turn to an astonishingly detailed guide, which analyses every ecclesiastical and civil parish, and every parliamentary constituency, giving dates and sources of further information. This is F.A. Young's Guide to the local administrative units of England, Vol. I: Southern England. (Royal Historical Society, 1980, £15.00).

J.M. Coles and Bryone Orme, who for nearly the last decade have been excavating the prehistoric trackways that used to cross the Somerset levels, have now written a summary of their work (a useful companion to the Somerset Levels Papers) entitled Prehistory of the Somerset Levels. This is a readable, informative account which we hope to review in AVON PAST shortly. (Available from the Somerset Levels Project, at the Department of Archaeology, University of Exeter, price £1.00 +p&p).

We were interested to see that the Gloucestershire Community Council is now producing a local history newsletter (No. 1, Autumn 1980), which will be published twice a year to coincide with their Local History Bulletin. The Editor of their Newsletter is Steven Blake, The Art Gallery and Museum, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, Glos. (tel. Cheltenham 37431). One longer note is on the proposed Cotswold Countryside Collection at Northleach. The Local History Bulletin is also available, for £1.00 p.a., from the Assistant Director, Gloucestershire Community Council, Community House, 15 College Green, Gloucester.

S.T.O.P. CAMPAIGN

The Stop Taking Our Past campaign which started on 12th March this year can report a notable success in obtaining the support of some 25 major public and land-holding bodies, which have come out with statements supporting the aims of STOP. Included amongst these are the Associations respectively for County Councils, District Councils and Metropolitan Authorities; the National Trust, The British Tourist Board and the Council for Nature, a number of these having carried out their own independent surveys. Anybody interested in literature, badges or in helping in this campaign to protect archaeological sites from damage by treasure hunters (or by anybody!) please write to STOP, Council for British Archaeology, 112 Kennington Road, London. SE11 6RE.

TWO FINAL REMINDERS...

The copy date for the next Newsletter is March 7th ...
and the Avon Community Council's new address is 209 Redland Road, Bristol.

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D I A R Y

January - March

There are a number of spring-time courses starting in January and run by the various adult education institutions. As usual, we only have space to include those day and weekend courses noted. Anyone who read the item on Somerset place-names in Newsletter No.5, and thought they were too late to join the group, is invited to register for the new course of ten meetings starting in the University Library on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6.00 p.m. Further details from the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol BS8 1HR (tel. Bristol 24161)

JANUARY - MARCH

- JANUARY
- City Museum, Bristol - Archives Display Case (Bristol Record Office): ST. JAMES': BRISTOL'S PRIORY CHURCH.
- 2 Mendip Society: VISIT TO UBLEY TROUT HATCHERY (NGR 531 591) 10.30 a.m.
- 3 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society: NEW YEAR PARTY. 7.30 p.m., Community Centre, Clevedon.

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- City Museum, Bristol: TREASURES OF THE SCIENCE MUSEUM, Area Museum Council Exhibition.

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- 6 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY, 10 weekly meetings (starting today) at Soundwell Technical College.
- 7 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY, by Martin Bell, 6Op. 6.00 p.m., 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 7 Kingswood & District History Society: PAGANS AND WITCHES; illustrated talk by Mr. I. H. Dearnley. 7.15 p.m. Kingswood Community Centre.
- 8 Chew Valley Local History Society: INN SIGNS, by Mr. David Fisher; 8 p.m., Club Room, Bear and Swan.
- 9 Sodbury & District Historical Society: SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE IN THE CIVIL WAR; by J. P. Lynch. 7.30 p.m. Old Grammar School, Chipping Sodbury.
- 10 Folk House Archaeological Club: DINNER (Apply/^{to}Secretary). Avon Gorge Hotel.
- 12 Almondsbury Local History Society: THE BUILDING OF THE SEVERN BRIDGE, by Mr. Bob MacDonald. 7.30 p.m. Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury.
- 14 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: PARISH SURVEYS AND SETTLEMENT HISTORY, by M. Aston. 7.30 p.m. City Museum, Bristol.
- 15 City Museum, Bristol: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF WELLS CATHEDRAL - ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND, by Dr. W. J. Rodwell. 7.30 p.m. Large Engineering Lecture Theatre, Queen's Building, University Walk.
- 16 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society: CHEWTON KEYNSHAM - A HISTORICAL SURVEY, by Elizabeth White. 7.30 p.m., Ellsbridge House, Bath Road.
- 17 - 18 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE. Non-residential weekend at Gloucester College of Education. £6.00 Further details from M. Aston in the Department.

- 19 Bristol & Avon Family History Society: PROJECTS EVENING, with John Scoltock. 7.30 p.m. Folk House.
- 20 Downend Local History Society: SIR ROY FREEDON AND B.A.C. ENGINE DIVISION, an illustrated talk by J. A. Bartlett, 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
- 20 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society: HISTORY OF CHILDREN'S COMICS, by Mr. Brian Walker, 7.00 p.m. Woodspring Museum.
- 21 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY, by Dr. A. J. Parker. 6Op. 6.00 p.m. 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 21 Frampton Cotterell & District Local History Society. (Further details from Mrs M. Hollow, 24 Frampton End Road, Frampton Cotterell. Tel. Winterbourne 774418). 7.30 p.m. "Golden Lion", Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell.
- 22 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: REDCLIFFE STREET EXCAVATIONS, by B. Williams. 7.30 p.m. City Museum, Bristol.
- 22 Chew Valley Local History Society: SOCIAL EVENING. 8.00 p.m. Club Room, Bear and Swan.
- 23 Historical Association - Bristol Branch: FRANZ JOSEPH AND THE END OF THE HAPSBURG MONARCHY, by Mr. J. Leslie. 7.00 p.m. Sixth Form Centre, Bristol Grammar School.
- 26 Bathford Local History Society: THE NORTHEY FAMILY OF BOX, by Capt. A. P. W. Northey. 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Parish Rooms, Bathford.
- 27 Malago Society: A.G.M. and 'BEAT THE PANEL'. Please look out any unusual objects which could be identified by our 'experts'. 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth.
- 28 Freshford & District Local History Society: QUAKERS IN WILTSHIRE, by Mr. Fassridge. 7.30 p.m. Freshford Memorial Hall.
- 28 Mendip Society: BYGONE WINSCOMBE, an illustrated talk by Mr. G. Rodway. 7.30 p.m. St. James' Parish Hall, Winscombe.
- 29 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society: ULEY ROMAN TEMPLE EXCAVATIONS by Peter Leach. 7.30 p.m. Community Centre, Clevedon.
- 31 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: SYMPOSIUM OF MEMBERS' WORK, 2.15 p.m. City Museum, Bristol.

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City Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol: MR. BRAIKENRIDGE'S BRISLINGTON, an exhibition celebrating the purchase of over one-hundred views of Brislington in the 1820s.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Downend Local History Society: REMEMBER THE POOR - a talk on 18th century paupers, based on a study of Vestry Minutes by members of the Society. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
- 4 Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society: WATER MILLS by Owen Ward. 7.15 p.m. Lecture Theatre, Bath Technical College (new building).
- 4 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: EXPERIMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY, by Dr. Peter Reynolds 6Op. 6.00 p.m. 32 Tyndalls Park Road, Bristol.
- 4 Kingswood & District History Society: THE UNDERGROUND MEN OF KINGSWOOD -- 300 YEARS OF KINGSWOOD COALMINING FAMILIES, by Mrs D. Lindegaard, 7.15 p.m. Kingswood Community Centre.

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- 5 Chew Valley Local History Society: PARISH CHURCHES OF SOMERSET, by Mr. Roger Ashley. 8.00 p.m., Club Room, Bear and Swan.
- 7 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK AT WELLS, a one-day school, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., at The Teachers' Centre, Wells, £4.00. Further details from M. Aston in the Department.
- 9 Almondsbury Local History Society: SOCIAL EVENING, 7.30 p.m. Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury.
- 11 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: THE DEVELOPMENT OF BRISTOL CASTLE, by M. Ponsford. 7.30 p.m. City Museum, Bristol.
- 12 Victorian Society (Avon Group): ICE HOUSES, by Mr. G. Locke. Further details from Miss M. B. Giles, 6 St. Andrews Road, Montpelier, BS6 5EH. (Tel. 426784 (evenings), 218775 (day)).
- 13 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society: JASPER TUDOR, UNCLE TO HENRY VII, by M. C. Bird. 7.30 p.m. Ellsbridge House, Bath Road.
- 13 Sodbury & District Historical Society: THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE SOUTH-WEST, by R. Hawkins. 7.30 p.m. Old Grammar School, Chipping Sodbury.
- 14 Folk House Archaeological Club: BAVARIAN CATHEDRALS, Dr. Cottle, 3.00 p.m. Folk House.
- 16 Bristol & Avon Family History Society: MILITARY RECORDS, by Bob Brown. 7.30 p.m. Folk House.
- 17 Downend Local History Society: A TRIP AROUND THE KINGSWOOD AREA, a talk with slides by Mrs Mollie Ashley, 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
- 17 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological Society: THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS, by Mr. John T. Eley. 7.00 p.m. Woodspring Museum.
- 18 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: CHURCH ARCHAEOLOGY, by Dr. Warwick Redwell. 60p. 6.00 p.m. 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 18 Frampton Cotterell & District Local History Society (Further details from Mrs M. Hollow, 24 Frampton End Lane, Frampton Cotterell. Tel. Winterbourne 774418). 7.30 p.m. 24 Frampton End Lane, Frampton Cotterell.
- 19 City Museum, Bristol: THE RECOVERY OF HISTORIC NAVAL AIRCRAFT FROM AROUND THE WORLD, illustrated by a film and slides. Cmdr. D. G. B. White. 7.30 p.m. Large Engineering Lecture Theatre, Queen's Building, University Walk.
- 20 Mendip Society: BIRDS OF THE MID-SOMERSET LEVELS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, by Mr. J. A. McGeuch. 7.30 p.m. St. James' Parish Hall, Winscombe.
- 21 - 22 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY. Non-residential weekend. £7.00 Further details from M. Aston in the Department.
- 23 Bathford Local History Society: BATHFORD, by Mr. Barry Wright, including illustrations from his collection of historic postcards. 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Parish Rooms, Bathford.
- 24 Malago Society: THE VICTORIANS SEEN THROUGH THE MAGIC LANTERN, by Phillip Gallop. 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth.
- 26 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society: DEVELOPMENT OF THE LANDSCAPE, by Mick Aston. 7.30 p.m. Community Centre, Clevedon.
- 27 Historical Association - Bristol Branch: THE REIGN OF EDWARD III AS A WATER SHED IN ENGLISH HISTORY, by Mr. J. Campbell. 7.00 p.m. Sixth Form Centre, Bristol Grammar School.

- 28 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: A.G.M. 2.15 p.m. City Museum, Bristol.

MARCH

- 2 Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society - Bristol Section: NEW EXCAVATIONS IN THE BRONZE AGE CITY OF KNOSSOS, by Professor P. M. Warren. 5.45 p.m. Schools Room, City Museum, Bristol.
- 3 Downend Local History Society: HISTORY OF KEYNSHAM ABBEY, an illustrated talk by Mrs Barbara Lowe. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.
- 4 Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN BRITAIN AND NORTHERN FRANCE 1938-1953. W. K. Wedlake, FSA. 7.15 p.m. Lecture Theatre, Bath Technical College (New Building).
- 4 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGY by Henry Clave. 6Op. 6.00 p.m., 32 Tyndalls Park Road, Bristol.
- 4 Kingswood & District Society: PUBLIC HOUSE TOKENS OF THE LATE 19C, by Mr. John Dumell. 7.15 p.m. Kingswood Community Centre.
- 5 Chew Valley Local History Society: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AS SHOWN BY CHEW MAGNA VESTRY BOOKS, by Mr. Ian Durham. 8.00 p.m. Club Room, Bear and Swan.
- 7 - 8 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF BRISTOL'S BUILDINGS. Non-residential weekend. £6.00. Further details from M. Aston of the Department.
- 11 Bristol Archaeological Research Group: VALLEY SEDIMENTS AND PRE-HISTORIC LAND-USE, by Dr. M. Bell. 7.30 p.m. City Museum, Bristol.
- 12 Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society - Bristol Section: LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY, by M. Aston. 5.45 p.m. School Rooms, City Museum, Bristol.
- 12 City Museum, Bristol: THE PLIOSAUR FROM WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE: A MARINE BEAST OF 150 MILLION YEARS AGO, by Dr. M. Crane. 7.30 p.m. Large Engineering Lecture Theatre, Queen's Building, University Walk, Bristol.
- 13 Historical Association - Bristol Branch: THE CARDINAL DE RETZ AND THE ORGANISATION OF THE FRONDE, by Dr. C. Jones. 7.00 p.m. Sixth Form Centre, Bristol Grammar School.
- 13 Keynsham & District Local History Society: A.G.M. followed by KEYNSHAM AS REVEALED BY THE 1851 CENSUS: by Bob Milner. 7.30 p.m. Ellsbridge House, Bath Road.
- 13 Sodbury & District Historical Society: THE ERMINE STREET GUARD, an illustrated talk on the Roman Army in South Gloucestershire and Somerset. 7.30 p.m. Old Grammar School, Chipping Sodbury.
- 13 - 15 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: FARMS AND FARMHOUSES, Residential weekend at Urchfont Manor, nr. Devizes, Wilts. Further details from the Warden.
- 14 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF GARDENS. A day-school at Bath Technical College. £3.00. Further details from M. Aston in the Department.
- 16 Almondsbury Local History Society: HENRY GRAY, VICAR OF ALMONDSBURY, 1831-64. Rev. Brian Carne. 7.30 p.m. Old School Hall, Lower Almondsbury.
- 16 Bristol & Avon Family History Society: OPEN EVENING - QUESTION PANEL AND MEMBERS' EVENING. 7.30 p.m. Folk House.
- 17 Downend Local History Society: THE SMYTHE FAMILY OF ASETON COURT, by Mr. A. Bantock. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.

- 17 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological Society: THE HILL FORTS OF SOMERSET, by Dr. Ian Burrow. 7.00 p.m. Woodspring Museum.
- 18 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: ASTRO-ARCHAEOLOGY? by Dr. Ian Burrow. 60p. 6.00 p.m. 32 Tyndall's Park Road, Bristol.
- 18 Frampton Cotterell & District Local History Society. (Further details from Mrs M. Hollow, 24 Frampton End Lane, Frampton Cotterell, tel. Winterbourne 774418). 7.30 p.m. "New Inn", Mays Hill, Frampton Cotterell.
- 20 - 22 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYING. Residential weekend at Urchfont Manor, nr. Devizes, Wiltshire. Further details from the Warden.
- 20 - 22 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: MEDIEVAL MONASTERIES AND MONASTICISM IN THE WEST COUNTRY. Residential weekend at Dillington House College, nr. Ilminster, Somerset. Further details from the Director.
- 21 Folk House Archaeological Club: A.G.M. followed by members slides and supper. 6.00. Folk House.
- 21 Victorian Society (Avon Group): VISIT TO RADSTOCK AND MIDSOMER NORTON. Further details from Jeffrey Spittal, "The Shielling", 162 Church Road, Frampton Cotterell. BS17 2ND. (Tel. Winterbourne 773158).
- 24 Malago Society: a Malago Archives evening on THE HISTORY OF MINING IN SOUTH BRISTOL. 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth.
- 25 Freshford and District Local History Society: THE HISTORY OF ROADS IN THE AREA, by Mrs Rogers. 7.30 p.m. Freshford Memorial Hall.
- 26 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society: A.G.M. - Chairman Mrs D. Tuck, ARCHAEOLOGY ON HOLIDAY. 7.30 p.m. Community Centre, Clevedon.
- 27 - 29 Department of Extra-Mural Studies: 50 YEARS OF SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGY. Residential weekend course at Dillington House College, nr. Ilminster, Somerset. Further details from the Director.
- 28 Mendip Society: BIRDS ON MENDIP, by Mr. R. J. Prytherch. 2.30 p.m. Coombe Lodge, Blagdon.
- 31 Downend Local History Society: LIFE IN THE AVON STREET DISTRICT OF BATH, by Mr. Graham Davies. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn.

APRIL

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Avon Local History Association: A.G.M. and a talk on CHARLTON VILLAGE. Hosted by Filton Local History Society. 7.30 p.m. Filton Folk Centre.

REMINDER -

Avon Local History Association is planning to hold a Lecture Competition in 1981 (date not fixed) and would like to hear from society or individual members interested in preparing a talk of ten minutes on an historical topic of their choice, which could be supported by visual aids if desired. In response to our first request we received a number of responses, but almost all were from one society!

Please contact the ALHA office (Bristol 36822) if you are interested. Further details will follow!

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INTRODUCING ...

... the new A.A.C. Editor, Pip Jones, who occupies the post of Clerk to the Department of Archaeology and History at the City Museum and holds an M.A. in Egyptology from Cambridge. An (as yet) unpublished author, she follows in the illustrious footsteps of those who have gone before and 'hopes to give satisfaction'. The experimental post of Marketing Manager for Avon Past (for a trial 6-month period) is to be filled by Georgina Flowright, the retiring A.A.C. Editor - who needs no further introduction ! She has a number of ideas about outlets, advertisers and promoters for Avon Past, but she will be looking to you all for assistance and suggestions. We need sales points all over Avon, advertisers again from all over Avon - and more personal subscribers, perhaps even from overseas ? How about sending copies to friends in the U.S.A., Canada or Australia ? Meanwhile, we will pass on any ideas you have to Georgina.

AAC/ALHA Activities

There have been a number of successful meetings and visits since the last Newsletter. The ALHA were shown round Goldney House by Dr. R. Savage; the AAC and the Thornbury Society held a one-day Symposium on 'The House'; Freshford & District Local History Society hosted a day in celebration of the founding of Hinton Priory in 1232 A.D.; and the AAC and ALHA held their respective A.G.M.'s.

The latter, on 16th April, was hosted by the Crockerne, Pill and District Local History Society and attended by about 100 members of various affiliated societies. The retiring Treasurer, Graham Dear, reported that, after a year of ups and downs, ALHA and Avon Past had made a net profit, but that we needed to make economies on postage and stationery wherever possible. It was agreed by the meeting that affiliation subscriptions and those for individuals should be increased. They are therefore now £2.00 p.a. for individuals, £5.00 p.a. for Societies with less than 50 members, and £7.50 p.a. for those Societies with more than 50 members. Graham Dear was thanked for his years as Treasurer, and elected as a Vice-President of the ALHA. Regretably, there was no name proposed for a new Treasurer. The Executive were also seeking more Society representatives (only two nominations had been received). The evening proceeded with a lively and fascinating detective story concerning the Seaman's Institute church in Prince's Hall, Prince Street, Bristol, told by John Rich - and two breaks for wine ! Exhibits were on view from the Clevedon and District Archaeological Society, the Westbury-on-Trym Society, the Mandip Society and the Clevedon Civic Society, as well as the host Society.

The AAC A.G.M., held on 26th May, was quite a contrasting occasion. It was held at the City Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol, and attended by only 13 people (not counting the speaker, Mr. Terry Courtney, the Director of Western Archaeological Trust (formerly CRAAGS), but including the officers of the AAC !). Nevertheless, it was a useful and enjoyable gathering. Nicholas Thomas retired as Chariman, and Vic Hallett took over. Reports were received from Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group, BAARG, the Thornbury Society and the Banwell Archaeological Society.

An important vacant post was still unfilled - that of Hon. Secretary to the AAC - but the meeting was pleased to be able to elect Pip Jones as the new AAC Editor for the Newsletter and Avon Past. Vic Hallett proposed that the AAC consider individual membership, such as is already available for ALHA, in order to encourage numbers and disseminate the Newsletter.

Terry Courtney then outlined the present role of the Western Archaeological Trust, its possibilities and its frustrations. He particularly wanted to make contact with local interested parties (hence his contribution later to this Newsletter). Sudden threats to sites of interest are still dealt with via Avon County Council and local pressure groups, because WAT's funding processes are slow, but he believes WAT should be involved wherever possible. He did nevertheless paint a very depressing picture of the much restricted role of the Trust, now that DOE funds to it are so limited. The meeting ended by adjourning to a nearby public house, where the discussion of matters archaeological continued on a brighter note.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Avon Community Conservation & Environmental Scheme (ACCES) is running an excavation at Marshfield (until the end of September 1982) on a Romano-British site, with possible underlying prehistoric settlement, off the land to West Kington. Although the excavation is primarily part of an M.S.C. funded Community Enterprise Scheme (sponsored by Avon County Council), anyone who wishes to volunteer their help on site will be most welcome - subject to a day's notice. Volunteers are also required on site for finds processing and pot washing, and for further marking, recording and sealing of finds which will be done at St. Phillip's Library, Trinity Road, Bristol. Interested people should contact Kevin and Marion Blockley, or the Finds Supervisor, at St. Phillip's Library (Tel: Bristol 558939).

WESTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

The Trust (formerly CRAAGS) also seeks the help of part-timers in the following spheres of work :

HAZLETON EXCAVATION (GLOS.) A fourth, final season of excavation of the neolithic chambered tomb will run until 25th July 1982, Digging days are Sunday to Thursday inclusive (Friday and Saturday are days off). Part-timers are welcome to turn up whenever they can; even if only for a few hours; work is always available, ranging from barrowing, trowelling and bucketing to finds processing. No experience is necessary. Own transport essential. The site is a mile north of the A40 near Hazleton village, at SP 073189.

ILCHESTER EXCAVATION A small scale excavation of the Northover Roman cemetery is planned for September. Exact dates and days of digging not yet fixed, but contact Terry Courtney, Peter Leach or Sally Smallridge later this summer for final details. Diggers are again welcomed.

'RESCUE' THREAT MONITORING The Trust's Field Officers, the County Archaeological and Field Monument Wardens cannot be in all places at all times, and it is probable that some threats to sites slip through the net. The Trust is anxious to receive any information from local society members about current or potential threats to sites. Obviously, the most limited of threats, e.g. the building of a garage, cannot be considered, but anything more significant could be investigated by the Trust if there is any likelihood of a known site being damaged.

Please ring Terry Courtney at Bristol 291340 if you have any information about site damage. This is one of the most valuable ways in which local archaeologists can oversee the sites in their areas. Rescue organisations such as AAC can only respond to threats if they know about them. We need to know the following basic facts :

- i. The location of the site
- ii. Type of site
- iii. Nature of threat
- iv. Timing of threat

CRICKLEY HILL TRUST

The Crickley Hill Trust is conducting its thirteenth season of excavation from 25th July to 2nd September 1982, from Fridays to Wednesday inclusive. Thursday is the day off. Part-time or weekend help is sought. No experience required. The site is now a Country Park, and you can drive almost as far as the Iron Age ramparts. Helpers should simply turn up on site and ask for Dr. Dixon. Crickley will have an open day with conducted tours in August.

AVON PAST

The Spring 1982 issue, Avon Past 6, has now been sent to all subscribers. It should be available via your local society - or, if you prefer, by post from ALHA, c/o 209 Redland Road, Bristol 6, enclosing a cheque for £1.25 (incl. p & p), made payable to the Avon Local History Association.

The main contents are 'Canon Ellacombe and his Garden', by Jane Coates, 'Around and about in 1910', by Harold Brown, and 'Some memories of an Air Raid Warden', by Jessie Sheppard. Bryan Little has written in to explain the origins of Catherine Farm, Henbury and Magdalen Wood, Westbury-on-Trym (expanding Dr. Cottle's article in the previous issue). The constituent society in the spotlight this time is the Banwell Society of Archaeology (we see they also received a splendid write-up elsewhere recently - 'A Museum's fight for its future', Gloucestershire and Avon Life, May 1982, pp.42-3).

The deadline for the 'Kingswood' issue, No.7, is now 9th August 1982. Most of the articles will have been specially commissioned, in memory of Mrs. Mollie Ashley, by the guest editor, ALHA Chairman John Moore. The planned contents cover medieval Kingswood, archaeology in the area, chapels, the Kingswood colliers, and the shoe industry among other items. As well as an appreciation of Mollie Ashley, there will be profiles of the Downend and Kingswood Societies.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETIES

The Sperry Local History Group became the Temple Local History Group in April 1982 and its change of name and constitution has not in any way impaired its activities. The members have reprinted Bristol Past Revisited in aid of the new group's funds, and they are still interested in Bristol's history in general and the Temple area in particular. Further details can be had from the Chairman, Julian Lea-Jones (Tel: Bristol 421760 - evenings).

The Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society have sent us their journal, Camertonian, No.21 for February 1982, which contains their annual report for 1981. They remind us that the following publications are available :

Excavations at Camerton, Somerset (£5 to members only)

North Somerset Miscellany : contributions to local history and
archaeology 50p

A second North Somerset Miscellany 75p

Further details and information on their activities can be obtained from Miss W.J.N. Underhay Tel: Bath 65774).

Christine Lillington writes :

The Malago Society have had some very interesting speakers since Christmas, including Dr. Bettey on 17th century life in Whitchurch and district; Mrs. Pauline Snow who told us about her own family history, and Mr. Brian Freestone on school records in local history. We have had two talks from our own Anton Bantock, the first when he dug out his 'skeletons' from the family cupboard and told us the history of the Bantocks back to 1315, and the second a 'special' evening about his visit to Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan in 1981, when we raised £50 for the Craig Randall Appeal Fund. The season finished with the May meeting when we presented one of our 'team evenings' on Bishopsworth Manor.

Several Summer activities are being arranged including a return visit to Bishopsworth by members of the Marshfield Local History Society, who entertained us last year; a visit to St. Fagan's Folk Museum and to Gatcombe Court, the site of a Roman villa at Flax Bourton (see article in Malago No.13).

Publications available include Malago No.15, 'Bedminster between the Wars', by L.G. Vear (£1.50) and hopefully, our first paperback, 'The earlier Smyths at Ashton Court' (£2.50). We have also produced mainly for local schoolchildren, but you could try it too, 'The Bishopsworth Village Trail', at 10p a copy, with sketches, a route map, questions and answers. This can be bought at Bishopsworth Library.

BATHFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Being paid the compliment of having one of the more active memberships among local societies, they have received a request from Dr. Geoffrey Beard of the University of Lancaster for volunteers to search records in local public libraries and record offices for information on furniture makers. We all know of Chippendale, Hepplewhite and Sheraton, who were famous London makers, but they were all men who came from the North of England. There were other important makers and Bath and district was very fashionable in the 18th century that surely our local makers deserve to be discovered? If you would like to help with searches for the 'Dictionary of English Furniture Makers, 1660-1840', to be published in 1985, please ask Godfrey Laurence for more information (Tel: 859724).

The Clevedon Civic Society has published 'Clevedon from the Village to the Town': studies in the History of Nineteenth Century Clevedon' (1981) (with illustrations, map, 61 pp.), which we hope to review in a future issue of Avon Past. It costs £1.50 and can be obtained from the Society at 1 Searale Road, Clevedon, Avon, BS21 7QB.

The Marshfield & District Local History Society will be inaugurating a series of annual Codrington lectures to commemorate the successful appeal for purchase of the Codrington Archives. The first is on 13th September 1982 (see Diary).

NEW PUBLICATIONS NOTED

Avon County Council has reissued its leaflet Walking in Avon, which is an invaluable directory of publications on walks and trails. It can be picked up at your local library, and gives publication details, price and availability of town trails and walks as well as those in the countryside. A Grand Tour of Frenchay (Frenchay Preservation Society 1981) By John Lucene, is one the leaflet has missed, probably because it was published too recently. Walking in Avon also contains a summary of guided walks in the area, and those who organise them.

Two most important general works on local history should be highlighted here : Writing local history : a practical guide, by David Dymond (Bedford Square Press, £2.95, 1981) and Sources for English local History BY W.B. Stephens, 2nd Edition (C.U.P., £8.95 1981).

The publishers David & Charles Laure announced A Thesaurus of British archaeology, by Lesley and Roy Adkins (£14.95), which should be a very useful reference book. A more specialised handbook is The archaeology of the English church by Warwick Redwell (Batsford, 1981). For stimulating holiday reading, how about Kenneth Hudson's fascinating study A Social history of archaeology : the British experience (Macmillan, 1981 - £20.00) ?

Returning to more local topics, Brunel has been much in the news. Redcliffe Press, for the Bristol & West Building Society, have published Brunel's Bristol, by Dr. Angus Buchanan and Michael Willaims.

Parish life in 1844 in the Bristol region is covered by Rural rides of the Bristol churchgoer, by Joesph Leach (Alan Sutton, 1982 - £4.95 (pbk.)).

The April 1982 issue of Avon Conservation News gives details of ACCES (see item headed VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED), and contains articles on the archaeology of Dyrham Park, ancient woodlands in Avon, railways in Avon, and the work of landscape gardener Thomas Wright at Badminton, as well as news items on a boundary marker at Brassknocker Hill (Monkton Combe), Weston-super-Mare's plans for Maritime England Year, St. Saviour's vicarage, Coalpit Heath, and an appeal for the preservation of Frenchay Chapel.

DEADLINES

Material for the next Newsletter should be sent in by September 6th 1982, please, and letters to the Editor, or short notes with a Kingswood emphasis, for Avon Past No.7, by 9th August (rather than 6th September as stated in the last Newsletter). All contributions should be sent to the editors :-

Miss Jenny Scherr,
21 Caladonia Place,
Clifton,
Bristol, BS8 4DL.

Miss Pip Jones,
Department of Archaeology,
City Museum & Art Gallery,
Queens Road,
Bristol, BS8 1RL.

: or direct to the ALHA Secretary :-

Mrs. Lucy Hamid,
Secretary, ALHA, c/o 209 Redland Road, Bristol, BS6 6TU.

THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THE P.R.O. AT CHANCERY LANE -
A PLEA TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR

Most readers will know of the proposal to close the P.R.O. at Chancery Lane and to transfer the records held there to Kew, a proposal which has aroused world-wide protest. The following, which sums up most of the objections in appropriate form, was recently written in the Readers Suggestions Book at Chancery Lane, and is reproduced by kind permission of Dr. D. MacCulloch, Librarian of Westbury-on-Trym Wesley College :-

To the Right Honourable the Lord Hailsham of Marylebone, Lord Chancellor of England :

Humbly beseecheth your Lordship's poor orator DIARMID MACCULLOCH that whereas your orator of long time past hath accustomedly used the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane by the City of London for gathering his poor living, being employed in the trade of teaching and writing of histories, and hath gained much profit and store of knowledge thereby to his own great comfort and the instruction and edification of divers and sundry others, PLEASE YOUR GOOD LORDSHIP TO KNOW that divers evil and malicious persons (whose names be to your humble orator unknown) of their malicious and covetous mind, seeking only the destruction of your said poor orator and of all those who do follow his said occupation, have without any manner of right or title entered the same office and do purpose utterly to expel and eject your said orator, surmising falsely and untruly that it will be to his great benefit: and the better to further this their idle, greedy and wicked purpose, they do affirm (by the report of sundry honest and credible persons) that they will take away all goods, records and chattels from out the same office, and take them to a place of great safety at Kew, in her Majesty's county of Surrey, whereas in very deed this same place of Kew is a right perilous place for the custody of the said records, being a most damp, foul and uncomely place, full of perils and inconveniences for the same, and also in a far and remote place in a most rude and barbarous country: whereby your said orator and all who do follow his said trade of writing histories will be utterly undone; howbeit your orator, for lack of deeds on evidences for the same malicious practices, hath no remedy at the Common Law; and whereas your said orator is a very poor and simple young man, not able to live but by his said trade, and the said evil-minded persons be greatly allied and friended; WHEREFORE the several premises tenderly considered, it may please your good Lordship of your wanted goodness to grant out a Commission out of the most honourable Court of Chancery diligently to search out the same scelerous malefactors and to call witnesses to examine the truth, whereby your orator may be relieved, that he may daily pray &c.

(Acknowledgements to North West Kent Family History 2(6) 1982)

ALPHA DATED OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1982 7th July 6th October

1983 26th January 23rd March

27th April 1983 - AGM at Chipping Sodbury Community Centre at
7.30 p.m..

All meetings except the AGM will be held at 209 Redland Road, Bristol 6, at 7.30 p.m.. Agenda and Minutes will not be sent by post beforehand, in order to make economies.

D I A R Y

J U L Y - S E P T E M B E R

Conducted Walks - Bristol

Two separate tours each day until 26th September 1982. Start from outside the Exchange, Corn Street (by the 'Nails') at 11.00 a.m. (the 'Old City Walk'); and at Neptune's statue at the Bridgehead at 2.30 p.m. (the 'Harbour Walk'). There will also be special Maritime Walks every Tuesday in June. These walks start at Neptune's statue at 7.00 p.m. and are based on Bristol's maritime history and achievements. All tours last appr. 1½ hours and are conducted (at a comfortable walking pace) by members of the City of Bristol Corps of Guides. Fee : 50p per head. OAP's and children : 25p payable to the guide at the commencement of the tour.

Mendip Society

Churchill Parish Walks - on the second Saturday in every month from the Clock Tower in Churchill, at 2.30 p.m., led by Mr. A. Livingstone.

Winscombe Walks - on the third Saturday in every month meeting at the Woodborough Arms, Winscombe at 2.30 p.m., led by Mr. H.W.R. Foulkes.

July - September Bristol City Musuem, MARITIME BRISTOL 1982, a display by the Bristol Record Office.

July

3 Mendip Society : EAST MENDIP WALK - ORCHARDLEIGH, BUCKLAND DINHAM. 2.30 pm. Meet Lillington (783519).

5 Temple Local History Group : STREET FURNITURE IN THE CENTRAL CITY AREA, led by Julian Lea-Jones. 7.17 pm. Meet at Corn Exchange, Bristol.

6-18 Clifton Maritime Bristol Fair : WALKS AROUND CLIFTON, (Contact Mrs. Keene, tel: 739166). Also every Sunday, throughout the summer, starting at Christ Church at 3.00 p.m..

July 6 - August 31 Bristol Visual & Environmental Group : FROM THE AVON TO THE NEW WORLDS, an exhibition in All Saints Church, City, Bristol 1. Open weekdays, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m..

7 Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society : LANSDOWN, led by Ted Longhurst. 7.30 p.m.. Meet at the Blathwayt Arms.

7 Woodspring Museum Walk : STOKELEIGH CAMP. Approach from the main A369 (road from Portishead). Take small turning opposite Ashton Park. Meet at 6.30 p.m. at National Trust signboard just outside the car park (grid ref. 553731). Guide : Dr. Richard Harrison.

July 10 -
4 September

Woodspring Museum : OF PROMS & PIERS & DONKEY RIDES, OF CARRIAGES AND THINGS: a special exhibition for Maritime England year about the story of the seaside of Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon and Portishead.

12 Almondabury Village - at Home : GUIDED TOURS OF CHURCH , led by Mr. R. Emanuel. 3.3.0 and 6.30 p.m..

12 Filton Historical Research Group : A BATTLE AT LONGLEAT (1644), will be re-enacted at 2.30 p.m.. Mr. John Lynch of Captain Randall's Company (Bristol) Lord Hopton's Foot, The King's Army, will show members round after the battle at 5.30 p.m..

12 Nailsea Local History Society : NAILSEA COALFIELD, by Mr. A. Bowman. Meet 7.45 p.m. at Nailsea Library.

13 Almondsbury Village - at Home: TOUR OF MANOR HOUSE, GAUNT'S EARTHCOTT, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. St. John Brooks; 12 noon to midnight.

15 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society : SITE OF BRISTOL CASTLE, led by Mike Ponsford. 6.00 p.m.. Clevedon Community Centre. 6.30 p.m.. St. Peter's Church on Castle site (75p).

July 16 -
September 12

Somerset Rural Life Museum (Abbey Farm, Glastonbury): SOMERSET CHURCHES: HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE, a photographic exhibition commissioned by the Somerset County Museums Service.

17 Almondsbury Local History Society : EXHIBITION in the School, 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.. Further details from Tony Warner (tel: Thornbury 413304).

July 17 -
August 21

Bristol City Museum : THE CUSICHACA PROJECT, photographs illustrating archaeological and environmental research in the central Andes of Peru and some Peruvian antiquities from Bristol's collection.

21 Bath & Camerton Archaeological Society : HOLCOMBE CHURCH, near Stratton-on-the-Fosse, led by Bill Wedlake, 7.30 p.m. meet at the Church which is through a farmyard.

21 Bristol City Museum Summer Walk : MARITIME BRISTOL : PAST & PRESENT, led by Paul Elkin and Colin Day. 6.15 p.m. meet in the car park for the S.S. Great Britain.

21 Freshford Local History Society : WITHAM PRIORY, led by Dr. Reid. (Further details from Miss D. Withers, Middlegarth, Wellow Lane, Hinton Charterhouse, Bath, BA3 9AU).

24 Stoke Lodge Archaeology Group : COACH TRIP TO IRONBRIDGE AND DISTRICT. Further details from Mr. J.J. Constant, Trips Organiser, S.L.A.G., 9 Newlands Road, Keynsham, Bristol.

July 26 -
August 14

BAARG : TRAINING DIG at Bickley, Cleeve near Weston-super-Mare. Further details from the Membership Secretary, City Museum, Queens Road, Bristol.

AUGUST

- 4 Woodspring Museum Walk : BACKWELL - CHURCHTOWN, THE OLD VILLAGE, guided by J. Pullan. 6.30 pm meet at the church.
- 14-15 Wells 800 : Wells Lions present The Sealed Knot, who will re-enact the SIEGE OF WELLS on the Palace Fields, Wells.
- 15-30 BAARG : EXCAVATION AT MARSHFIELD (small daily charge for participation). Further details from A.J. Coulson, Hon. Sec., BAARG, c/o Bristol City Museum, Queens Road, Bristol.
- 16-22 Bristol City Museum and all its branches will be open daily (incl. Sunday) 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.. Site hours of the Redcliff Street excavation, daily 12.30 pm, 16th-20th August; half-hourly between 2.00 pm amnd 5.30 pm., 21st-22nd August. Meet at site entrance opposite the end of Thomas Street.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Woodspring Museum Walk : BLEADON - Celtic settlement, mining, etc., guided by Harry Beeby. 6.30 pm meet at the church.
- 9 Chew Valley Local History Society : BISHOPSWORTH MANOR. Prior booking to Mrs. M.L. Durham, 9 Tunbridge Close, Chew Magna, by 6th September 1982.
- 9 Crockerne Pill and District History Society : THE WORK OF THE CONSERVATION OFFICER FOR WOODSPRING DISTRICT COUNCIL, by Miss Brimacombe. 7.30 pm, Community Centre.
- 13 Marshfield Local History Society : 1st ANNUAL CODRINGTON LECTURE, by David J.H. Smither, B.A., County and Diocesan Archivist, Gloucestershire. 7.30 pm meet Legion Hall, Marshfield.
- 13 Nailsea Local History Society : FLAX BOURTON & BACKWELL, By Michael Glasson. 7.45 pm meet at Nailsea Library.
- 15 Bristol City Museum Summer Walk : MERCHANTS AND BANKERS : Trade in Bristol, 1780-1830, led by Cleo Witt and David Dawson. 6.15 pm. meet outside Bank of England, Wine Street/High Street.
- 18 Gloucestershire Community Council : ANNUAL LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE. Speakers will be Dr. O. Rackham, on 'Trees and woodlands in history' and Mr. M. Ashton on 'Landscape archaeology in Gloucestershire'. 2.00 pm, Gloucestershire College of Art & Technology, Oxstalls Lane, Gloucester.

- 18 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society : VISIT
TO ATWORTH MUSEUM (Wilts.). Tour of Museum & village
plus talk and tea. 3.00 pm meet outside village Hall
on Bath - Melksham road.

- 23 Chew Valley Local History Society : BISHOPSWORTH
MANOR. Prior booking by 6th September 1982 to
Mrs. M.L. Durham, 9 Tunbridge Close, Chew Magna.

- 26 Mendip Society : WALK ROUND CHEDDAR, led by Mr.
John Page. 2.30 pm meet in front of St. Andrew's
church, Cheddar.

- 29 Filton Historical Research Group : THE UNDERGROUND
MEN; an illustrated history of the Kingswood
coalfield, by Mrs. P. Lindegaard. 7.30 pm meet at
Leslie Harris Suite, Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park.

OCTOBER

- 30 AAC Symposium at Banwell

NEWSLETTER

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JOINT SYMPOSIUM

The Avon Archaeological Council and the Clevedon & District Archaeological Society will be holding a joint symposium on Saturday 27th October 1984, at the Clevedon Community Centre, Prince's Road, Clevedon. The day starts at 9.45 when you meet for coffee, after which there is a choice of three walks during the morning; a conducted tour of Clevedon Court by Lady Elton, a tour of St. Andrews Norman church, and a guided walk around Victorian Clevedon. Lunch is by your own arrangement.

At 2.00 pm, J.H. Bettey will give a talk on 'Medieval Churches and Church Life', followed at 2.55 pm by David Dawson speaking on 'The Impact of Non-conformity on the Landscape'. Tea is at 3.45 and the main speaker, at 4.15 pm, is Dr. Raleigh Radford, talking about 'The Medieval Church, its appearance and setting'. It is hoped to close after discussion at about 5.30 pm.

It is necessary to book in advance, and forms are obtainable from Bristol City Museum, Queens Road, or Woodspring Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare. Tickets cost £1.50, and it would be advisable to book the morning walk well in advance, especially that around Clevedon Court, as the numbers are limited.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ST. SAVIOURS CHURCH

St. Saviours Church, Coalpit Heath, is 139 years old, and to celebrate there will be an exhibition of Local History and Interest on October 5th, 2.00 - 8.00 pm, October 6th, 10.30 am - 6.00 pm, and October 7th, 2.00 - 5.00 pm. A small admission charge will be made and refreshments will be available.

The church, the setting of the exhibition, was the first Anglican church built to the design of the famous Victorian architect, William Butterfield (1814-1900), and is regarded as a fine example of the early Decorated style. The exhibition also touches on local facets, such as coal mining (of course !), hat making, local buildings, schools, and the contribution of the Lords of the Manor. Visitors are most welcome and will find this a most enjoyable event.

THE MENDIP SOCIETY WALKS

Although the Diary mentions some of the walks and talks of the Mendip Society this autumn, there are many other walks, from Churchill, Winscombe and Sandford Batch, which take in not only the local history but the wealth of wildlife that abounds in the region. Mostly in the afternoon, these walks are fine at any time of year, with each season giving new emphasis to the beauties of the countryside. Details of these walks can be got from the Mendip Society, or by telephoning the Secretary, Mr. Richmond, on Winscombe 3103.

COMPETITION TIME

You'll have to hurry if you want to enter this one. The British Association for Local History is running two competitions, one for schools, and one for local history societies/groups in the United Kingdom. The latter requires that, by 31st December 1984, the group submit an entry in the form of slides and tapes which show the activities undertaken over a 12-month period 1983/4. Entries should go to the B.A.L.H. at their new address, at The Manager's House, Cromford Mill, Cromford, nr. Matlock, Derbyshire.

If you're a little late for this one, the Wiltshire Library and Museum Service, in conjunction with Lloyds Bank, are holding a competition open to groups or individuals studying local history in Wiltshire. You don't have to be a Wiltshire resident to take part, but you may not be a professional author, historian, lecturer or research student. The entry should deal with some aspect of the history of a village or villages, and should not previously have been published. Length could be 15-30,000 words. There will be a first prize of £100 and a second prize of £50, as well as smaller awards for merit. Entries should be sent to, and details got from Dr. J. Chandler, Local Studies Officer, Wiltshire Library and Museum Service, Tel: (Trowbridge) 3641 x 2743. Closing date, October 1985.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

The Business Archives Council are at Denmark House, 15 Tooley Street, London SE1 2PN, Tel: 01-407-6110. They rescue records, advise companies on establishing an archive policy, publish pamphlets and an annual journal, hold courses and conferences and help researchers. Their individual membership is £8 p.a., £13.50 for an institution.

The Mercia Cinema Society is to be reached through Mr. C. Norris, West Dene, Manchester Road, Rochdale OL11 3PJ. This is a national association to bring together different groups interested in the history of the cinema, retrieve archive material and record buildings in danger. Membership is £4 p.a..

The Letter Box Study Group can be reached via W.L. Morton, at 11 Morven Road, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 3BU. They are interested in all aspects of post boxes, and membership is £2.50 p.a..

LINGUISTS REQUIRED

The Bristol Guild of Guide Lecturers are in some need of guides who speak French, German, Italian or Spanish. If you have a good conversational knowledge of a foreign language, and would like to take a course in the techniques of being a guide, please contact Karin Cross at Brunel Technological College, or any member of the Guild's Committee.

CAN YOU HELP ...

Gordon Cullingham, of 54 Alma Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 3HA, who is researching the life of Partick Young Alexander (1867-1943), a Bath balloonist and scientist. Mr. Cullingham would like any aeronautical, aviatational or meteorological information for this period and area that anyone might have, especially any relevant illustrations.

ALHA NEWS

Firstly, we would like to offer our congratulations to John and Brenda Moore on the occasion of the birth of their daughter this month.

Those of you that remember the Poetry and Prose evening held in 1980 at Dyrham Park, will be pleased to know that it is planned to hold another, similar event in the summer of 1985. Further detail will appear a little nearer the time.

We have heard that the Snuff Mills on the River Frome are to be restored, to include not only the building but also the machinery which survives intact within the building. If any one wants further details, they should contact John Bartlett of the Fishponds Local History Society.

CLAY PIPE COLLECTING

Reg Jackson of the Temple Local History Group, has started a magazine for those of you who are interested in the collecting or the history of clay pipes. Copies may be obtained from him.

HOUSE DEEDS PLAY THEIR PART

Brian Austin of Weston-super-Mare Civic Society Heritage Centre, now at 3-6 Wadham Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1JY, is most interested in the disposal of old house deeds. Since they hold much valuable information about house ownership and boundaries, these documents should be preserved. If you have access to any such records, you might advise Mr. Austin, and if you want a home for them, the Heritage Centre can arrange storage as well as collection.

LOCAL HISTORY I

The first edition of Local History, the latest historical journal, is now out and about. Besides reviewing books, journals and magazines, it has several relatively short articles on such diverse topics as threatened cuts in local history support to Water Bailiffs in Sussex. The variation of content make it certain that everyone can find something to interest them.

If you would like to subscribe, contact the Editors, 3 Devonshire Promenade, Kenton, Nottingham NG7 2DS. The price is £6 per annum for 6 issues of the journal.

YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLUB MAGAZINE

The Magazine, Young Archaeology, is available from K. Pretty, New Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0DF, for £2 per annum, which entitles you to a quarterly issue.

ARCHAEOLOGY IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

This is the title of a new publication produced by the Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum in conjunction with the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, being the first modern survey of the archaeology of the county, from Stone Age to Industrial Age.

In conjunction with this publication, the Cheltenham Museum is holding an exhibition of the same title, from 29th September to 17th November. It covers all aspect of the county's archaeology, especially the work of Mrs. Helen O'Neill and the late Mrs. Elsie Clifford, who did so much for Gloucestershire archaeology, and to whom the publication is dedicated.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

1985 is to be the year of the GWR's 150th anniversary, and it is planned to hold a number of celebrations. British Rail will be organising an exhibition train, exhibitions at rail centres and museums (including Bristol), special trains running, lectures and a host of local events, as well as a special postage issue.

It is hoped that local organisations, such as History Societies, might like to get involved, if they have any links with the railway, either from locomotives, personnel, social life, uniforms, housing or communities. If you have an idea, or would like to be involved and don't know how, you could apply to the special unit set up under Mr. F.D. Pattison, 125 House, 1 Gloucester Street, Swindon SN1 1DL, who will offer encouragement, advice and support.

STONE CRAFT CONSERVATION

Quote from Mendip Newsletter : Bruce Induni, who supervised the work on the flues at Charterhouse, has now formed a partnership to offer a service in masonry, sculpture, lettering and stone conservation. Details can be obtained from him at 17 Dunkerry Road, Bedminster, Bristol, Tel: (0272) 636834.

BRISTOL WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

This Festival is on throughout October, and details can be found in their leaflet which can be obtained from Bristol City Museum, amongst others, and from British Home Stores in Broadmead, Bristol. It consists of a series of events, lectures, visits, exhibitions and so forth, organised by the World Wildlife Fund, to raise money and to educate and stimulate the public to nature conservancy.

CONGRATULATIONS, CASTLE COMBE

Castle Combe Musuem has won a prize for its displays depicting the village's history, in the Community Council for Wiltshire's Village Ventures Competition. Prizes also went to Westwood, near Bradford-on-Avon, village magazine, and to both the Primary School and the Day Centre in Box, near Bath.

B O O K S

The Mendip Hills : A Threatened Landscape, by Shirley Toulson.
Published by Gollancz, London, 1984. Price £10.95.

Research Objectives in British Archaeology, edited by Charles Thomas.
Published by CBA, London, 1983.

Nicola Saunders' Trail Guide to Stockwood Open Space. Published by
Bristol City Council, Price 35p.

Discovering Past Landscapes, by Michael Reed (Editor). Published
by Croom Helm. Price £19.95.

The Archaeology of Medieval England and Wales, by John Steane,
Keeper of Oxfordshire Museum. Published by Croom Helm. Price £15.95.

Roman Britain to Saxon England, by C.J. Arnold, University College
of Wales. Published by Croom Helm. Price £14.95.

A History of the County of Somerset, Volume 5, edited by R.W. Dunning.
Published by OUP/Victoria County Histories. October 1984. Price £50.

Bristol and the Wine Trade, by Anne Crawford. Published by the
Bristol Branch of the Historical Association. Price 90p.

The Normans in Gloucestershire and Bristol, by Denis Price. Published
by K.A.F. Brewin, 13 Gunners Lane, Studley, Warks., September 1983.
Price £4.80. Can be obtained from the Publishers.

Tales of the Rails, by Ernie Ross. The working life of the railways.
Published by, and available from Bristol BroadSides, 110 Cheltenham
Road, Bristol. Price £1.95 (paperback) and £6.95 (hardback).

The Farming of Prehistoric Britain, by Peter Fowler. Published
by CUP, 1983. Price £7.50 (paperback).

A Dictionary of Demography, edited by Roland Pressat and Christopher
Wilson. Published by Basil Blackwell, April 1984. Price £25 approx..

Collared Urns of the Bronze Age in Great Britain and Ireland, by
Ian H. Longworth, British Museum. Published by CUP, 1984. Price £85.

Religion in Roman Britain, by Martin Henig. Published by Batsford,
May 1984. Price £25.

Women of the Regiment, by Dr. Myna Trustram. Published by CUP,
September 1984. Price £22.50.

Discovering Cottage Architecture, by Christopher Powell. Published
by Shire, 1984. Price £1.50.

Writing Local History : A Practical Guide, by David Dymond.
Published by Bedford Square Press, 1981. Price £2.95.

The English Family, 1450-1700, by Ralph A. Houlbrooke. Published
by Longmans, August 1984. Price £6.95.

Reflections on the Portishead Branch, by Mike Vincent. Published
by Pede : Oxford Publishing, 1983. Price £4.95.

Avon Planning Department, at Avon House North, St. James Barton, BS99 7EU, have produced a booklet entitled 'Avon's Past from the Air which can be bought by applying to the Department and sending £1 which includes postage.

If your interest lies in transport, you may like to take a look at the July issue of Bus Fayre which has a lengthy article on the Longwell Green Coachworks. The publication is produced by Antrobus Review Publications, 42 Coniston Avenue, Queensbury, Bradford BD13 2JD.

Cocklebury : A farming area and its people in the Vale of Wiltshire, by Avice R. Wilson. Published by Phillimore, 1984. Price £12. If you are concerned with the disappearance of the countryside around our towns and villages, this is a book for you.

The Downend Local History Society have produced the book, Mangotsfield Past : Memories of Downend, Staple Hill and Mangotsfield. It can be obtained from the Secretary, 3 Mangotsfield Road, BS17 3NG, for £1.50 (+ 40p p&p).

Very useful to all local archaeologists and historians is Avon Planning Department's A Catalogue of Historic Maps in Avon, giving the location of the various items. This is 75p from the Planning Department, Avon House North, St. James Barton, BS99 7EU.

The Shirehampton Story, by Ethel Thomas. The first and comprehensive history of Shirehampton, available from the author at 55 Cook Street, Avonmouth, BS11 9JY, price £7.95 plus postage & packing if you want it sent outside the Bristol area.

Nancy, Nancy, by John Banks. The story of Ann Bolton, the friend and confidante of John Wesley, from her unpublished Journal and letters she kept. Available from Parkgate House, Fulshaw Park South, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1QG, or The Central Hall, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JT, price £5.95 (+ 75p p&p).

The History and Archaeology of Ports, by Gordon Jackson. Published by Tadworth : World's Work, 1983. Price £12.95.

British Archives, by Janet Foster. Published by London, Macmillan, September 1984. Price £9.95.

The Traveller Gypsies, by Judith Okely. Published by CUP, 1983. Price £19.50 hardback, and £6.95 paperback.

Our Christian Heritage, by Warwick Rodwell and James Bentley. Published by George Phillip & Son, 1984. Price £10.95 hardback. Looking at ecclesiastical history and heritage.

Bristol as we remember it. A booklet covering the social history of Barton Hill. Published by Bristol Broadsides, 110 Cheltenham Road, BS6 5RW. Price £1 (+ 30p p&p).

Bristol's Other History. Essays on various aspects of Bristol's Radical History. Published by Bristol Broadsides, 1984. Price £2.75 (in Bristol + 60p p&p) and £3.50 (elsewhere + 60p p&p), £7.90 hardback (+ £1 p&p).

The Face of the Past, by Charles Delheim, Arizona State University. Published by CUP, 1983, Price £15.00. The Preservation of the Medieval Inheritance in Victorian England.

D I A R Y

EDUCATIONAL - The following dates are for lectures and courses organised by the University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, The Wills Building, Queens Road, Bristol. All details and bookings are to be obtained from them, unless otherwise specified.

OCTOBER

- 8 For 10 weeks - THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AVON, by Rob Iles. County Archaeologist. Meet at Stoke Lodge Adult Education Centre, Shirehampton Road, Stoke Bishop, starting at 7.30 pm. Fee : £12.50. Enrolment at Stoke Lodge Adult Education Centre.
- 13 GOTHICK BRISTOL, by Bryan Little and M.J.H. Liversidge. Meet at the Department of History of Fine Art, 36 Woodland Road, Bristol at 10.00 am. Fee : £3.75

NOVEMBER

- 3 ARCHAEOLOGY FOR SCHOOLS, by M. Corbishley and M. Aston. Meet in Committee Room, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol at 10.00 am. Fee : £5.50.
- 9-11 THE MONMOUTH REBELLION AND WEST COUNTRY LIFE IN THE LATE 17th CENTURY, by Dr. J.H. Bettey, Dr. R.W. Dunning and R.H.E. Bush. Meet at Dillington House College and Arts Centre, near Ilminster on Friday evening. Details from the Director, Dillington House.
- 10 CHELTENHAM : A MEDIEVAL MISCELLANY, by David Alfred, B.J.S. Moore and Barbara Rawes. Meet at Shaftesbury Hall, College of St. Paul and St. Mary, Cheltenham, at 8.30 am. Fee : £3.00
- 10 SAVAGES AND BARBARIANS : APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF ANCIENT SOCIETIES, by Dr. I. Burrow and Mrs. C. Burrow. Meet at Bath Abbey Church House, Hetling Court, Bath at 10.00 am. Fee £5.50.
- 17 THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE NORMANS, by M. Aston and R.T. Rowley. Meet at Penguin Room, 1st Floor, Wills Memorial Building at 10.30 am. Fee : £4.50
- 23 THE HOT SPRINGS OF BATH, by G.A. Kellaway. Meet at Geology Theatre, Queens Building, University Walk, Bristol at 7.00 pm. Fee : £2.00.
- 24 ROMAN CRAFTS AND INDUSTRIES, by A. McWhirr, D. Elkington and Dr. C. Young. Meet at Watermoor Church Hall, Cirencester at 10.00 am. Fee : £5.50.

DECEMBER

- 1 ENGLISH PLACE NAMES, by Dr. Margaret Gelling. Meet at the Museum, Long Street, Devizes at 2.00 pm. Fee : £2.50. Held in conjunction with Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society.
- 8 THE MEDIEVAL POTTERY INDUSTRY IN THE WEST COUNTRY, by Dr. A. Vince and J. Allen. Meet at Penguin Room, 1st Floor, Wills Building at 10.00 am. Fee : £5.50.

D I A R Y

OCTOBER

- 2 Downend Local History Society, RECENT HISTORICAL DISCOVERIES IN BRISTOL, by Julian Lea-Jones, Temple Society. Meet at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend at 7.30 pm.
- 3 Temple Local History Group, SHIP SHAPE AND BRISTOL FASHION- THEIR RIGS AND FITTINGS, by Bertram Tarr of the 'Conway' sail training ship. Meet at St. Stephen's Church Common Room, (off Corn Street), Bristol at 7.30 pm. 60p charge.
- 4 THE ANNIVERSARY ORGAN RECITAL, given by Christopher Robinson of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol at 7.30 pm. Cost : £2.50 or £1.50 for students/ senior citizens. Bookings : Tel: (0272) 277977.
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- 5-7 St. Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath, EXHIBITION OF LOCAL HISTORY. Details in main text.
- 6 Folk House Archaeological Society, VISIT TO GOODRICH CASTLE AND FOREST OF DEAN, led by Bryan Pugh. Meet at Anchor Road at 9.00 am, in cars; a barbeque in the evening.
- 6 The Mendip Society, RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN BATH, by Steven Bird. Meet at Combe Lodge, Blagdon at 2.30 pm.
- 8 Nailsea & District Local History Society, THE HISTORY OF GLASS AND NAILSEA FIGGERS, by Jack Lawry. Meet at Nailsea Library at 7.45 pm. - ALSO THE AGM -
- 10 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group, BURIAL IN THE COTSWOLDS AND SURROUNDING AREAS, by Tim Darvill. Meet at Bristol City Museum, Queens Road at 7.30 pm.
- 13 ANNUAL LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE, 1984, at GlosCAT, Oxstalls Lane, Gloucester at 2.00 pm, on the theme of 'Communications in History'.
- 14 The Mendip Society, WALK : MEDIEVAL PATHWAYS AND 'LOST LANES' AROUND GLASTONBURY, led by Anna Baines. Meet at Silver Street carpark at 2.15 pm.
- 15 Yatton Local History Society, RESEARCH MEETING at Causeway House, Yatton (tel: 832016), at 8.00 pm.
- 16 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society, NAILSEA GLASS, by T. Bowen. Meet at St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare at 7.00 pm.
- 16 Downend Local History Society, THE CODRINGTONS AND THEIR ARCHIVES, by D.J.H. Smith, Gloucestershire County Archivist. Meet at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend at 7.30 pm.
- 18 The Mendip Society, ASPECTS OF MEDIEVAL LANDSCAPE, by Ed Dennison. Meet at the Old Deanery, Cathedral Green, Wells at 7.30 pm.
- *** 4 Chew Valley Local History Society, 'PILOTAGE & PILL', by John Rich MNI, a Bristol Channel Pilot. 8 p.m. The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna.

OCTOBER

- 19 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society, NAILSEA GLASSWORKS by Trevor Bowen. Meet at Adult Education Centre, Bath Road, Keynsham at 7.30 pm.
- 20 Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group, VISIT TO THE WARWICK AREA. Coach leave junction of Tyndalls Park Road and Woodland Road at 8.15 am and Shirehampton Road at 8.30 am. Bookings from Mr. J. Constant, Tel: Keynsham 2146.
- 23 Victoria Art Gallery, Bath, EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS OF PETER GREENHAM, RA, 1950-1983.
- 23 The Malago Society, THE BILBY FAMILY OF CHEW STOKE, by Norman and Ernest Hucker. Meet at St. Peters Rooms, at the rear of St. Peters Church, Bishopsworth at 7.30 pm.
- 25 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, THE EXCAVATIONS AT KEYNSHAM ABBEY, by Mrs. Barbara Lowe. Meet at the Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon at 7.30 pm.
- 27 Avon Archaeological Council, in conjunction with Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, SYMPOSIUM : THE EVOLUTION OF THE CHURCH IN THE LANDSCAPE. Held at Clevedon Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon. See main text for details.
- 30 Downend Local History Society, CANON ELLACOMBE AND HIS GARDEN, by Jane Coates. Meet at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend at 7.30 pm.
- 31 Filton Community Association, BRISTOL GLASS, by R. Snook. Meet at Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park at 7.30 pm.

NOVEMBER

- 3 The Mendip Society, WALK : AROUND COMPTON MARTIN, led by Gerald Offer. Meet at Ring O' Bells for snack lunch or at 2.30 pm.
- 6 Downend Local History Society, MEMBERS EVENING. Meet at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend at 7.30 pm.
- 7 Temple Local History Group, HISTORY OF REDFIELD CHURCH, by John Saysell. Meet at St. Stephen's Church Common Room at 7.30 pm. 60p charge.
- 10 Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group, VISIT TO WORCESTER AREA. Coach leaves junction of Tyndalls Park Road and Woodland Road at 8.15 am and Shirehampton Road at 8.30 pm. Bookings from Mr. J. Constant, Tel: Keynsham 2146.
- 10 The Folk House, HISTORY OF THE FAN, by Margaret M. Little. Meet at the Folk House, Park Street at 10.30 am (day school). Fee : £3.75.
- 12 Nailsea & District Local History Society, EXCAVATIONS AT CADBURY AND CONGRESBURY, by Keith Gardner. Meet at Nailsea Library at 7.45 pm.
- *** 1 Chew Valley Local History Society, 'I HOPE YOU LIKED THE SALMON': The Whitmores and their dealings with Keynsham, by Mrs Elizabeth White B.A. 8 p.m. The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna.

NOVEMBER

- 15 The Mendip Society, SOMERSET IN THE PAST, by Robin Bush. Assistant County Archivist. Meet at Winscombe Community Centre at 7.30 pm.
- 16 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society, CANON ELLACOMBE'S GARDEN AT BITTON, by Mrs. Jane Coates. Meet at Adult Education Centre, Bath Road, Keynsham at 7.30 pm.
- 19 Yatton Local History Society, CHURCH LIFE IN MEDIEVAL SOMERSET : THE EVIDENCE OF THE YATTON CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS, By Dr. J. Bettey, Tutor in Local History. Meet at Yatton Village Hall at 8.00 pm.
- 20 Downend Local History Society, RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN BRISTOL, by David Dawson, Bristol Museum. Meet at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend at 7.30 pm.
- 20 Weston-super-Mare Archaeology and Natural History Society, THROUGH THE YEAR, by Mr. J. Nixon. Meet at St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare at 7.00 pm.
- 27 The Malago Society, WILLIAM CANYNGES' HOUSE IN REDCLIFF STREET, by D. Dawson, Bristol Museum. Meet at St. Peter's Rooms, Bishopsworth at 7.30 pm.
- 28 Freshford & District Local History Society, QUIZ AND MEMBERS PROJECTS EVENING. Meet at Freshford Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 28 Filton Community Association, 8000 YEARS OF AVEBURY, by B. Amesbury. Meet at Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park at 7.30 pm.
- 29 Clevedon & District Archaeology Society, THE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF OUR OWN CENTURY, by Kenneth Hudson. Meet at the Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon at 7.30 pm.

DECEMBER

- 1-29 Victoria Art Gallery, Bath, EXHIBITION OF BATH SCHOOLS ART.
- 4 Downend Local History Society, AGM with mince pies and light-hearted history. Meet at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend at 7.30 pm.
- 5 Temple Local History Group, A TALK, by David Dawson. Meet at St. Stephen's Church Common Room at 7.30 pm. 60p charge.
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- 7 The Mendip Society, SOCIAL EVENING : WINE, FOOD AND THE CANADIAN ROCKIES. Meet at Winscombe Community Centre, starting at 7.30 pm. £1.50 per head.
- 10 Nailsea & District Local History Society, PRESENTATION OF GREENHILL SHIELD, BACKWELL, by Mr. Michael Glasson. Meet at Nailsea Library at 7.45 pm.
- 10 Yatton Local History Society, RESEARCH MEETING at 94 Claverham Road, Yatton (Tel: 823018) at 8.00 pm.
- *** 6 Chew Valley Local History Society, 'THE MONMOUTH REBELLION' by Mr. Roger Ashley MA, M Litt. 8 p.m. The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna.

AVON PAST

At long last the Spring 1984 issue, No.10 is available, and subscribers will shortly be receiving their copies (if they have not already by the time this is distributed). We must apologise for the long wait. Plans for Nos. 11 and 12 are well under way. The next issue will be the Autumn 1984 issue (No.11) and may contain articles about Stanton Drew, Dyrham, Clutton and archaeology and planning in Avon. It is hoped to produce an index to Vols. 1 to 10 at some stage.

KINGSWOOD HISTORY PROJECT

This has recently been launched by Avon County Community Environment Scheme (ACCES). It will assess what remains of Kingswood's past and conduct research into the history of the area. It will prepare a record of artefacts of historic importance, and carry out practical projects like the preparation of information boards, leaflets, and exhibitions. The project workers are very keen to talk with anyone who has already done work in this area, including local history societies and individuals. Please contact Dr. Myna Trustram Kingswood History Project, ACCES, 325 Fishponds Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6QG. Tel. 650267 or 650219.

DOWNEND LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBITION

The Downend Local History Society is staging an exhibition at Lincombe Barn, Downend, on Saturday, March 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They hope to illustrate, with the use of photographs, maps and artefacts, aspects in the lives of people who lived in the old rural parish of Magotzfield (Mangotsfield, Downend, and Staple Hill). Three slide shows will be shown several times throughout the day. It is hoped to display some of the Codrington archives. Admission charge : adults 40p, children 10p. Light refreshments will be on sale throughout the day. Other societies are welcome to send publications to the book stall, on condition that they collect any unsold copies when the exhibition closes.

HELP WANTED ...

Jack Hunt (95 Grove Vale, Lodon SE 22) is collecting information about the former south Gloucestershire coalfields, especially Speedwell, Parkfield and Coalpit Heath pits.

Anne Westbrooke (144 Old Lane, Leeds LS11 8AG) is studying the occupation of females in the mid-nineteenth century, basing her research on the 1851 census. She would be glad to hear from anyone engaged in similar work.

Barbara Noddle (Dept. of Anatomy, University College, PO Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1XL) is interested in archival material giving details of the reproductive performance, growth rate, milk yield etc. of domestic animals, in connection with her study of bones found in archaeological excavations.

WILLIAM HERSCHEL SOCIETY

A reminder that the Museum at 19 New King Street is open Weds. Sats and Suns. from 2 to 5 p.m. It is threatened with closure unless adequate funds are forthcoming.

NEWS FROM BALH

Enquiries for subscriptions to the Local Historian should now be addressed to the Manager's House, Cromford Mill, Cromford, Matlock, Derbs. DE4 3RQ. A new style Newsletter is also available to members of BALH.

EXPLORING LOCAL HISTORY

This Bristol-based production is available from Elmcrest Publishing, Maggs House, 78 Queen's Road, Clifton BS8 1QX. The October issue (No.6) contained an article by Nicholas Corcos on the enclosure of Shapwick (on the Poldens).

LOCAL HISTORY

Local societies are invited to send news of themselves and their work to Susan and Robert Howard, 3 Devonshire Parade, Lenton Notts. NG7 2DS for publication in their Noticeboard items. No.3 (Nov. 1984) continues a very high standard of content, with articles on Northern Ireland, Coventry, Spalding parish church, and hospitals in Halstead and Walsall - all from a local historical point of view. The editors are now offering subscribers a postal library service, plus advice on publishing local history. We must congratulate them on featuring in an article in the Times ("Local heroes", Tues, Nov. 20, 1984).

CALLING ALL SOCIETIES...

Pinhorns Publishing are planning to publish a new revised list of historical archaeological and kindred societies towards the end of 1985. Societies wishing to be included are invited to send a s.a.e. to Malcolm Pinhorn, Huðverstone Manor Farmhouse, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 4EH (tel. 0983 740003)).

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Their new address is 14 Charterhouse Buildings, London EC 1 (ol 251 8799).

GENERAL INVITATION

Dursely and Cam Society have invited neighbouring societies to visit them on Saturday 11th May 1985. It is hoped to include further details in the next Newsletter.

NEW EXTRA-MURAL COURSES

We include day and weekend courses in our Diary, but there are many other longer courses. Some of particular relevance starting in the New Year are Archaeology of Northavon (Chipping Sodbury), Romans in the West Country (Frenchay), Introduction to field archaeology (Ubley), History of Bristol and district (Bristol).

JANUARY

- 2 Kingswood and District History Society: TALES OF THE KINGSWOOD FOREST, by T. Bullock. 7.30 p.m. Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road.
- 3 Chew Valley Local History Society: SOMERSET MONASTERIES, SHERBORNE ABBEY AND THE SHERBORNE MISSAL, by Dr. J. Betley. 8.00 p.m. Old School Room, Chew Magna.
- 5 Clevedon and District Archaeological Society: NEW YEAR PARTY. 7.30 p.m. Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon.
- 5 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society: GLASTONBURY, by Mrs. G. Cousins. 7.30 p.m. St. John's Hall, Weston-super-Mare.
- 5 to MARCH 30: Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery: ARCHAEOLOGY AND BRISTOL'S WATERFRONT: recent acquisitions
- 5-6 Extra-Mural non-residential weekend: NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY, chaired by Dr. A.J. Parker. Wills Memorial Building (Penguin Room).
- 8 Mendip Society: WHICH SCHOOL WAS FIRST - SARAH COMER'S OR HANNAH MORE'S ?, by John Page. 7.30 p.m. Hannah More Cottage, Lower North Street, Cheddar.
- 8 Thornbury Society: FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY OF NORTHMENDIP, by Bob Williams. 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's Church, Hall, Thornbury.
- 10 Clevedon Civic Society: SEA DEFENCES, by C. Brown. 7.30 p.m. Civic Society Room, 1 Seavale Road, Clevedon.
- 15 Downend Local History Society: BARROWS OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE, by J. Drinkwater. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend.
- 12 Extra-Mural day course: MINOAN RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, chaired by J. Betts. 10.00 to 4.30 in Room 28, Third Floor, Wills Memorial Building, Bristol.
- 16 B.A.R.R.G.: FROCESTER: THE PREHISTORIC AND EARLY ROMAN SETTLEMENT, by E. Price. 7.30 p.m. Schools Room, City Museum.
- 16 Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery Winter Lecture: I.K. BRUNEL, ENGINEER OF THE G.W.R., by Dr. R.A. Buchanan. 7.30 p.m. Lecture Theatre 1, School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close, Bristol.
- 18 Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society: COLLIERY SITES IN THE BRISTOL AREA, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO BITTON (GOLDEN VALLEY). 7.30 p.m. Adult Education Centre, Keynsham.
- 21 Marshfield and District Local History Society: POSTAL HISTORY, by R. Johnson. 7.30 p.m. Legion Hall, Marshfield.
- 21 Yatton Local History Society: ASPECTS OF CONGRESBURY HISTORY by C. Short and P. English. 8.00 p.m. Village Hall, Yatton.
- 22 Malago Society: A.G.M. and ANNIE HOWE'S DIARY, a dramatized version by Malagomaniacs. 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Room, Bishopswrth.
- 23 Freshford and District Local History Society: THE EVOLUTION OF A VILLAGE (Atworth, Wilts.) by Prof. Dowdeswell. 7.30 p.m. Freshford Memorial Hall.

- 26 B.A.A.R.G.: MEMBERS' SYMPOSIUM. 2.00 p.m. Schools Room, Bristol City Museum.
- 27 Filton Historical Research Group: HAMBROOK THROUGH THE AGES, by S. Marks. 7.30 p.m. Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park, Filton.
- 29 Downend Local History Society: THE FLOATING HARBOUR? BRISTOL, by J. Lord. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn, Everndale Road, Downend.
- 30 Filton Historical Research Group: BRISTOL CASTLE, by D. Brace. 7.30 p.m. Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park, Filton.
- 31 B.A.A.R.G.: ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN PROVENCE, by Georgina Plowright. 7.30 p.m. Schools Room, Bristol City Museum.
- 31 Clevedon and District Archaeological Society: HISTORIC LANDSCAPES OF AVON, by Rob Iles. 7.30 p.m. Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon.

FEBRUARY

- 2 Extra-Mural afternoon course: HOW TO READ OLD DOCUMENTS, by Miss A. Crawford. 2.15 to 5.15 p.m. Committee Room, Wills Memorial Building, Queen's Road.
- 2 Extra-Mural day course: VILLAGE AND FARMSTEAD, by C. Taylor. 10.30 to 5.30. Room 28, Third Floor, Wills Memorial Building.
- 2 Mendip Society: LEAD MINING VILLAGES ON MENDIP, by Edmund Mason. 2.30 p.m. Coombe Lodge, Blagdon.
- 5 Downend Local History Society: YOUR FAMILY HISTORY, by R. Brown. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend.
- 5 Yatton Local History Society: A.G.M. 8 p.m. Small Room, Village Hall, Yatton.
- 6 Kingswood and District Historical Society: BRISTOL'S FIRST SUBURB, by D. Brace. 7.30 p.m. Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road.
- 7 Chew Valley Local History Society: BRUNEL IN BRISTOL, by Dr. R.A. Buchanan. 8.00 p.m. Old School Room, Chew Magna.
- 9 Extra-Mural day school: ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND. 10.30 to 6.00. Penguin Room, Wills Memorial Building, Queen's Road.
- 12 Mendip Society: CARE AND CONSERVATION OF OLD BUILDINGS, by Pat Brown. 7.30 p.m. United Reformed Hall, Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare.
- 12 Thornbury Society: GODS AND GODDESSES OF ANCIENT EGYPT, by Pip Jones. 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury.
- 14 Clevedon Civic Society: THE WORK OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY COUNCIL, by B. Corns. 7.30 p.m. Civic Society Rooms, 1 Seavale Road, Clevedon.
- 16 Bristol and Avon Family History Society: FAMILY HISTORY IN THE U.S.A., by Colin Chapman. 7.30 p.m. Folk House, Bristol.
- 18 Marshfield and District Local History Society: THE OFFICE OF LORD MAYOR OF BRISTOL, by Ald. H. Williams. 7.30 p.m. Legion Hall, Marshfield.

- 19 Downend Local History Society: MEMBERS' EVENING. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn, Downend.
- 19 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society: HERALDRY OF SOMERSET FAMILIES, by Dr. A.B. Cottle. 7.30 p.m. St. John's Hall, Boulevard, Weston.
- 20 B.A.A.R.G.: THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS AND DECORATION OF SOMERSET HOUSES FROM EARLY MEDIEVAL TO THE 18TH CENTURY, by Commander G.D.S. Williams. 7.30 p.m. Schools Room, Bristol City Museum.
- 21 Mendip Society: THE FORMATION OF THE MENDIPS, by Jim Hanwell. 7.30 p.m. The Old Deanery, Cathedral Green, Wells.
- 22 Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society; THE KENNET AND AVON CANAL, by a speaker from the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust. 7.30 p.m. Adult Education Centre, Bath, Keynsham
- 23-24 Extra-Mural non-residential weekend: UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION FOR DIVERS, chaired by Dr. A.J. Parker. at Wills Memorial Building and the University Students' Union Swimming Pool.
- 26 Malago Society: MULLERS HOMES FOR CHILDREN, by J. Cowan. 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth.
- 28 B.A.A.R.G.: EXCAVATIONS AT WESTBURY COLLEGE, by Mike Ponsford. 7.30 p.m. Schools Room, Bristol City Museum.
- 28 Clevedon and District Archaeological Society: MALTA: AN ARCHAEOLOGIST'S VIEW OF ITS PLACE IN HISTORY, by N. Thomas. 7.30 p.m. Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon.

MARCH

- 1 Extra-Mural day school: CHURCHYARDS: THEIR MANAGEMENT AND FUTURE, by B. Lane and P. Burman. 10.00 - 5.00 at the Henderson Rooms, The Bishop's Palace, Wells.
- 2 B.A.A.R.G. day school: CHAPEL AND MEETING-HOUSE: APPROACHES TO THE LOCAL HISTORY OF RELIGIOUS EDIFICE. Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London. Non-members, £7.00.
- 2 Downend Local History Society: EXHIBITION ON MANGOTSFIELD, DOWNEND AND STAPLE HILL, with displays, slide shows, book-stall etc. 10.00 to 5.00. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend. Adults 40p; children 10p.
- 2 Extra-Mural day school: ROMAN POTTERY IN THE WEST COUNTRY. 10.30 to 5.30. Shaftesbury Hall, College of St. Mary and St. Paul, Cheltenham.
- 5 Downend Local History Society: CATHOLIC RECORDS, by Dr. D. Lunn. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend.
- 5 Mendip Society: HISTORICAL ABRIDGE, by Frank Jarman. 7.30 p.m. Axbridge Church Rooms.
- 6 Kingswood and District Historical Society: CANON ELLACOMBE'S GARDEN, by Mrs. J. Coates. 7.30 p.m. Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road.
- 7 Chew Valley Local History Society: THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSE, by A. Tinniswood. 8.00 p.m. Old School Room, Chew Magna.

- 12 Thornbury Society: GRAVEYARDS, by Louis Groome. 7.30 p.m. St. May's Church Hall, Thornbury.
- 13 Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery Winter Lecture: THE ORIGIN AND USE OF SEALS IN ANCIENT EGYPT, by T.G.H. James. 7.30 p.m. Lecture Theatre, School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close, Bristol.
- 14 Clevedon Civic Society: PEOPLE IN PRISON, by Rev. N. Martin. 7.30 p.m. Civic Society Rooms, 1 Seavale Road, Clevedon.
- 16 Extra-Mural day school: ARCHAEOLOGY IN SCHOOLS, by Mike Corbishley and Mick Ashton. 10.00 to 4.00 Committee Room, First Floor, Wills Memorial Building.
- 16 B.A.L.H. A.G.M. National Children's Bureau, 8 Wakley Street, London EC4 7QE.
- 18 Bristol and Avon Family History Society: CODRINGTON ARCHIVES, by David Smith. 7.30 p.m. Folk House, Park St.
- 18 Marshfield and District Local History Society: THE CIVIL WAR, by J. Wroughton. 7.30 p.m. Legion Hall, Marshfield.
- 18 Yatton Local History Society: YATTON MARKET, by R.J. Hoddell. 8.00 p.m. Village Hall.
- 19 Downend Local History Society: BRUNEL IN BRISTOL, by Dr. R.A. Buchanan. 7.30 p.m. Lincombe Barn, Overmole Road, Downend.
- 19 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society: S.S. GREAT BRITAIN, Cmdr. Blake. 7.30 p.m. St. John's Hall, Boulevard, Weston.
- 20 B.A.A.R.G.: THE SUTTON HOO RESEARCH PROJECT, by P. Leach. 7.30 p.m. Schools Room, City Museum.
- 21 Medip Society: THE DEANS OF WELLS, by the Very R. v. P.R. Mitchell. 7.30 p.m. Old Deanery, Cathedral Green, Wells.
- 22 Keynsham and Saltford Local History Society: A.G.M. and KINGSWOOD FOREST, by John Moore. 7.30 p.m. Adult Education Centre, Bath Road, Keynsham.
- 22 Mendip Society: HERBS? THEIR HISTORY GROWTH AND USE, by Marian Barraclough. 7.30 p.m. Winscombe Community Centre.
- 22-24 Residential weekend: MONASTIC HOUSES AND THE RELIGIOUS ORDERS IN ENGLAND at Dillington House, Ilminster.
- 23 Extra-Mural day school: NEW RESEARCH ON HAM HILL, chaired by Dr. I. Burrow. 9.00 to 5.30 at the Village Hall, Norton sub Hamdon.
- 26 Malago Society: COLLECTORS' EVENING, hosted by P. Gallop and A. Bantock. 7.30 p.m. St. Peter's Room, Bishopsworth.
- 27 Filton Historical Research Group: FAMILY HISTORY by Bristol and Avon Family History Society. 7.30 p.m. Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park, Filton.
- 27 Freshford and District Local History Society: THE MARSHFIELD EXCAVATIONS, by Vince Russett. 7.30 p.m. Freshford Memorial Hall.

NEW PUBLICATIONS NOTED....

Avon Conservation News No.19 (December 1984) contains articles on orangeries in Avon, historic gardens, new conservation areas, and new listings in Winterbourne. It is available from the County Planning Department, Avon House North, St. James Barton, Bristol.

Yatton Yesterday, the annual journal of the Yatton Local History Society, is available from Tony Coe, 27 Church Close, Yatton, Bristol BS19, at 50p. (plus 25p p & p). The first 300 copies sold out within ten days... Congratulations, Yatton !

The Bristol and West Housing Association has recently published a booklet on The Story of Baltic Wharf Bristol, freely available from the Baltic Wharf sales office, and from local Bristol & West Building Society offices.

Avon County Planning Department continues its very useful publishing programme with Sources for doing Victorian local history in schools. At 40 A4 pages for only 65p, this is a bargain, not just for schools. Any societies with young members might well be interested. A pity the Avon Local History Handbook isn't mentioned in the list of useful books !

The City Archivist, Mary Williams, has produced a splendid book on the Civic Treasures of Bristol, published by the City of Bristol. It costs ~~£~~£4.75 (soft back) and £8.50 (hard), and is lavishly illustrated.

Mrs. Dorren Layzell's Invitation to Henbury (Redcliffe Press) is just out - at £1.75 this is also very reasonably priced.

The City Museum and Art Gallery in Bristol have recently produced two bookson Bristol Glass, one at £2.25, and the other, a more detailed work, at £7.95.

The Malago Society remind us that The Later Smyths of Ashton Court 1741-1802, by Anton Bantock, is available at £3.00 (plus 75p p&p). The Earlier Smyths... is also still available at the same price. Malago 19 was due shortly (perhaps is now out ?). This prolific society has also recently published Rae Collins' A Journey in Ancestry and Miss Winifred Harris' Where there's a Will..., both excursions into family history.

The latest issue of the Local Historian (vol.16, No.4, Nov.1984) contains articles on street-names (by John Field), and probate inventories (by Nancy and Jeff Cox, using some examples from The Goods and Chattels of our Forefathers by John Moore). The latest in the series, "What to read on...", covers population history.

Other publications spotted...

Stroud and the five valleys in old photographs by L.C. Padin (Alan Sutton, 1984, £4.95)

An introduction to church archaeology by Richard Morris (Ecclesiological Society, 1983)

A bibliography of British probate inventories by Mark Overton (Dept. Geography, Newcastle upon Tyne Univ.) 1983.

Information systems in archaeology by Roger Martlew (Alan Sutton. 1984, £7.95)

Church bells in Gloucestershire by Mary Bliss (Alan Sutton, 1984, £30.00).

Recording a church: an illustrated glossary. 2nd ed. (CBA, 1984, £1.75)

The handbook of oral history by Stephen Humphries, secretary of the Oral History Society (Inter-Action Imprint, 1984, £4.95).

Gloucestershire family history by M. L. Richards (Glouc. R.O. 1983, £1.85 incl. postage)

The History and archaeology of ports by Gordon Jackson (Patrick Stephens, 1984, £10.95)

British archives: a guide to archive resources in the U.K. by Janet Foster and Julia Sheppard (Macmillan, 1984, £9.95)

The hidden workforce: female field-workers in Gloucestershire, 1870-1901 by Celia Miller. Southern History Vol. 6 (1984)

Paupers and pig-killers (the diary of an early 19th century parson of Over Stowey), edited by Jack Ayres. Pub. Alan Sutton 1984 at £9.95

NEWSLETTER

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APOLOGIES

First things first, the Editors would like to apologise for the loss of the script at the bottom of the pages, and the subsequent loss of some of the dates in the Diary. To add insult to injury, we would also like to apologise for the problems in distribution that held up some copies. Sorry !

APPEAL

The Avon Local History Association would like to appeal for the services of a qualified accountant to act as ALHA Auditor in the future - would any interested parties please get in touch with Lucy Hamid (tel: 626078).

WILLIAM HERSCHEL SOCIETY (II)

Last Quarter we told you about the opening hours of the Museum in New King Street, 2.00 - 5.00 pm, but forgot to say that this is only March - October; for the rest of the year it is only open on Sundays, not Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday.

VICTORIAN KINGSWOOD BY ACCESS

The Avon County Community Environment Scheme are holding an exhibition on Victorian Kingswood, mounted by the Kingswood History Project at Kingswood Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, on June 5-7, 10-14 & 17-21, open from 9.00 am - 1.00 pm and 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Further details can be got from Myna Trustram at the above address.

BRISTOL AND AVON MARRIAGE INDEXES

The Bristol & Avon Family History Society are able to report that further parishes have been transcribed and indexed, namely Chew Stoke, Christon, Nempnett Thrubwell, Walcot, Walton-in-Gordano, Compton Dando, Pensford and Publow. Most of the indexes date from 1754-1799 and 1800-1837. Further details can be had from the Secretary, Kay Kearsey, 135 Cotham Brown, Bristol BS6 6AD.

BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL AWARDS 1984

To spur you on to greater things yet, we are pleased to report that when the above awards were made by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Chairman of the Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission for England, at the British Museum in November last year, the award for Young Archaeologist of the Year was jointly won by Robert Waterhouse (15) of Kingsbridge, Devon and Daniel Jones (10) of Bristol.

THE AVON BOBBIN

The Avon Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers has re-named their newsletter and both the journal and the Guild would welcome members (£3 subscription, £5 for a couple) and contributions to the newsheet, such as articles, letters, patterns, reviews, tips and especially short articles on unusual fibres used for any purpose. For further details, contact J. Moorhead, Hillcrest, Buckover, Falfield, Glos..

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR ...

A project currently afoot to store 'A' Level History Projects on local topics, for access by the public. This idea is sponsored by the Avon County Library Service, and we hope to have more information on the whole thing in a future issue.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY 150th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

We are indebted to the Guild of Guide Lecturers for a brief preview of the events of this year, such as the opening of Brunel's original terminus to the public, a special Orient Express from Bristol & Bath to Paris & Venice on 25th April, a passenger service by steam train from Temple Meads to the S.S. 'Great Britain' and a steam train excursion through the Avon Gorge, on the re-opened Portbury Line. It will also be worthwhile keeping an eye open for the Cityrider open-top tour buses which will be painted in the G.W.R. chocolate and cream livery for the 1985 season.

CAN YOU HELP ... ?

Anne Woodford (Tel: (0272) 735313) would be interested to hear from anyone who has any information on Francis Brett and John Hodgkinson, actors at the Orchard Street Theatre, Bath, who emigrated to America towards the end of the 18th century and became well known there.

THE MENDIP SOCIETY - IN THERE FIGHTING

Having won, and subsequently lost an appeal against the extension of a caravan park in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Mendip Society are once again being forced into battle to protect Asham Wood, between Leigh-on-Mendip and Nunney, from almost total destruction by the presence of a quarry and the erection of a conveyor belt through the heart of the wood. For more information on this matter, you can contact Mrs. G. Cawood, Cranmore 404.

From the Mendip Newsletter : 'The conservation of our environment is a political matter which hangs on the whim of our elected representatives. It is not enough to rely on the ballot box to express our views; as individuals we can do little to influence the selection of candidates, which is a party political matter. But our Councillors must be made aware of our feelings constantly.' If you could offer support, or if you would like to join the Mendip Society, you can contact the Secretary, Dr. D.V. Richmond, Zennor, The Lynch, Winscombe BS25 1AR (Tel: 3183).

MUSEUM I

The Museum Curator of British Waterways Board is gathering together material for the establishment of a National Waterways Museum at Gloucester. If you have any material that might be suitable, or photographs or documents relating to the waterways, please contact Tony Condor, Manager-Curator, The Waterways Museum, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester, Northants. NN12 7SE, Tel: (0694) 86 2229.

MUSEUM II

Bath is to have a new Civic Museum, the first phase of which is planned to open in 1988, to stand on the site of the present library in Bridge Street, with Bath getting a new library into the bargain.

STILL IN KINGSWOOD

Apart from the Victorian Kingswood exhibition already mentioned, the Kingswood History Project is being undertaken at the request of Kingswood District Council. Its purpose is to promote the rich history of the Kingswood area. The Project will assess what remains of Kingswood's past and conduct research into the history of the district. They will also be carrying out practical projects like preparing leaflets, information boards and mounting exhibitions.

If you are already involved in some private or organised project on Kingswood history, or if you have any memories of Kingswood over the years, you could get in touch with Myna Trustram, ACCES, 325 Fishponds Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6QG, Tel: 650267, for details.

THE HOD HILL APPEAL

The National Trust have just purchased Hod Hill in Dorset, four miles north of Blandford between Shillingstone, Child Okeford and Iwerne Courtney. This is the site of the largest Iron Age Hillfort in Dorset, and both the archaeology and natural history of the Hill have been untouched by intensive farming. The Trust need funds not only to purchase more of the land bordering the Hill, but to maintain and improve that part already in their care, with new stiles and fences, as well as a new, discreet carpark at the foot of the Hill. If you would like to help, please contact the Hon. Treasurer, R.E. Smith Esq., The National Trust Regional Office, Stourton, Watminster, Wiltshire BA12 6QD.

AVON INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE CAMPAIGN

This campaign has been initiated by the Avon Industrial Buildings Trust to make people more aware of Avon's role in the Industrial Revolution, and in the growth of technology in general over some thousand years. The Trust intends to raise capital and loans in order to restore historic buildings and other sites of no current use, which highlight industrial activity. Projects they have already been involved in, or have directed, include Saltford Brass Mill, Ram Hill Colliery and Tramway, the Somersetshire Coal Canal, and Nailsea Glassworks. If you would like to know more, please contact the Membership Secretary, Avon Industrial Buildings Trust, 325 Fishponds Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6QG.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION : SPONSORED SLIM

Pip Jones, one of the Editors, is presently on a sponsored slim to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation, not only to investigate the causes and cures of heart disease, but to raise funds for medical equipment and surgical procedures that help to save many lives each year. I would be most grateful if any potential sponsors could either drop me a line or drop in at the Museum and sign on. The Slim ends on the last day of April 1985, and I can promise not to loose too much.

AVON PAST

Just a note to remind you that we are still looking for articles for inclusion in Avon Past, on any subject of local interest, historical or archaeological. We would also be most grateful if any of our readers have any interesting illustrations (drawings, paintings, photographs, documents, etc.) of an unusual, unique, unpublished nature, for future inclusion as part of a series forthcoming.

AVON PAST SURVEY

Some time ago, we circulated a questionnaire so that we could find out what member societies of AAC and ALHA felt about their journal. We had replies from eight societies, and their comments are summarised here for all Newsletter readers (only one was from an archaeological society; archaeological material not appearing in Avon Past is a matter for concern, but needs further investigation with BAARG and the other archaeological societies).

Generally the layout and typeface of Avon Past was felt to be attractive and good value for the price. We intend to increase the number of illustrations and to make the print even more legible. Some, on the other hand, felt that a return to a cheaper, less professionally-produced journal would help sales. However, the real reason why sales were not greater was unanimously thought to be because the issues were too Bristol-centred. We have been doing our best to cover a wider area, as the latest issue and the next two, will show. Naturally some areas already have successful publishing programmes of their own, so that local writers may not need the outlet of Avon Past. But we have (at last !) been receiving articles written by people living beyond the Bristol boundaries.

As to what type of articles are popular, it was suggested that there is not enough 'amateur' writing in Avon Past. Articles like those by Harold Brown and Mrs. Lindegaard were singled out as being 'good reads'. On the other hand, our best-selling issue, No.7, contained nothing but contributions from professionals. The secret of No.7 (apart from the high quality of its content) was that it covered one large area, not in Bristol. We would like to repeat this formula, but it does depend on a number of contributors from one region - which Society, without a magazine of its own, would like to take up the challenge ? And, as anyone who has read all ten issues so far produced will realise, we have accepted articles in a variety of styles, from colloquial to academic, and mainly from 'amateurs'.

A few societies made very useful suggestions which we shall try and consider, e.g. a poster advertising Avon Past; links with neighbouring counties could be explored; more prominence could be given to book reviews, on-going research and correspondence. We are more than happy to receive our 'Notebook' on current research - and to publish letters if anyone will write to us !

Meanwhile, we continue to try to live up to the standards of those who see us 'not as an ephemeral bulletin, but an accumulating library of local history', and we will seriously consider the possibility of reprinting selected, outstanding articles at some future date.

THE MALAGO SOCIETY

One Society that certainly produces its own publications is the Malago, who reported at their Annual General Meeting that profits from book sales were healthy. They have produced a second book on the Smyth family, Where There's a Will, by Winifred Harris and the latest Malago Special, Mark : More of My Words, the second installment of the Mark Simmons story. The only problem they have is finding new outlets for publications, so if you know of any establishment in your area that might like to carry Malago publications, please do get in touch.

FUTURE EVENTS

The ALHA have organised a Poetry and Prose Evening to be held on Saturday 29th June this year, at Newton Park. The text has been edited and timed and there will be two halves to the programme each lasting for 65 minutes. Keep your eyes open for further information.

The ALHA Annual General Meeting this year will be held on Friday 10th May at 7.30 pm, and will be hosted by the Malago Society. The meeting will be held at St. Peter's Rooms, St. Peter's Church, Bishopsworth, and it is hoped that the speaker for this occasion will be Anton Bantock. Societies that would like to exhibit or put up a book stall should contact Lucy Hamid as soon as possible.

The Friends of Woodspring Museum and the National Trust Woodspring Centre are holding a beacon and barbecue on Sand Point, Kewstoke, to celebrate the tercentenary of the Battle of Sedgemoor. The event will take place at 7.30 pm on Saturday 8th June 1985. They are inviting all local history groups to come along and participate in the event by either attending in period costume and/or providing entertainment or side shows. This is probably the only event being planned in the West Woodspring area to celebrate the Last Battle on English Soil, so we hope your group will go along and join in the fun. If you want more details, contact Chris Crook, Co-Ordinator, Woodspring Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1PR.

APPEAL II

Not only do ALHA need a Volunteer Accountant, they are also looking for anyone who would be able to give a little time to secretarial and clerical matters in the production of the Newsletter, particularly the running off and assembling. If you can help, you can contact Lucy Hamid, Jenny Scherr or Pip Jones.

APPEAL III

The Temple Local History Group would like more details and personal reminiscences from ex- (or present) inhabitants of the Temple area. It would be especially helpful in piecing together the history of the district to receive old photographs, pamphlets, school or fete programmes or ration books (bearing the names of long-departed shops and firms). With your help, it is hoped to mount an exhibition in the Temple area of the finds, together with stories and anecdotes of the lives and happenings of the Temple people.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DATE

Material for the next Newsletter should be in by Friday 7th June. As ever, they can be sent to :

Jenny Scherr,
21 Caledonia Place,
Clifton,
Bristol,
BS8 4DL.

Pip Jones,
City Museum & Art Gallery,
Queens Road,
Bristol,
BS8 1RL.

B O O K S

Anyone who failed to secure at the time of its first appearance, a copy of 'A Guide to Winterbourne Down, Gloucestershire' which won first prize in 1953 in a competition organised by the Gloucestershire Community Council's Local History Committee in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Federation of Women's Institutes, will be glad to hear that it has now been reprinted. Copies may be obtained for £1.50 plus postage and packing, from Mrs. Susan Pye, 55 Stone Lane, Winterbourne Down, Bristol BS17 1DH (Tel: Winterbourne 772075). This is an unusually good combination of guide and local history which, after 32 years, still justifies its reputation as a 'minor classic'. The title has been revised to 'A Guide to Winterbourne Down, Avon'.

Any reader who likes to note the whereabouts of local second-hand bookshops, should bear in mind Bailey's Books (Props. Richard and Sheila Carter) at 13 Horse Street, Chipping Sodbury, Tel: (0454) 313399, but not open Mondays or Tuesdays at this time of the year. Mr. Carter says that because he is just round the corner from the bottom of the High Street in Chipping Sodbury, he is often missed by itinerating bibliophiles. He may also be mis-indexed in Driffild - the writer of this note did not have a magnifying glass to hand when he consulted that piece of delightful reading! However, the shop deserves a visit for its good general stock, including a number of early Pelicans and Penguins, and the friendly welcome always given.

Archaeology in Gloucestershire : From the Earliest Hunters to the Industrial Age, Essays dedicated to Helen O'Neil and Elsie Clifford, Edited by Alan Saville. A joint publication by Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museums, and the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, published in October 1984. 352 pp., 72 figs.. This book represents the first comprehensive survey of the archaeology of the modern county. Each chapter is written by an acknowledged authority and this volume is likely to become a standard work of reference. Available from The Administrative Assistant, Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museums, 40 Clarence Street, Cheltenham, Glos., GL50 3NX, price £9.95 (incl. postage) or £8.95 to members of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society.

The Lost Elementary Schools of Victorian England, by Phil Gardner, 296 pp, Croom Helm, £22.50. A detailed study of working class education from the 1840's to the 1880's, using Bristol as the area examined.

Invitation to Archaeology, by Philip Rahtz. Oxford : Blackwell, 1985, £4.50 (paperback).

Collecting Local History, by James A. Mackay. Longman, 1984, £5.95.

Key Guide to Information Sources in Archaeology, by Peter Woodhead. London : Marsell, Feb. 1985, £18.00.

Roads and Tracks of Old Nailsea, by Peter Wright. Nailsea & District Local History Society, 1984, £1.85.

Recalling Old Barton Hill, produced by the Barton Hill History Group. A book of memories giving a fascinating insight into life in an area of Bristol since 1900, illustrated with old photographs, sketches and cartoons. Available from University Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill; CSV, 13 Midland Road, St. Philips; and Full Marks Book Shop, 110 Cheltenham Road, price £1.00 (+ 22p postage & packing).

Yesterday's Town : Weston-super-Mare, by John Loosely and Dr. Bryan Brown, Baracuda Books, £14 (or £9.95 if you become a subscriber). This book traces the history of the resort from 1880 to 1947 and contains 200 previously unpublished photographs.

A commemorative collection of seven books is planned to be issued next year to mark the Frome 1300 festival. These will be St. Adhelm and the Founding of Frome, by former Mayor Peter Belham, Fifty Years of Farming in the Frome Area, by Arthur Court, Frome Schooldays, by teacher Derek Gill, Buildings of Frome, by architect Rodney Goodall, Bells and Bell Towers, by bellringer George Massey, The Geology of Frome, by naturalist Eunice Overend, and finally Frome Then and Now, a collection of photographs compiled by the Frome Selwood Photographic Society.

Students of all ages will be pleased to hear that this summer the Bristol Central Library Children's Librarian, Margaret Hewlett, has compiled a comprehensive homework reference source on Bristol which is available in Bristolian and other libraries. It contains a host of historical and statistical facts, information packets on special subjects, packs dealing with specific periods, and is backed up by a publications file of booklets and leaflets. All in all, most useful for the summer students.

Avon County Public Relations Department, Floor 7, Avon House, The Haymarket, Bristol BS99 7NF, are offering six unique prints of famous 19th century beauty spots in Avon. Each print has been reproduced from original engravings held in Avon County Reference Library, and are 21 x 29 cms in size. All six in a presentation pack can be obtained for £1.25 (including postage & packing), cheques payable to County of Avon.

The Archaeology of Medieval England and Wales, by John Steane, Croom Helm, 1985, £19.95.

Wessex from 1000, by J.H. Bettey, London : Longman, 1985, available in paperback (price not yet known).

Popular Culture in Seventeenth Century England, edited by Barry Reay, Croom Helm, July 1985, £16.95. Particularly, the chapter, 'Popular Culture in Seventeenth Century Bristol'.

Burning Words, an anthology from Bristol BroadSides of poems, stories and autobiographies by local working class writers, who come from writer's workshops in Southmead, Bedminster, Easton, Patchway and St. Paul's. Published by and available from Bristol BroadSides, 110 Cheltenham Road, Bristol BS6 5RW, costing £1.95 (Bristol) and £2.45 (elsewhere) + 50p postage and packing.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the drawing up of Domesday Book, presently kept at the Public Record Office at Kew. In order to celebrate, a facsimile edition is to be published, both as one and by county, a video disc is to be prepared by the BBC, and it is expected that 250,000 visitors will come to see the original when it goes on show in April. Unfortunately, the whole is to be separated and re-bound, not as two volumes as it is now, but as nine volumes to ease the pressure on the turning of the pages. Miss Patricia Barnes, the Deputy Keeper, is prepared for some complaint from medieval scholars: 'One thing I know about scholars is that they will always oppose anything.'

D I A R Y

MARCH

- 28 until 2 February 1986, Museum of Costume, Bath : HARTNELL - CLOTHES BY THE ROYAL COURTURIER, 1930's to 1960's.

APRIL

- 3 Guided Walks in Woodspring : WORLE HILL, eastern half. Meet at Kewstoke Church carpark at 6.30 pm. Led by Jane Evans & Chris Richards.
- 3 Temple Local History Group : A VISIT TO CANYNGES' HOUSE archaeological excavations. Led by David Dawson, Curator in Archaeology, City Museum. Meet at Redcliff Street at 7.30 pm.
- 3 Kingswood & District History Society : TOKENS, COINS AND POSTCARDS OF THE PAST, talk by Mr. A. Brian Hooper. Meet at the Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road at 7.30 pm.
- 8 The Mendip Society : WALK. Bring lunch for a walk over Worminster Down, led by Sheila Pierce. Meet at Bishops Barn, Silver Street, Wells at 11.00 am.
- 9 The Thornbury Society : MALTA. Talk by Nick Thomas, Meet at St. Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury at 7.30 pm.
- 10 B.A.A.R.G. : WALK : ASHTON COURT, arranged by Bristol Threatened History Society. Meet outside Stokeleigh Lodge (top of Rowanham Hill) at 6.30 pm.
- 11 B.A.A.R.G. : TORMARTON, lecture by Gwynne Stock. Meet at the City Museum & Art Gallery, Queens Road, Bristol at 7.30 pm.
- 12 Banwell Society of Archaeology : WRITING ROYAL BIOGRAPHY. Meet at Banwell Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 13 British Association for Local History : INDUSTRIAL HISTORY IN THE UPLANDS, Day School, held at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton, N. Yorkshire. Speakers : Dr. A. Raistrick, Mr. A. Lowe, and another. Fees : Members £4.50, Non-Members £5.50. Details from BALH, The Mill Manager's House, Cromford Mill, Cromford, Derbyshire, DE4 3RQ.
- 13 The Mendip Society : WALK, led by Mr. Livingstone. Meet at Churchill Clock Tower at 2.30 pm.
- 13 & 14 IRON, ITS CONSERVATION AND TECHNOLOGY, a residential weekend, led by M. Corfield and panel. Fees : £12. Details from M. Aston, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Bristol, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol.
- 15 Yatton Local History Society : RESEARCH MEETING, held at Brandon House, 32 High Street, Yatton, Tel: 834737, at 8.00 pm. New members welcome.
- 15 Bristol & Avon Family History Society : RECORDING AND WRITING UP, by Robert Brown. Meet at The Folk House, 40 Park Street, Bristol at 7.30 pm.

APRIL

- 15 Marshfield & District Local History Society : LISTING OF BUILDINGS, by Mike Smith. Meet at the Legion Hall, Marshfield at 7.30 pm.
- 16 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society : CAMDEN WORKS MUSEUM, by Miss S. Repper. Meet at St. Johns Church Hall, Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare, from 7.00 to 10.00 pm.
- 16 until 21 May, ROMANESQUE IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND AND SOUTH WALES, by Bryan Little. Six study visits to major works of Romanesque architecture on Tuesdays. Fee £50 for the whole course, £10 for full day, £5 for half day. Details from M. Aston, Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol.
- 18 Clevedon Civic Society, Local History Group - Subject to be announced. Meet at the Civic Society Rooms, 1 Seavale Road, Clevedon at 7.30 pm.
- 19 - 27 THORNBURY ARTS FESTIVAL, amongst other events, concerts and exhibitions : FROM COWPIE TO MY GUY, an exhibition of the history of comics, pre-war to present day, at Cossham Hall, weekdays 2-5, Saturday 20th April 10-5 and 7.30-9.00, Saturday 27 April, 10-1; The ABC OF BUTTON COLLECTING, an exhibition by the Bristol Button Club, at Thornbury Arts & Crafts, St. Mary's Street, 10-5 daily, except Sundays.
- 20 B.A.A.R.G./Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group : VISIT TO BERRY POMEROY, TOTNES AND BUCKFAST ABBEY, coach leaves junction of Tyndalls Park Road and Woodland Road at 8.15 am, and Stoke Lodge, Shirehampton Road at 8.30 am. Booking details from Mr. D. Brimson 15 Bayswater Road, Horfield, Bristol, Tel: 514329.
- 20 The Mendip Society : WALK, led by Mr. Foulkes. Meet at Woodborough Hotel carpark, Winscombe at 2.30 pm.
- 20 The Folk House Archaeological Society : A WALK IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE, by car. Meet at Anchor Road at 9.30 am. Led by Shirley Pearce and Lorna Wood.
- 23 The Malago Society : SHIRE HORSES, talk by Keith Chivers, a leading expert on this subject. Meet at St. Peter's Room, St. Peter's Church, Bishopsworth at 7.30 pm.
- 24 Filton Historical Research Group : BRISTOL TO WESTBURY ON TRYM, by Mr. Bowden, after the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Meet at Filton Folk Centre, at 7.00 pm.
- 26 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society : MENDIP MINING, with reference to some of the latest research on mining, by Mrs. Joan Day, former Secretary of the Society. Meet at the Adult Education Centre, Bath Road, Keynsham at 7.30 pm.
- 27 The Folk House Archaeological Society : VISIT TO WISLEY GARDENS. By coach. Meet at Anchor Road at 9.00 am. Names as soon as possible, to Shirley Pearce, 37 Muller Road, Horfield, Bristol 7.

APRIL

- 27 ROEL : REDISCOVERING A LOST VILLAGE, a one day course, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, at Roel Farm, Guiting Power, near Cheltenham. Fee £5. Details from M. Aston, Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies.
- 28 The Mendip Society, WALK : MASCALLS WOOD, DEW POND AND CHEDDAR CLIFFS, led by Len Cram. Meet in Cliff Street carpark, Cheddar at 11.00 am. Bring lunch.

MAY

- 1 Kingswood & District History Society : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, followed by an exhibition of local historical objects and 'short talks'. Refreshments. Meet at the Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road at 7.30 pm.
- 1 Guided Walks in Woodspring : BLAGDON. Meet at the Village Club in the village centre, opposite the Post Office, at 6.30 pm. Led by John Chamberlain.
- 2 for four weeks; ART IN THE DARK AGES : CHARLEMAGNE TO CANUTE, by Mrs. M.A. Smith. Meet at Bristol Folk House, 40 Park Street, Bristol, 2.00 - 3.30 pm. Details from M. Aston, Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies.
- 4 until 30 September, Woodspring Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare : PLOMLEY AND THE MONMOUTH REBELLION. A display to make the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Sedgemoor.
- 8 The Mendip Society : WALK : RACKLEY, led by Gill Wakley. Meet at lay-by below Crook's Peak on Cross/Loxton Road (ST 393551) at 7.00 pm.
- 9 URBAN WALK : THE PORTWALL AREA OF REDCLIFFE, led by John Bryant. Meet outside Portwall Tavern, Portwall Lane (opposite St. Mary Redcliffe) at 7.00 pm.
- 10 Banwell Society of Archaeology, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Meet at Banwell Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 10 A.L.H.A., : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Hosted by the Malago Society, held at St. Peter's Room, St. Peter's Church, Bishopsworth at 7.30 pm. Speaker : Anton Bantock.
- 11 The Mendip Society, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Meet at The Centre, Shepton Mallett at 2.00 pm, followed after tea by a talk by Kate Ahsbrook, Secretary, Open Spaces Society.
- 13 Temple Local History Group : VISIT AND GUIDED TOUR OF COURAGES LTD. BREWERY, Bath Street. Details and cost to be confirmed.
- 16 B.A.A.R.G. : A MUNICIPAL ENGINEER LOOKS AT ANCIENT ENGINEERING, by Mr. M. Gilbert, at the City Museum, Queens Road at 7.30 pm.
- 17 Clevedon Civic Society, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at the Civic Society Rooms, 1 Seavale Road, Clevedon at 7.30 pm.

MAY

- 18 B.A.A.R.G./Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group : VISIT TO ROUSHAM PARK, WOODSTOCK AND DORCHESTER ABBEY (departure times and booking details, as 20 April).
- 18 B.A.L.H. : USING PROBATE INVENTORIES FOR LOCAL HISTORY AND FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH - Day School at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London. Speakers : Dr. B. Trinder, Dr. J. Cox, Mr. B. Stapleton, Mr. C. Chapman. Fees : Members £8, Non-Members £9 (Booking details as on 13 April).
- 18 The Folk House Archaeological Society, VISIT TO SALTFOED, Brass Mills and Manor House. Numbers limited. Meet at Anchor Road at 9.45 am. Led by Tony Brown. Names to Tony Brown, as soon as possible at 9 Marden Road, Keynsham, BS18 1RW.
- 18 The Mendip Society : WALK : WINScombe, led by Mr. Foulkes. Meet at Woodborough Hotel, Winscombe at 2.30 pm.
- 19 The Mendip Society : WALK : BLAGDON, north of the Lake, led by Don Richmond. Meet at Blagdon Fire Station carpark at 11.00 am. Bring lunch and stout footwear.
- 20 Bristol & Avon Family History Society : IRISH FAMILIES IN BRISTOL, by David Large. Meet at the Folk House, 40 Park Street, Bristol at 7.30 pm.
- 20 Marshfield & District Local History Society : ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL, by Eric Franklin. Meet at the Legion Hall, Marshfield at 7.30 pm.
- 21 The Malago Society : CRIME AND VIOLENCE. Another Malago Team Evening using material taken from their archive. Meet at St. Peter's Room, St. Peter's Church, Bishopsworth at 7.30 pm.
- 21 Weston super Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + President's Lecture (to be announced). Held at St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, Weston at 7.00 pm.
- 22 Freshford & District Local History Society : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SOMERSET LANDSCAPES, by Michael Aston, Staff Tutor in Archaeology. Held at Freshford Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 25 The Mendip Society : WALK : SANDFORD. Meet opposite the Chapel, Hill Road, Sandford Batch at 10.00 am. A morning walk exploring footpaths.
- 26 The Mendip Society : WALK : ROOKHAM AND EBBOR GORGE PRESERVE, led by Anna Baines. Meet at Rookham, Dursdon Drove End (ST 553488) at 2.30 pm.

JUNE

- 1 The Mendip Society : WALK : BURRINGTON COOMBE, led by Charles Copp. Meet at carpark opposite Rock of Ages near bottom of Coombe (ST 476587) at 2.15 pm.

JUNE

- 5 Guided Walks in Woodspring : FAILAND - MOAT HOUSE FARM. Meet at entrance to Moat House Farm, Wraxall (ST 488727), 5½ miles from Clevedon on upper road to Bristol. Led by Keith Gardner.
- 5 Temple Local History Group : TREASURE TRAIL (with prizes for the observant) around the College Green area. Organised by David Brace. Meet at College Green, by Queen Victoria's statue at 7.30 pm.
- 8 The Mendip Society : WALK : CHURCHILL. Led by Mr. Livingstone. Meet at the Clock Tower, Churchill at 2.30 pm.
- 8 Friends of Woodspring Museum/National Trust Woodspring Centre : Beacon and Barbecue to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Sedgemoor, to be held at Sand Point, Kewstoke at 7.30 pm. See main text for details.
- 8 Bristol & Avon Family History Society : OPEN DAY at Cotham Parish Church Hall, opposite the Homeopathic Hospital, at 10.00 am - 4.30 pm. Admission free.
- 9 The Mendip Society : WALK : BLEADON, led by Don Richmond. Meet at Coronation Hall carpark, Bleadon at 11.00 am. Bring lunch and stout footwear.
- 14 Banwell Society of Archaeology : BRISTOL : INSIDE THE CITY WALL. by Bryan Amesbury. Meet at Banwell Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 15 B.A.A.R.G. : URBAN WALK - ST. JAMES PARISH, led by David Dawson. Meet outside the Haymarket entrance to Bristol Bus Station at 7.00 pm.
- 15 B.A.A.R.G./Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group : VISIT TO LEOMINSTER, CROFT CASTLE, SHOBDEN CHURCH AND PENBRIDGE, (departure times and booking details as 20 April).
- 15 The Mendip Society : WALK : WINSCOMBE, led by Mr. Foulkes. Meet at Woodborough Hotel, Winscombe at 2.30 pm.
- 16 The Mendip Society : WALK : BATCOMBE, led by Anna Baines. Meet at Batcombe Church at 2.30 pm, 3 miles south-west of Cranmore (ST 690390).
- 17 Marshfield & District Local History Society : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + REPORTS ON PROJECTS. Meet at the Legion Hall, Marshfield at 7.30 pm.
- 18 The Mendip Society : WALK : UPHILL AND AXE ESTUARY, led by Don Richmond. Meet at carpark below Uphill Church (ST 316586) at 7.00 pm.
- 22 The Folk House Archaeological Group : VISIT TO ST. ALBANS. By coach. Meet at Anchor Road at 9.00 am. Led by Diana Weevers and Alan Smith. Names and £2 deposit as soon as possible to Alan Smith, 105 Headley Lane, Headley Park, BS13 7QX.

NEWSLETTER

AVON
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AVON PAST and this Newsletter have recently been in the public eye on bookstalls at the Bristol and Avon Family History Society Open Day, and at ACCES's Victorian Kingswood Exhibition. We are very grateful to these organisations for this opportunity to publicise our activities and boost our sales.

ALHA AGM

Thanks to Malago Society for splendidly hosting the 10th A.G.M. of the A.L.H.A. on Friday 10th May. Anton Bantock gave a magnificent talk on the Smyths of Ashton Court to a packed hall of members and friends. We would also like to thank the Malago members for their hospitality and refreshments.

AAC AGM

The 12th AAC A.G.M. was held on Thursday 30th May and was attended by a (rather small) number of Society representatives - perhaps this was due to the late unavoidable change of date? This year is the first, for over a decade, in which Avon is without a regional archaeological unit. A report on the situation was given.

We shall have gone to press too early to report on the Poetry and Prose Evening at Newton Park, on the evening of Saturday 29th June.

JUST A WARNING

The AAC Symposium on Post-Medieval Pottery is planned for 2nd November 1985, 9.45 am - 5.15 pm, at St. Mary's Hall, Thornbury. Speakers will include Terry Pearson, Reginald Jackson and David Dawson. There will be an opportunity for pottery specimens to be examined by experts. Attendance is expected from a wide area. Tickets will be £1.75 (including afternoon tea only) and will be available by post from Y. Loe, Hon. Sec., The Thornbury Society, 28 Severn Drive, Thornbury (please enclose stamped, addressed envelope)

A.I.H.C.A.M.

Run together, these form the title of the new magazine of the Avon Industrial Buildings Trust. The first issue (Summer 1985) is now available, and very good value at 50p. A packed issue contains such goodies as the Kingswood History Project, Women and Industry and the Ram Hill tramway project. The Editor, Deborah Kershaw, is to be congratulated on such an interesting and varied issue.

Further details of the Avon Industrial Heritage Campaign can be had from A.I.B.T., c/o ACCES, 325 Fishponds Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6QG.

VICTORIAN KINGSWOOD EXHIBITION

Heartiest congratulations are due to Myna Trustram for organising such an impressive exhibition, and one that turned out to be so popular. Your ALHA Editor attended the reception on 6th June and found the industrial, religious and social displays most fascinating. Anyone able to add any memories of Kingswood might like to contact the Kingswood History Project, ACCES, 325 Fishponds Road, Bristol BS5 6QG. The Editor's attention was drawn to a post-Victorian item on display; the first ever Douglas motorcycle (1907), part of the collection of Mr. John Caddick. He told her that Bendix Ltd. is to have an exhibition, '100 Years of Douglasses', in early July.

Amongst the publications on display was one to mark the dedication of a new pulpit on Hanham Mount, and detailing some of the Non-Conformist Chapels in Kingswood. The compilers of the Kingswood Chapel Survey are still interested in hearing from anyone who has any information relating to the history of the Non-Conformist Chapels and their congregations, so if you can help in any way, why not contact C.J. Spittal, 162 Church Road, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol BS17 2ND, or Tel: Winterbourne (93) 773158. The Kingswood District Council and Bristol Industrial Archaeological Society have produced a leaflet defining a Walk Along the Avon and Gloucestershire Railway, starting on Siston Common at the 'Horseshoe'.

NEW MUSEUMS

Firstly, may we draw your attention to the Shoe Museum, at C. & J. Clark Factory, High Street, Street, open from Monday through Saturday, from 10 am - 4.45 pm. Admission free.

Plans are progressing well for the Weston-super-Mare Civic Society to open their Heritage Centre, in premises acquired in Wadham Street. Besides a Display Centre, there are planned not only a cafe and shop but a Conservation Advice Centre.

The Radstock, Norton and District Museum Society have invited the Prince of Wales to become Patron of an appeal for an heritage museum in the Norton Radstock area, to record the local industrial past. Once premises have been secured, the Trustees will be asking for donations and loans of items for display.

Plans are well advanced towards the opening of a new Museum in Banwell, run by the Friends of Banwell Fire Station and Museum. The idea is that the Museum will be housed in part of the Old Fire Station, the remainder being still used to house the local volunteer fire-fighting force. The museum will cover fire-fighting history and local history, and if you would like to become a Friend (subscription £2 p.a.), please contact Mrs. J.N. Rendell, 'Stonedale', 11 Fairfield Close, Milton, Weston-super-Mare.

The Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society and the Keynsham Civic Society have joined forces and are having discussions with Wansdyke District Council, on the opening of a Keynsham Museum, using the Fry's display collection as the nucleus. Work on Keynsham Abbey, by the Folk House Archaeological Society, and on Keynsham By-Pass have also yielded rich finds of local interest. We wish them every success.

The Jenner Museum has opened in the Chantry, Berkely, Gloucestershire, Jenner's home and workplace. In the grounds you may see the Temple of Vaccinia, the hut where he vaccinated the poor, free of charge. In the house, you will see relics of Jenner's life and medical times, and nearby the church where he is buried. The Museum is open from April to September, Tuesday to Sunday, with a small admission charge. Information from The Custodian, The Chantry, Church Lane, Berkeley, Glos., GL13 9BH. Tel: Dursley (0453) 810631.

INTRODUCING ...

A new Hotwells Local History Group, based at the Hope Centre, where they can be contacted. The aim to record the history of the area, including the neighbourhood of the Nova Scotia, shipping and schools, as well as housing.

The Kingston Seymour Local History Society, formed following a successful exhibition put on by the villagers entitled 'Kingston through the Ages'. Being only a small society, they have a restricted membership, but if you have local connections, you could contact their Secretary, Ken Stuckey at Yew Tree House, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon.

The Chew Valley Friends of the Earth Pensford Flora Project. This group have joined in the Avon Flora Project, and been allocated an area roughly between Pensford and Chelwood and their environs, in order to record all flora in the area. Information on Chew Valley Friends of the Earth can be had from their Secretary, Julie Baber, 15 Hillcrest, Pensford, Avon.

HELP !

Has anyone got for sale a copy of Frank W. Gastrell's Almondsbury Memories, published in 1981 ? This book is a compilation of articles by Mr. Gastrell written for the Almondsbury Parish Magazine between 1974 and 1979. If you can help, please contact Pip Jones or Jenny Scherr. Any similar book on the history of Almondsbury would also be of interest, and anything that mentions Harts House, Woodhouse Down.

NOW HERE'S AN IDEA ...

Recently, Nailsea Local History Society and Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society exchanged visits, providing two successful and very popular evenings. This might be an idea for other Societies to broaden their contacts and horizons.

LOOKING FORWARD

Just to remind you that the AAC in association with Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, are holding a Joint Symposium at Clevedon Community Centre on 27th October, entitled The Evolution of the Church in the Landscape. Details in our next.

A BICKLEY REMINDER

Just to remind you that the annual Bickley excavation at Clêeve will commence on 22nd July and finish on 9th August, with a kiln-firing and end-of-excavation barbecue. Details may still be had from the Dept. of Archaeology, City Museum, Queens Road, Bristol.

LOOKING BACK

The Bristol Jewish Representative Council is organising two exhibitions to mark the 200th anniversary of the consecration of a synagogue in Temple Street in 1786, following the return of the Jews to England in the 17th century after their expulsion in 1290.

The exhibitions both aim to portray aspects of the history and culture of the Jews in Bristol, from the 12th century to the present day. The first will be held from 22-29 September at the Van Dyke Gallery of the University of Bristol. The second exhibition, to be held in September 1986, will illustrate this history in greater detail.

CAN YOU HELP ... ?

Mr. Peter Grace is researching into everyday life in Cirencester and district during the Second World War. He would be interested to hear from anyone with relevant oral or written material. He can be contacted at 23 Sperrington, Cirencester, Glos. (Tel: Cirencester (0285) 5650).

ST. HUGH'S CHARTERHOUSE RESTORATION APPEAL

On top of Mendip is a tiny chapel dedicated to St. Hugh, once Prior of Witham to whom Charterhouse once belonged. Built in 1908, the chapel is a fine example of the work of W.D. Caroe, with a mass of beautifully intricate carvings. It is hoped that the chapel could be opened for services and visits, but funds are needed for urgent repairs. For further information, please contact The Rector of Blagdon, Charles Hadley, at Blagdon Rectory.

CHEDDAR VALLEY RAILWAY WALK

If you would like to help with the laying out of the second stretch of this walk from Yatton to Congresbury, the first being from the A38 at Shute Shelve to Congresbury Station, please contact Roger Starr on Winscombe (967) 2353 for details. Work usually takes place from 1.45 pm on the first Saturday of each month.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DATE

Material for the next Newsletter, covering October - December, should be in by Friday 6th September, sent to :-

Jenny Scherr,
21 Caledonia Place,
Clifton,
Bristol, BS8 4DL.

Pip Jones,
City Museum & Art Gallery,
Queens Road,
Bristol, BS8 1RL.

B O O K S

Firstly, we would like to take the opportunity of correcting a past error. We wrongly gave the publishers of Mrs. Rae Collins book A Journey in Ancestry as the Malago Society, when it should of course have read Alan Sutton Publishing Ltd..

Recalling Old Barton Hill, produced by the Barton Hill History Group, price £1 + 22p postage & packing. Available from University Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill; CSV, 13 Midland Road, St. Philips; Full Marks Bookshop, 110 Cheltenham Road. This booklet, spotted in a marquee at Ashton Court on Senior Citizens Day, illustrates an aspect of local history which seems to be becoming evermore emphasised : it is something experienced in the community, to be transmitted orally by older members who enjoy sharing their memories with those much younger. Hence the tape-slide 'Recalling Barton Hill' which accompanies the booklet has been shown in primary schools and Homes for the Elderly alike. An item in Venue No.79 (10-23 Aug. 1985) gave the Barton Hill History Group a good write-up and mentioned a number of other oral history groups being set up in Avon. The Barton Hill History Group also issue a Newsletter, full of interesting memories. Membership of the group costs £2 p.a. (£1 for OAP's), and details can be got from David Cheesley, 4 George Street, Redfield, BS5 9DJ.

Bristol Record Society Vol. XXXVII - A Bristol Miscellany, edited by Patrick McGrath, with sections by J. Bettey, Elizabeth Ralph, Kenneth Morgan and David Large. £9 to non-members, + 66p postage & packing, from the Hon. Sec., B.R.S., Dept. of History, University of Bristol.

F.C. Markwell & Pauline Saul, The Family Historian's Enquire Wither, Federation of Family History Societies, 1985, £3. A very useful and up-to-date dictionary giving full references for further reading, e.g. Basketmakers, Church Courts and Prisons and Prisoners, as well as the more obvious interests of family historians.

W.B. Stephens, Teaching Local History, Manchester U.P., 1977. Remaindered at Georges, at £3.

A new family history journal, Family Tree, may be had from 129 Great Whyte, Ramsey, Huntingdon, Cambs., PE17 1HP, six issues for £5.

Advance notice - Family History Annual, a new publication, available from 3/33 Sussex Square, Brighton, BN2 5AB. Proposed price £6. Due out, September/October 1986.

Advance notice - The Marshfield Survey, out shortly, available from Avon County Planning Dept., for £3.60.

John Loosley (Woodspring Area Librarian) and Dr. Bryan Brown (Reader in tourism and recreation, Dorset Institute of Higher Education, Poole), Yesterday's Town, Barracuda Books. A follow-up to their 1979 Book of Weston-super-Mate. By the same authors, the Book of Portishead.

Gloucester Folk Museum, Farming in Gloucestershire 1800-1914 (1984) and Dairy Farming in Gloucestershire (1983).

Graeme Garden, A Sense of the Past, Ward Lock, 1985, £6.95.

Hallelujah ! Recording Chapels and Meeting Houses, London, C.B.A., 1985. £2.95.

Helen Clarke, The Archaeology of Medieval England, London, B.M. Publications, 1984. £12.95.

James Sherborne, William Canynge 1402-1474, Bristol Branch of the Historical Association, 1985. £1.00.

S.H. Burton, The Lorna Doone Trail, with selections by R.D. Blackmore, Exmoor Press, £2.80 post paid. Please order from The Exmoor Press, Dulverton, Somerset. Unusual and colourful.

R.J.P. Kain and H.C. Price, The Tithe Surveys of England and Wales, C.U.P., 1985.

H. Torrens, Men of Iron, Speedwell, 1984. A history of the MacArthur group.

Michael Woods, Avon and Somerset Border (Wildlife walkabouts, 1), Wayside, 1985. £3.95. An illustrated walkers guide.

From Bristol BroadSides, 108c Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3RU :-

Bristol as we remember it, £1 + 30p p & p. Memories of the working men and women of Barton Hill, in the factories and in war.

A Bristol Childhood, by Robert Harvey, 75p + 30p p & p.

Arthur and Me, by Jo Barnes. 50p + 30p p & p. The daughter of an Avonmouth docker, her childhood with her brother Arthur. Memorable.

Look out for - A Social History of Bristol in Photographs, out in November 1985, £4.95 approximately.

If you are researching into Non-Conformist religions, or trying to trace family records, the Branch Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 721 Wells Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 9HU, have a variety of records. A leaflet can be had from the Central Reference Library, College Green defining the scope of these records. If you would like to use them please phone Richard Sowter on Bristol (0272) 560106, between 7 - 8.30 am.

The Business Archives Centre, Denmark House, 15 Tooley Street, London SE1 2PN, (Tel: 01 407 6110), run an advisory service for any business seeking help with locating, sorting, listing and accomodating records of historical interest. They will also receive and store old records.

The current issue of Avon Conservation News, No.20, is of particular interest for an article on small, local museums

D I A R Y

JUNE

- 11 - 27 July Watershed Gallery : BRUNEL'S KINGDOM. Photography and the Making of History.
- 17 - 3 Oct. City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery : THE HUGENOTS IN BRISTOL. To mark the tercentenary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and the arrival of French Protestants in England.
- 28 - 15 Sep. Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museums, Pittville Pump Room, Gallery of Fashion : THE WHINYATES FAMILY OF CHELTENHAM AND THEIR ANGLO-INDIAN CONNECTION 1780 - 1880.

JULY

- 1 St. Nicholas Church Museum, Bristol : Free Gramophone Recital, 12.45 - 1.45 pm.
- 3 Woodspring Museum Guided Walks : ROWBERROW BOTTOM AND DOLEBURY HILLFORT, led by Chris Richards. Meet at carpark of Swan Inn, Rowberrow (GR 451 583) at 6.30 pm.
- 3 Keynsham Local History Society & Keynsham Library holding a LOCAL HISTORY ROADSHOW at Keynsham Public Library, 2-4 and 6.30 - 8 pm.
- 6 Day School - Manchester - APPROACHES TO ORAL HISTORY. Speakers : Dr. J. Widdowson, Mr. K. Howarth, Mrs. S. Hesketh & another. British Association for Local History members £6.50, non-members £7.50. Details from BALH, The Mill Manager's House, Cromford Mill, Cromford, Derbyshire DE4 3RQ. Send s.a.e..
- 6 - 14 Sep. Woodspring Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-s-M. : GOD'S WONDERFUL RAILWAY, exhibition to mark 150th anniversary of the G.W.R..
- 6 - 30 Sep. Corinium Museum, Cirencester : UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS - A display of Robert Opie's collection of packaging history.
- 7 Mendip Society : WALK - KILMERSDON CHURCH TO BABBINGTON HOUSE, led by Don Thompson. Meet at Kilmersdon Church (696 524) at 2.30 pm.
- 7 Bristol Jewish Representative Council : TRACING THE STORY OF PREVIOUS GENERATIONS OF JEWS IN BIRMINGHAM AND BATH. Speakers : Zoe Josephs and Judith Samuel. Meet in Frank Cohen Hall, Bristol Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, 9 Park Row, Bristol at 2.30 pm.

JULY

- 7 Goldney Pleasure Garden, Clifton, Bristol : OPEN from 2 - 6 pm, for entertainments and cream tea. Admission £1. ALSO from 7.30 pm, a concert with wine. Admission £3. Tickets for the evening from Chapter & Verse or Tel: 49785. Proceeds to the Grotto Restoration Fund.
- 9 Clutton Local History Group : GUIDED WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE. Details from Mr. L. Cunningham, 2 Mendip Cottages, Clutton Hill, Clutton.
- 10 City Museum Summer Walk : THE CHANGING FACE OF GEORGIAN ST. PAUL'S. Meet at Brunswick Square Gardens (centre of square) at 6.15 pm. Led by Mike Jenner (architect & writer) and David Dawson & Francis Greenacre (City Museum Curators).
- 12 Banwell Society of Archaeology : HANNAH MORE, by Mr. Robin Bush. Meet at Banwell Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 13 Mendip Society : WALK - FROM CHURCHILL, led by Mr. Livingstone. Meet at Clock Tower, Churchill at 2.30 pm.
- 13 The Folk House Archaeological Society : VISIT TO QUANTOCKS, led by Doug Sprauge. Meet coach at Anchor Road at 9 am. Name and £2 deposit to Alan Smith, 105 Headley Lane, Headley Park, BS13 7QX.
- 14 Mendip Society : WALK - WEST HARPTREE, paths and lanes above Chew Valley Lake, led by Gerald Offer. Meet at Herriotts Bridge SW end (570 581) at 11 am. Bring lunch and stout footwear.
- 15 Yatton Local History Society : TOUR OF BANWELL with members of Banwell Society of Archaeology. Meet at Yatton library at 7 pm or main carpark in Banwell opposite the school at 7.30 pm. Car sharing. Members - free, non-members 50p.
- 15 St. Nicholas Church Museum, Bristol : Free Gramophone Recital, 12.45 - 1.45 pm.
- 15 - 20 City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery : EXHIBITION OF THE WORK OF YOUNG LACEMAKERS, with possible demonstrations during the week, to be arranged.
- 17 - 19 Chipping Sodbury Local History Society : EXHIBITION OF LOCAL HISTORY at the Town Hall.
- 18 Mendip Society : WALK - FROM CONGRESBURY, led by Don Richmond. Meet carpark opposite the cross, Congresbury (438 638) at 7 pm.

JULY

- 19 In aid of St. Gregory's, Cheltenham, Parish Church
Spire Appeal : SPIRITUAL ADVANTAGES - CHURCH BUILDING
AND RELIGIOUS LIFE IN 19th CENTURY CHELTENHAM, by
Dr. S. Blake, of Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museums, at
the Old Priory, Clarence Street at 7.30 pm.
- 20 Mendip Society : WALK - WINSCOMBE, with Mr. Foulkes.
Meet at Woodborough Hotel at 2.30 pm.
- 21 Mendip Society : WALK - CHARTERHOUSE LEAD MINING,
led by Len Cram and Anna Baines. Meet Charterhouse
carpark (505556) at 11 am. Bring lunch and stout footwear.
- 24 Mendip Society : WALK - ABOVE WELLS, led by Sheila
Pierce. Meet Pen Hill layby on A39 (569 489) at
7 pm.
- 26 Opening of Bristol's new MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE,
Gasferry Road, adjacent to the S.S. Great Britain.
- 26 Whitchurch Local History Society : TRANSPORT
TREASURE HUNT. Leisurely drive through N. Somerset
finishing at a country Inn. Details from Mr. B.
Slade, 53 Wharncliffe Gardens, Whitchurch.
- 27 Mendip Society : WALK - FROM SANDFORD. Meet
opposite the chapel, Hill Road, Sandford Batch,
at 10 am. All day, so bring lunch.

AUGUST

- 1 - 28 Sep. City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery : WILDLIFE -
THE LAW AND YOU.
- 5 St. Nicholas Church Museum : Free Gramophone
Recital, 12.45 - 1.45 pm.
- 6 Bristol Folk House Family Workshop : INTRODUCING
PRACTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY. Tutors : T. Mason and B.
Lowe. A day's excavation at Keynsham Abbey, 10.30 am
- 4.30 pm, book through Bristol Folk House, 40
Park Street, BS1 5JG. £5 adults, £4 children.
- 7 Temple Local History Group : GUIDED TOUR - 'TEMPLE
FEE', led by Julian Lea-Jones. Meet at Victoria
Street end of Bristol Bridge at 7.30 pm.
- 7 Woodspring Museum Guided Walk : RIVER AND RAILWAY
(the River Ye and the old line of the Weston,
Clevedon and Portishead Light Railway), led by
Ken Stickey. Meet at Ham Farm, Ham Lane, Kingston
Seymour (drive on past the church for a mile)
(386 670) at 6.30 pm.

AUGUST

- 18 Folk House Archaeological Society : VISIT TO FARLEIGH HUNGERFORD, FROME AND NUNNEY, led by Tony Brown. Cars meet at Anchor Road at 9.30 am.
- 19 St. Nicholas Church Museum, Free Gramophone Recital 12.45 - 1.45 pm.
- 19 Yatton Local History Society : RESERACH MEETING at Bickley, Main Road, Cleeve (entrance by '40' sign between the Star and the corner of Bishops Road) at 8 pm.
- 21 City Museum Summer Walk : BRISTOL'S NEW MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE and its surroundings, led by Paul Elkin of the City Museum. Meet outside the M.H.C., Gasferry Road, beside the S.S. Great Britain at 6.15 pm.
- 26 Mendip Society : WALK - BUTTERFLIES ALONG THE RAILWAY LINE TO SANDFORD HILL, led by Don Richmond. Meet Winscombe Recreation Ground carpark at 11 am. Bring lunch.
- 27 Whitchurch Local History Society : VISIT TO THE G.W.R. EXHIBITION TRAIN AT TEMPLE MEADS. Details from Mr. B. Slade, 53 Wharncliffe Gardens, Whitchurch.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Woodspring Museum Guided Walk : CROOK PEAK, led by Chris Richards. Meet at layby between Webbington Country Club and Rackley, before the turn off to Compton Bishop (395 550) at 6.30 pm.
- 10 Clutton Local History Group, : COAL MINING IN THE LOCAL AREA, by Mr. John Kingman. Meet at Clutton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Members 50p, non-members 75p.
- 12 ANNUAL LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE, at GlosCAT, Oxstalls Lane, Gloucester from 2 - 5.30 pm.
- 13 Banwell Society of Archaeology : I.K. BRUNEL - THE G.W.R. and BRISTOL AND EXETER RAILWAY, by Mr. Bryan Little. Meet at Banwell Village Hall at 7.30 pm.
- 16 Bristol & Avon Family History Society : ANNIVERSARY MEETING - HOW TO USE THE I.G.I., by Richard Sowter. Meet at Transport House, Victoria Street, Bristol at 7.30 pm.
- 18 City Museum Summer Walk : BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN CORN STREET, led by Francis Greenacre (Curator in Fine Arts). Meet outside the Corn Exchange, Corn Street at 6.15 pm.

NEWSLETTER

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A.A.C. THORNBURY POST-MEDIEVAL POTTERY SYMPOSIUM

This symposium, whilst not packed to the roof, had a good attendance of enthusiasts from not only Avon, Somerset and Gloucestershire, but also from over the bridge, from Monmouth and Glamorgan. Those attending heard excellent talks from David Dawson, Terry Pearson, Reginald Jackson and Oliver Kent, and a wide selection of pottery was brought to be examined and discussed. Vic Hallett, Paul Wildgoose and the Thornbury Society made splendid hosts and the events passed off as a most interesting and informative day.

BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The B. & G. are now able to report a membership of over 900, and, to the delight of everyone in the field, are able to offer small excavation grants to members, as well as keep up a full publication programme.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE SOCIETY

Activity is rife in the Weston area, but the Society would welcome more people for the proposed work on parish records.

STROUD I

To fill a void in the local history scene, a new Society is being launched from Stroud Library, the Stroud Library Local History Society. 'Born' in December 1984, the Society aims not only to provide a focal point for local interest in history, but to add to local material and to sponsor projects, such as indexing on microfilm local newspapers, and local trades and professions. Membership is £2 p.a. with a meeting charge of 50p.

STROUD II

Stroud District Council and the Manpower Services Commission have financed the formation of a museum of agricultural and industrial exhibits, housed in a chapel in Stroud. The team, headed by Bill Draper, are hoping to put together exhibitions on rope-making, dairying, coopering, brewing, the woollen industry and walking stick manufacture. If anyone, either from industry or as an individual, could help with any of these, Mr. Draper would like to hear from you.

DOES NAILSEA NEED A MUSEUM ?

Town councillors in Nailsea are looking at the possibilities of opening a small local museum. Apparently they have some objects, including the old parish chest and a model of the former glassworks, that could form the nucleus of an exhibition, as well as the possibility of local oans of Nailsea relics, especially the famous Nailsea glass.

CLEVEDON MUSEUM

Waterloo House, The Beach, Clevedon, has been purchased by the Victor Cox Museum Trust and is to be converted and opened as a museum and heritage centre in August 1986, to coincide with the re-opening of Clevedon Pier. Victor Cox was a local town benefactor who left a property (whose sale funded the purchase of Waterloo House) together with financial aid, to open a museum which would house his own collection of sculptures and carvings. The heritage centre will feature displays which show the history and development of Clevedon through the ages.

WHERE TO GO IN BATH

Spare a thought for the restored and renovated Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, now the Huntingdon Centre, designed to further an appreciation of Bath's history. The focal point of the centre is a huge model of the city that can be viewed from the chapel gallery to give a birds-eye view of the city in miniature. There are also exhibitions, one of which features the founder of the chapel, the Countess of Huntingdon, slide and video displays, an information service, a meeting space and a varied programme of events. Considerable emphasis is placed on education, both for students and teachers who would appreciate a wider awareness of Bath's development and potential.

In Julian Road, not far from the Assembly Rooms, you will find the Camden Works Museum, open from 1st March - 31st October, 2 - 5 pm., and November 1st - February 28th, Saturday and Sunday, 2 - 5 pm; £1 for adults, 50p for children, students and OAPs. The Museum houses the Bowler collection, the life through artefacts and documents of a Victorian brass-foundry, and an exhibition on the history of the use and working of Bath stone. The building itself started life as a tennis court in 1777, and has enjoyed a chequered career since, all of which is recorded and displayed.

At the Victoria Art Gallery in Bath, you can see from December 14th to January 11th, an exhibition of the work of Thomas Hearne, the Victorian watercolour artist, whose topographical paintings cover the length and breadth of the country. From January 18th to February 22nd, you can see 'A Bath Assembly - Views of Bath from the Permanent Collections', a series of satirical prints and drawings, portraits of Bath characters, even miniatures and patch boxes with local connections. From March 1st to 29th, there is the 81st Annual Exhibition of the Bath Society of Artists.

THE SALE OF THE CENTURY

Besides just having issued Volume 33 in his series of photographic records of Bristol, Reece Winstone is disposing of his library to callers; books, guides, pamphlets, directories, photographs, post-cards, all of Bristol interest, published in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. You would also be able to purchase copies of his books, including some of the short supply titles, so if you are interested, please phone Mr. Winstone, on Bristol (0272) 503646, to arrange an appointment to view. You can also phone and purchase autographed copies of the author's work that can be sent to any part of the world.

B O O K S

Those of you who enjoy and collect the works of Reece Winstone will be delighted to know that title No.33 is now available, 'Bristol's Suburbs Long Ago', with 520 photographs covering the suburbs from 1865 to 1935. This collection, of course, provides a novel and varied look at the area. This volume, past volumes, and the 1986 calender of photographs (price 50p) can be bought direct from the author, who will also autograph the books. Please phone (0272) 503646 to arrange a visit.

The Malago Society will shortly be bringing out the third and final part of Anton Bantock's trilogy on the Smyths of Ashton Court, the first two parts being, The Earlier Smyths of Ashton Court, 1540-1741 and The Later Smyths of Ashton Court, 1741-1802. You can buy each book for £3 + 75p postage & packing, or the pair at £5 + £1.50 postage & packing. Another excellent Malago publication out now is the second part of Mark Simmons' biography, Mark : More of My Words; Memories of a Bishopsworth Man, covering the years 1940-1957, price 50p + 20p postage & packing. All these books can be had from Mrs. C.A. Lillington, 23 Grange Road, Bishopsworth, BS13 8LE, Tel: (0272) 644286.

A catchy little number from the Historical Geography Research Series, is No.13, A Gazetteer of English Urban Fire Disasters, 1500-1900 (Geo Books, £2.75), with lists, commentaries and useful sources.

Not to be outdone, H.M. Prison, Gloucester, now stocks B. White's The Murderers of Gloucestershire : Hangings in Gloucester Prison, 1872-1939.

As a companion to The National Trust Guide to Prehistoric and Roman Britain, by Richard Muir and Humphrey Welfare, Richard Muir has now written The National Trust Guide to Dark Age and Medieval Britain, 400-1350 (George Philip, £14.95, 0 540 01090 1). The National Trust were also associated in producing Calke Abbey, Derbyshire : A Hidden House Revealed, by Howard Colvin, with original photographs by Michael Freeman, (George Philip, £12.95 of which 50p will be donated to the Calke Abbey Appeal).

The Downend Local History Society is pleased to announce its' latest publication, Mangotsfield Picture Post, a collection of reproductions of old photographs of the area with captions, and a foreward by Mr. Nicholas Thomas, Director of the Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery. This book costs £4 including postage & packing, and is obtainable from Mr. R. Howlett, 3 Mangotsfield Road, Mangotsfield, BS17 3JG, or Mrs. P. Jones, 77 Fouracre Road, Downend, BS16 7PH.

Temple Local History Group, in conjunction with Bristol City Council, have published in November 1985, St. John's Conduit - Bristol's Surviving Medieval Water Supply. After 2½ years research, this book details the origins, history and present state of the conduit, with measured plans, photographs and original sketches, including a present-day plan showing the route. The book is dedicated to the late Leonard Nott, who wrote the description of the construction. Temple Local History Group also hope to produce a similar volume on the Temple Conduit.

Key Guide to Information Sources in Archaeology, by Peter Woodhead (Mansell, 1985).

The Archaeology of Wetlands, by John Coles (Edinburgh U.P., 1984).

Gloucester : A History and Guide, by Carolyn Heighway (Alan Sutton, 1985, £4.95).

A picture story book, Bath Buns and Cheddar Cheese : Sketchbooks of a West Country Childhood, by Diana John (Methuen, 1985, £4.95).

Oral Traditions as History, by J. Vansina (London, James Currey, 1985, £8.50).

British Archives : A Guide to Archive Resources in the U.K., by Janet Foster and Julie Sheppard (Macmillan, 1982, £27.50).

Probate Records and the Local Community, edited by Philip Riden (Alan Sutton, 1985).

Micro-History : Local History and Computing Projects, by Sue Edgington (Hodder & Stoughton, 1985, £3.95). Also available : BBC model cassette and disc and Sinclair Spectrum 48K cassette.

The Shell Guide to British Archaeology, by Jacquetta Hawkes (Joseph, 1985, £14.95).

Guide to Undergraduate Courses in Archaeology (2nd Ed.), by Fiona Roe (CBA, 1983).

Invitation to Archaeology, by Philip Rahtz (Blackwell, 1985, £4.95).

The Palaeolithic Settlement of Europe, by C. Gamble (Cambridge World Archaeology series)(CUP, 1985, £10.95).

The English Settlements, by J.N.L. Myres (Oxford History of England) (Clarendon Press, 1986, approx. £15.00).

The Railway in Town and Country, 1830-1914, by J. Simmons (David & Charles, 1986, approx. £15.00).

The Documentary Photograph as Evidence : A Critical Appraisal, by C. Craig (Croom Helm, 1986, approx. £15.95).

Roman Britain : A Source Book, by S. Ireland (Croom Helm, 1985, £8.95). A collection of source material, including archaeological, numismatic, epigraphic, and other evidence; also substantial sections on geography, religion and social and economic activity.

Quantifying Archaeology, by S. Shennan (Edinburgh U.P., 1985, £10.00)

The Catuvellani, by Keith Brangan (Gloucester : Alan Sutton, 1985, £10.95).

To mark their bi-centenary, Hodell Pritchard, Chartered Surveyors, have sponsored the publication of The Bristol House, by architect Keith Mallory (Redcliffe Press, Bristol, £6.50), tracing the evolution of domestic architecture in Britain, using the greater Bristol area as a microcosm for the wider scheme. Bristol, after all, features many, if not all, the major developments of the history of the English house. Over 130 illustrations.

Bristol and the Promotion of The Great Western Railway, by Dr. Geoffrey Channon (Historical Association, £1), looks at the original group of local businessmen who investigated and backed the forming of the railway. The book is said to feature a previously unknown picture of Brunel, playing cards with one of the founders, Thomas Guppy, a local engineer, and his sisters.

D I A R Y

NOVEMBER

- 23 THE LAST OF THE BEDOUIN IN JORDAN. At the Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery : until JANUARY 11

JANUARY

- 4 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, NEW YEAR PARTY at the Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon, 7.30 pm.
- 4 Workers Educational Association, HISTORY OF CLIFTON AND WESTBURY ON TRYM, for 10 weeks; Tutor, Donald Jones, MA MLitt at Clifton Library, 7.30 - 9.00 pm.
- 7 Downend Local History Society, ULEY : LOCAL HISTORY AND THE LANDSCAPE, by John Drinkwater. At Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 9 Chew Valley Local History Society, SAXONS AND NORMANS : THE DOMESDAY BOOK IN NORTH SOMERSET REVIEWED, by M. Costen MA. At the Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna, 8.00 pm. Non-members 50p.
- 9 The Mendip Society, MAKING WILDLIFE FILMS, by Simon King, at St. James Church Hall, Winscombe, 7.30 pm.
- 10 Sodbury & District History Society, CABOT, by Bryan Little, at the New Community Centre, Chipping Sodbury, 7.30 pm.
- 14 The Thornbury Society, MEMBERS EVENING : GREEK TEMPLES, by Paul Wildgoose, and THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO, by David Davis. At St. Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury, 7.30 pm.
- 14 Clutton Local History Group, MEMBER'S PROJECTS, at Clutton Village Hall, 7.00 pm. Non-Members 75p.
- 15 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group, THE STANTON DREW STONE CIRCLES, by L.V. Grinsell. In the Bristol City Museum Schools Room, 7.00 pm.
- 20 Bristol & Avon Family History Society, at Transport House, Victoria Street, Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 21 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society, WEST SOMERSET STORIES, by Rev. A.L. Holt, at St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M, 7.00 pm. Non-members 50p.
- 21 Yatton Local History Society, THE S.S. GREAT BRITAIN, by Ian Martin of the Great Britain Project, at Yatton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 21 Downend Local History Society, HISTORY OF MARKET GARDENING, by Gilbert Roberts, at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 22 Freshford & District Local History Society, THE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF FROME, by M. McGarvie, at Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm.

JANUARY

- 22 City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery Winter Lecture, EXCEPTIONALLY PRESERVED FOSSILS, at the School of Chemistry, Bristol University, 7.30 pm. Admission free.
- 24 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society, SOMERSET WINDMILLS by Martin Watts, restorer of Crowdy Mill, Totnes. At the Adult Education Centre, Ellsbridge House, Keynsham, 7.30 pm.
- 25 The Mendip Society, THE CHANGING FACE OF MENDIP, by Len Cram, at Coombe Lodge, Blagdon, 2.30 pm.
- 25 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group, ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM - Work by BAARG Members in 1985, in the Bristol City Museum Schools Room, 2.00 pm.
- 25 Adult Education Centre, PRACTICAL DOWSING with Mary Ison. At the Folk House, 40 Park Street, Bristol, 10.30 am - 4.30 pm. Fee £5. Prior enrolment essential.
- 25 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Dept., GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND THE MAKING OF THE DOMESDAY BOOK, by J.S. Moore, Ms. C. Heighway and M. Costen. Day course, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm, at the Shaftesbury Hall, St. Georges Place, Cheltenham. Prior enrolment, fee £5.20.
- 28 Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, MARY ROSE, a photographic exhibition : until MARCH 1.
- 28 The Malago Society, A.G.M. and A WALK ROUND BEDMINSTER (film), produced by Val Williams & her students. At St. Peter's Church Room, Bishopsworth, 7.30 pm.
- 29 Filton Historical Research Group, THE LATER SMYTHS AT ASHTON COURT, by A. Bantock, at Filton Folk Centre, 7.30 pm.
- 30 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, CLEVEDON STONE by Mrs. Caroline Gilmour, at the Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon, 7.30 pm.
- 31 Whitchurch Local History Society, SOCIAL EVENING, in the Small Hall, U.R.C., Bristol Road, Whitchurch, 7.30 pm.

FEBRUARY

- 4 Yatton Local History Society, A.G.M., at Yatton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 4 Downend Local History Society, THE HISTORY OF THE LOCAL BRASS INDUSTRY, by Joan Day, at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 5 The Mendip Society, WHY NATURE RESERVES ? by Bob Corns of the Nature Conservancy Council, at the Catholic Church Hall, Tweentown, Cheddar, 7.30 pm.
- 6 Chew Valley Local History Society, EXCAVATIONS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE THE LESS, BRISTOL, by Eric Boore, in the Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna, 8.00 pm.

FEBRUARY

- 8 Workers Educational Association, HOW TO READ OLD DOCUMENTS, by Anne Crawford, in the Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol, 2.00 - 5.30 pm. Fee £3, prior enrolment necessary, to Tony & Hilda Russell, 74 Birchall Road, Redland, Bristol BS6 7TU. Tel. (0272) 40217.
- 8 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Dept., MINING ON THE MENDIPS, by Dr. I. Burrow, a day course of 4 meetings, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm, in the Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar. Fee £5.75.
- 11 Clutton Local History Group, HISTORICAL SOURCES, by Dr. Alan Dodge, at Clutton Village Hall, 7.00 pm.
- 12 City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery Winter Lecture, KING HENRY VIII'S FLAGSHIP, MARY ROSE. Admission by ticket, £1 from the City Museum.
- 14 Sodbury & District Historical Society, TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE, by R. Brown, at the New Community Centre, Chipping Sodbury, 7.30 pm.
- 14 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society, THE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF FROME : 1300 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT, by M. McGarvie (Frome L.H.S.), at the Adult Education Centre, Ellsbridge House, Keynsham, 7.30 pm.
- 17 Bristol & Avon Family History Society, MISTAKES I HAVE MADE, by Richard Moore, at Transport House, Victoria Street, Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 18 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society, MAGIC LANTERNS, by P. Gallop, at St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M, 7.00 pm.
- 18 Downend Local History Society, MEMBERS EVENING : RESULTS OF NEW RESEARCH, at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 19 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group, LODGES - THEIR ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY, by Dr. Tim Mowl, in Bristol City Museum Schools Room, 7.00 pm.
- 20 The Mendip Society, PLANT GALLS, by Don Richmond, at Winscombe Community Centre, 7.30 pm.
- 22 B.A.A.R.G. and Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group, VISIT TO WINDSOR AND RUNNYMEADE. Book with D. Brimson, 15 Bayswater Road, Horfield, Tel. (0272) 514329. Leaving junction of Tyndalls Park Road and Woodland Road, 8.15 am, and Stoke Lodge, Shirehampton, at 8.30 am.
- 25 The Malago Society, TALK OF COSTUME, by Mrs. Geraldine Marchand of the Bath Museum of Costume, at St. Peter's Church Room, Bishopsworth, 7.30 pm.
- 26 Filton Historical Research Group, FILTON, PATCHWAY AND STOKE GIFFORD FROM OLD PHOTOGRAPHS, by A Member of the Group, at Filton Folk Centre, 7.30 pm.

MARCH

- 14 Sodbury & District Historical Society, MARITIME BRISTOL - HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY DOCKS, by Gordon Tarrant, at the New Community Centre, Chipping Sodbury, 7.30 pm.
- 15 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Dept., THE WEST OF ENGLAND IN THE 11th CENTURY: DOMESDAY REVISITED, by M. Aston & M. Costen, in the Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol. Day course, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Prior enrolment, fee £5.20.
- 17 Bristol & Avon Family History Society, YOUR ANCESTOR WAS A CRIMINAL, by Colin Chapman, at Transport House, Victoria Street, Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 18 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society, AN ARTISTS VIEW OF BIRDS, by Miss L. Tucker, at St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M, 7.00 pm.
- 18 Downend Local History Society, COSTUMES THROUGH THE AGES, by Geraldine Marchand, at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 18 The Malago Society, THE CENTENARY OF THE OPENING OF W.D. & H.O. WILLS NO.1 FACTORY. A light-hearted entertainment, at St. Peter's Church Room, Bishopsworth, 7.30 pm.
- 18 Yatton Local History Society, THE WORK OF THE SOMERSET RURAL LIFE MUSEUM, by Mary Gryspeerdt, Keeper of Rural Life, Glastonbury, at Yatton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 19 Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery Winter Lecture, THE DEAD BENEATH OUR FEET : BURIAL IN CHURCHES, 1550-1850. In the School of Chemistry, Bristol University, 7.30 pm.
- 20 The Mendip Society, HOLY WELLS OF AVON AND SOMERSET, by Jenny Scherr, at the Old Deanery, Cathedral Green, Wells, 7.30 pm.
- 21 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society, A.G.M. and RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN BRISTOL, by M. Ponsford, at the Adult Education Centre, Ellsbridge Road, Keynsham, 7.30 pm.
- 21 The Mendip Society, BUTTERFLIES, by Dr. Jeremy Thomas, at St. James Church Hall, Winscombe, 7.30 pm.
- 22 BAARG & Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group, VISIT TO LEICESTER (JEWRY WALL MUSEUM, ETC.). Booking details, as 22 February. Leaves junction of Woodland Road & Tyndalls Park Road at 7.45 am, and Stoke Lodge at 8.00 am.
- 22/23 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Dept., HUNTING FOR HAWLING'S PAST, by Ms. A. and Mr. D. Allden. Day course, and repeat, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm, at Hawling Village Hall, near Andoversford, Glos., fee £5.75.
- 25 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Dept., THE PARISH CHURCHES OF WILTSHIRE, by Dr. J.H. Bettey & M. Aston. Day course, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm, at the Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum, 65 The Close, Salisbury. Prior enrolment, fee £2.25.

MARCH

- 26 Freshford & District Local History Society, THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAP MAKING, by Capt. C. Marlow, at Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm.
- 26 Filton Historical Research Group, MULLER ORPHANAGE, BRUNEL AND THE FROME VALLEY, by D. Elsbury, at Filton Folk Centre, 7.30 pm.
- 27 Clevedon & District Archaeology Society, A.G.M., followed by A TALE OF TWO ISLANDS, by Mrs. Doreen Tuck, Retiring Chairman, at the Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon, 7.30 pm.
- 28 Whitchurch Local History Society, AN EXTRAVAGANZA OF SIGHT AND SOUND : THE LIFE OF BRISTOL AND NORTH SOMERSET RAILWAY THROUGH WHITCHURCH, by Members of the Society, in the Small Hall, U.R.C., Bristol Road, Whitchurch, 7.30 pm.

Forthcoming Weekend Courses at Dillington College, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 9DT. For details, write to Miss Carol Slinger, or telephone (04605) 2427/3875, Monday - Friday, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.

FEBRUARY 7 - 9 The 15th Century, with Robin Stanes.

FEBRUARY 21 - 23 Tale of 3 Cities : History and Architecture of Rome, London and New York, with Alfred Rowe.

FEBRUARY 21 - 23 Antiquarian Books - Collecting for Pleasure and Profit, with Ryman Atkinson.

MARCH 21 - 23 Domesday Book for Somerset 1086, with Michael Costen.

MARCH 8 (Day School) The Bishop in Charge - The Parish as seen from Wells, with Dr. Robert Dunning.

FEBRUARY 3 Dinner & Lecture - Castles and Forts of Somerset, by Peter Poyntz-Wright. £7.00 incl..

MARCH 24 Dinner & Lecture - Lake Villages of Somerset, by Peter Poyntz-Wright. £7.00 incl..

STOP PRESS

Kingswood and District History Society.
JANUARY 8 An evening with Downend Local History Society - a visit from our neighbours consisting of talks on the history of Downend, Mangotsfield and Staple Hill.

FEBRUARY 5 Mining activity in Kingswood area with special reference to the Golden Valley. Mr R Stiles.

MARCH 5 The History of the Great Western Society in Bristol. Mr A Hook.

APRIL 12 The History of Wick. Mr B Mumford.

MAY 7 The Life and Times of Handel Cossham. Mr A Budi.

The meetings are held at the Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road, Kingswood, starting at 7.30pm.

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MEETING OF SOCIETIES AFFILIATED TO ALHA

On Thursday March 6th, over 60 people, representing 20 or more societies affiliated to ALHA, crowded into an upper room at All Saints, Bristol to exchange ideas and report on the state of local history in Avon. Also present were representatives of other interested bodies, such as AAC, Bristol University Extra-Mural Department, ACCES and Avon Industrial Buildings Trust.

Activities carried out by society members were many and impressive; some common problems faced included the small proportion of active members (except Temple Local History Society which has 26 members and 20 projects !), the lack of interest shown by locals (as opposed to 'newcomers' of 10-20 years standing !), the care and storage of historical artefacts, slides and photographs, the need for professional advice on these and other areas (liaison with museums and public libraries was recommended).

Various ways in which ALHA could help were suggested. It was agreed to produce the list of speakers available as soon as possible; also to provide a list of bodies on which the societies were represented by ALHA, and telephone numbers of contacts who could be approached for advice on planning objections. ALHA would revise its kit for new societies starting up. It was agreed that a complete list of society publications would be useful (perhaps Societies could assist here by each sending in a list of publications they have produced ? Thanks !).

Roger Angerson reported on the planned Severnside Forum (now to be held on Saturday 6th September only). Industrial Societies were encouraged to contact the organiser *. It was agreed that a Local History Fair should be held in Bristol during the summer, to increase sales of local publications and improve awareness of local activities. Further details will be given as soon as possible.

It was also agreed to hold an autumn symposium, of a 'self-help' nature, on publishing.

It was also suggested that neighbouring societies, even across county boundaries, might agree to meet. Should Avon's societies be divided into 'regions' and hold 'regional' meetings ?

Roger Angerson also reported on ALHA's campaign for a local studies librarian and for a County Record Office and archivist for Avon. These vital links in the chain were missing at present - but with so many thousands now represented by AAC and ALHA, the campaign should be successful !

(* Mr. Bryan Jerrard, Tel Glos. (0452) 28491/426799)

AN APOLOGY

Those of you who are subscribers to Avon Past, and indeed those of you who are not, will have noticed that Volumes 11 and 12, due out in 1985/6, have as yet not appeared. A series of misfortunes involving virtually every step of production, have dogged the journal for a year, but we are pleased to report that No.11 is on the presses and No.12 just behind, and we hope to have the pair of them out to you by late Spring. For those of you who are subscribers, you have of course already paid for Nos. 11 and 12 and so your subscription will in fact remain 'frozen' for a year. Please, everyone, accept the sincere apologies of the Editors, and we hope you will enjoy the two volumes when they finally arrive.

ACCES NEED YOU !

ACCES have vacancies on a number of projects for part-time workers, researching, interviewing, cataloguing, promoting, drawing. Contact Myna Trustram at ACCES, 325 Fishodds Road, Eastville, Bristol BS5 6QG, if you would like to be involved in any of the following :-

The Kingswood History Project - researching the history of the Kingswood district, recording, writing and exhibiting.

The Keynsham Project - assisting Keynsham and North Wansdyke Heritage Trust to establish a museum in Keynsham.

The Historic Gardens Project - surveying and researching historic parks and gardens in Avon.

The Congresbury Survey - making an archaeological parish survey of Congresbury.

The Wansdyke Project - Surveying the ancient boundary which ran along the south side of the Avon Valley, improving its conservation.

THE CLAYFIELD-IRELANDS ARE HOME

Thanks to Bristol teacher and prominent ALHA activist, Barry Williamson, two previously lost portraits of members of the Clayfield-Ireland family, squires of Brislington, have been brought back from Ireland to hang in Brislington School. We hope to feature an article on the family and on Mr. Williamson's detective work, in a future issue of Avon Past. However, you don't have to wait that long; there will be an article on Col. Blathwayt and Dyrham Park by Mr. Williamson in Avon Past No.11. Like Roger Angerson, Mr. Williamson is a campaigner for the appointment of a County Local Studies Officer.

WILTSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM

The Wiltshire version of ALHA has been going since March last year, and they aim to bring together local historians. They too will be setting up a register of speakers, and want to co-ordinate projects and help with publicity. Subscription is £5 per annum and the Secretary is Pamela Slocombe, 11 Belcombe Place, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1NA.

ROCKS

City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery have just opened their new Mineral Gallery, complete with short film about the geological evolution of the earth. On display are a number of local 'rock stars'. Well worth a visit.

CAN YOU HELP ?

David Irwin, well known on Mendip and further afield for his research into caving history, is interested in hearing from anyone who has information on the working lives of two photographers, E.R. Sleator and Archibald Coke. He is keen to make photographic copies of the photographs taken in the area of and around the 'Cheddar Gorge' by these two photographers who's work was also reproduced and sold as postcards. If you can help, please contact David Irwin direct, in writing; the address is Townsend Cottage, Priddy, Wells, Somerset, BA5 3BP. Thanks.

HOTWELLS IN HOPE

On the first Wednesday of each month, in the Hope Centre, Hope Chapel Hill, Bristol, there will be meetings under the title of Living Memories of Old Hotwells. If you have information to give, if you just want to listen, or if you would like to help with the collection of information, please go along, from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

HOTWELLS IN SUCCESS

The Hotwells Living Memory Group are just one local organisation to have been awarded grants to carry out work on and for the local community. Amongst various awards for improving the environment, Hotwells got £75 towards a local history trail; The Malago Society got £100 towards a permanent display at Ashton Court of the Smyth family; the Barton Hill History Group for £75 towards publishing a book about Barton Hill during the last war; and Temple Local History Group got £100 to aid publication of a report on parish boundary marks. The scheme was funded by the J. & M. Britton Charitable Trust and the Dawn James Charitable Foundation, and administered by the Bristol Civic Society. The awards will be run again next year and details may be had from Mr. G. Tucker, 16 Westfield Park, Bristol BS6 6LX.

FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE

Microfilm copies of indexes to over 215 million births, death and marriage records for England and Wales for the years 1866 to 1980 inclusive are now available from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, St. Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London, WC2, Tel (01 - 242) 0262. The separate indexes for the births, deaths and marriages are arranged by quarters according to the date of registration and each quarter is arranged alphabetically by surname. Cost is £70.. per quarter + postage & packing & VAT, for the period 1866-1912 inclusive; £20.00 per quarter + postage & packing & VAT for the period 1913-1980.

THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION PROJECT

A list is being compiled that will include all theses examined and accepted by English and Welsh Universities, on local history subjects. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the completed list should contact Norman Devlin, Room 223, School of Education, University of Durham, Leazes Road, Durham, DH1 1TA.

ENGLISH CIVIL WAR SOCIETY

If you want to re-fight the battles, or re-live the Revels after, or if you would just like details, please contact Roger Selwyn, 71 Staveley Crescent, Southmead, Bristol. Tel. (0272) 791234 x 1151 (work).

YOU READ THE BOOK, NOW SEE THE FILM

CFL Vision have produced a new 20 minute video, Domesday, outlining the background story on the compiling of Domesday, the Normans and their mark upon English history. The video (UK 3869) is available for hire at £9.00 and for purchase at £27.50 inclusive of VAT, and can be obtained by writing to CFL Vision, Chalfont Grove, Gerrards Cross, Bucks., SL9 8TN.

CAN THEY HELP YOU ?

The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust for 1986-90 have announced that they will be considering applications for financial assistance to projects 'connected with independent learning within the area of the Trust's interests in arts and crafts, the local environment and community service'. Local history groups are advised to apply for funds for recording, researching, presentation and conservation projects. For details, apply to The Carnegie Trust, Comely Park House, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 7EJ.

DATES TO REMEMBER I

25th April

The ALHA Annual General Meeting is to be hosted by the Marshfield Local History Society this year, and held at Marshfield Church Hall. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm, and will include a talk by Vince Russett.

DATES TO REMEMBER II

Bristol City Museum and the Bristol and Avon Archaeological Research Group are once again holding a training excavation at Bickley, near Cleve. It will run from 31st July to 3th August, and the concurrent Pottery Kiln Project runs from 28th July to 9th August at the same site. For details, please contact M. Ponsford, Field Archaeologist, at the City Museum, Queens Road, Bristol, BS8 1RL.

HENBURY APPEAL

The Curator of Blaise Castle Folk Museum, Henbury, is anxious to acquire or borrow local heirlooms or mementoes of Henbury over the centuries to complement a growing collection of Henburiana that will form the nucleus of a new gallery exhibition on the area, at work and at home, over the centuries.

AVON INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE CAMPAIGN

The AIHC are in need of volunteer helpers in a number of aspects of their work; researchers, illustrators, photographers and legmen. If you might like to help, please contact them at 325 Fishponds Road, Eastville, Bristol, BS5 6QG. To get an idea of their scope and skills, why not read their journal, AIHCAM, price 50p, one of the many superb publications of Avon societies, with diverse articles on subjects like the Snuff Mills, and the Dramway.

REMINDER

Material for the next Newsletter, covering July, August and September 1986, should be with the Editors by Friday, 6th June 1986. Any articles for Avon Past, however, should be sent at any time and will be most welcome. The Editors still are :-

Jenny Scherr,
21 Caledonia Place,
Clifton, Bristol, BS8 4DL.

Pip Jones,
City Museum and Art Gallery,
Queens Road, Bristol BS8 1RL.

B O O K S

Another memorable page in the history of Bristol is drawn by W. Whythe and I. Bild in their new book, Bristol Picture Book 1890-1940 : Fifty Years of People's Lives in Photographs (Bristol Broadsides, £4.95 paperback, £9.95 hardback). A pictorial history of the people of Bristol at home, at work and at play before the second World War.

This is indeed the Age of the Train. The Railway and Canal Historical Society have produced The Bristol and South Wales Union Railway, by John Norris, selling for £2.40 + 50p postage, from C. Rhodes Thomas, 23 Beaconsfield Avenue, Coventry, CV3 6 NZ.

Hotfoot on the heels of recent successful excavations here in Bristol on Redcliffe Street, James Sherbourne has written William Canynge (1402-1474) : Mayor of Bristol and Dean of Westbury College, produced by the Bristol Branch of the Historical Association, 1985, £1.00 in paperback, + 18p postage if you send for it from Peter Harris, 74 Bell Barn Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.

Chadwyck-Healey Ltd, 20 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, have produced a National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United Kingdom. It reproduces on microfiche the unpublished finding aids, lists and registers of archive repositories, and is accompanied by a names and subject index. For brochure, price and sample microfiche, phone Anna Dowson on (0223) 311479.

Temple Local History Group's new-style Newsletter has in its latest issue, articles on Temple Conduit, Redcliffe Caves, William Langford the clockmaker, and project reports on parish boundary marks, amongst others. It costs £1.00. Temple also have various booklets on local subjects in the pipeline, and we will report as soon as can.

You visited the exhibition; now read the book. The Huguenots in Bristol, by Ronald Mayo. Bristol Branch of the Historical Association, Local History Pamphlet No.61, price £1.00.

Historic Landscape and Archaeology : Glossary of Terms, by Stephen Coleman and John Wood (Bedfordshire County Council Planning Dept., 1985), £2.00 from the Department, County Hall, Bedford.

The Hearth Tax and Other Later Stuart Tax Lists and the Association Oath Rolls, compiled by J.S.W. Gibson (Federation of Family History Societies, 1985), £1.75 from the compiler, Harts Cottage, Church Hanborough, Oxford.

Unpublished Personal Name Indexes in Record Offices and Libraries : An Interim List, compiled by J.S.W. Gibson. As above, but the price is £1.20 from the compiler.

Also from J.S.W. Gibson, Land Tax Assessments, 1690-1950, price £1.20; Marriage, Census and Other Indexes for Family Historians, price £1.20; and Where to Find the International Genealogical Index, price £1.20; all available as above.

Kain, R.J.P. and Price, H.C., The Tithe Surveys of England and Wales, C.U.P., 1985. £27.00.

Keith Branigan, Archaeology Explained, Duckworth, 1986. £12.95.

We would like to thank H.J. Vincent for drawing to our attention some booklets that may be of interest. The first is Bristol County Scouting 1908-1974, published by Avon County Scout Council, and available from Princess Street, St. Philip, Bristol BS2 0RU, price £1.75 (which includes postage).

The second is Where have all the Breweries gone ? by N. Barber. A Directory of British Brewery Companies, with 34 entries relating to Avon. Published by, and available from Neil Richardson, 375 Chorley Road, Swinton, M27 2AY, price £3.50 + postage.

Louie Stride, Memoirs of a Street Urchin, published by Bath University Press, 1984. Price £1.95.

Janette Gallagher, Documenting a Garden's History, Publication No.2 of the Centre for the Conservation of Historic Parks and Gardens, Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, University of York, 1984.

E.M. Hallam, Domesday Book through Nine Centuries, published by Thames & Hudson, 1986, price £12.50. 244 pp, 79 ill., 14 maps. Published for the 900th anniversary of the Domesday Book, and to coincide with the exhibition on the Domesday Book at the Public Record Office in London. Looks not only at the drawing up of the Domesday Book, but at how it has figured over the centuries in antiquarian and historical writings.

E. William, The Historical Farm Buildings of Wales, published by John Donald, 1986, price £25.00.

D. Bates, Bibliography of 'Domesday Book', published by Boydell & Brewer, 1986, price £19.50. Discusses how the Book was made, its legal and administrative significance, geography, topography, people's and place names.

Archaeology/I-Spy with David Bellamy. 1983, price 65p.

If you are thinking of repairing or restoring an old house or cottage, the Mendip Society have brought to our attention a couple of useful publications. Firstly, The Do's and Don'ts of House and Cottage Conversion, by Hugh Landler, price £1.25, and secondly, The Do's and Don'ts of House and Cottage Interiors, by Hugh Landler, price £3.25. Another possibility is Beverley Pyke's The Good Looking House, price £2.25.

By writing to the Secretary of the Mendip Society at Zennor, The Lynch, Winscombe, you can obtain copies of Robin Atthill's books, Mendip : A New Study (price £4.95) and Old Mendip (price £5.95). Also Cornish Miners at Charterhouse-on-Mendip, by W.I. Stanton and A.G. Clarke, a reprint of the University of Bristol Spelaeological Society, price £1.00.

A new publication by the Nature Conservancy Council, New Sites for Old price £3.95, a student's guide to the geology of East Mendip.

May we draw your attention, too, to the second volume of Yatton Yesterday, the annual journal of the Yatton Local History Society. The articles range from 'Quakers in Yatton' to 'A Day at the Seaside'. In Yatton, you can buy the journal at D. & A. Batson, The Corner Shop, High Street; Melhuish, The Precinct; Yatton Newsagents, 106 High Street; and from P.T. & G.P. Bell, Claverham Post Office.

D I A R Y

APRIL

Until SEPTEMBER - DOMESDAY EXHIBITION at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London.

- 2 Kingswood & District History Society, THE HISTORY OF WICK, by B. Mumford, at the Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road, Kingswood, 7.30 pm.
- 5 The Mendip Society, WALK : CHEDDAR FOOTPATH GROUP. Meet at Cliff Street car park, Cheddar, 2.30 pm.
- 8 Clutton Local History Group, WESSEX FOLKLORE (GHOSTS AND LEGENDS), by E. Wating, at Clutton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 11 Sodbury & District Historical Society, SWING RIOTS OF 1830 IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE, by Dr. Celia Miller of Chepstow, at the New Community Centre, Chipping Sodbury, 7.30 pm.
- 12 Day School : RECORDS FOR COUNTRY HOUSE HISTORY, at Nuneham Park, near Oxford. Details from Oudes, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA, Tel. (0865) 52901.
- 12 The Mendip Society, WALK, led by Mr. Livingstone. Meet at Churchill Clock Tower, 2.30 pm.
- 12 Bristol University Extra-Mural Department, MALMESBURY ABBEY, tutor, Dr. W.J. Rodwell. Day course at Malmesbury Town Hall, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Fee £5.75. Details from Extra-Mural Dept..
- 12 Folk House/W.E.A., 100 YEARS OF ASHTON COURT AND THE SMYTH FAMILY, tutor, Anton Bantock. Day school at the Folk House, 40 Park Street, Bristol, 2.00 - 5.00 pm. Fee £1.50. Bookings to T. & H. Russell at the Folk House; please enclose s.a.e..
- 13 The Mendip Society, WALK, led by Gill Wakely - to Loxton and Christon. Meet just west of motorway bridge on Bleadon to Cross Road (ST 378556), 2.30 pm.
- 14 Bristol University Extra-Mural Department, DEATH, BURIAL AND MEMORIALS IN THE WEST COUNTRY LANDSCAPE. Tutors : M. Aston & Dr. J.H. Bettey. Week-long residential course at Dillington College & Arts Centre, Ilminster, Somerset, fee £96.00. Details from the Director, Dillington House College.
- 14 Nailsea & District Local History Society, A TALK by Cleo Witt, author of 'Bristol Glass', at Nailsea Library, 7.15 pm.
- 15 The Thornbury Society, THE MARY ROSE - as part of the Thornbury Festival, at St. Mary's Church Hall, Thornbury, 7.30 pm.
- 15 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society, IRON AGE AVON, by Dr. I. Burrow, at St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M., 7.30 pm. Guests 50p.
- 19 The Mendip Society, WALK, led by Mr. Foulkes. Meet at Woodborough Hotel carpark, Winscombe, 2.30 pm.
- 19 OLD ENGLISH FOR LOCAL HISTORIANS, held at (and details from) University Centre, Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, Tel. (0735) 352316.

APRIL

- 9 Woodspring Museum Exhibition : BRITAIN AT BAY : The Home Front, 1939-1945. Photographic exhibition. Until May 3.
- 9 Guided Walks in Woodspring : CASTLES IN THE SKY, led by Jane Eavns. Visit 2 mysterious & neglected sites near Weston. Meet at Locking Head Farm (ST 364610); turn off Locking Road at 'The Heron', along Locking Moor Road, turn sharp left after 2nd railway bridge onto Moor Lane for one mile, take a sharp left turn, continue along track to farm. 6.30 pm.
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- 19 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group/Stoke Lodge Archaeological Group, VISIT TO BARBURY CASTLE, WEST KENNETT LONG BARROW & SILBURY HILL. Leave junction of Tyndalls Park Road & Woodland Road, 8.15 am; Stoke Lodge, Shirehampton Road, 8.30 am. Book in advance from D. Brimson, 15 Bayswater Road, Horfield, Bristol, Tel. (0272) 514329.
- 20 The Mendip Society, WALK : TO LAMYATT, CREECH HILL, led by Neil Kinison. Meet junction of Bruton and Evercreech Road (B3081) and Copplesbury Lane (ST 673367), 2.30 pm.
- 21 Bristol & Avon Family History Society, BRISTOL AS IT WAS, by Reece Winstone. At Transport House, Victoria Street, Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 22 Yatton Local History Society, RESEARCH MEETING. At 92 Claverham Road, Yatton, 8.00 pm. Open to members or prospective members.
- 22 The Malago Society, EARLY TOPOGRAPHY OF THE CITY DOCKS, by David Dawson, at St. Peter's Room, St. Peter's Church, Bishopsworth, Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 24 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group, Associates Night, BRISTOL CASTLE, by M. Ponsford, in the City Museum, Queens Road, Bristol, 7.00 pm.
- 25 Whitchurch Local History Society, A.G.M. & LECTURE, to celebrate the start of the 10th anniversary of the Society. At the U.R.C., Bristol Road, Whitchurch, 7.30 pm.
- 25 Avon Local History Association, A.G.M. at Marshfield Church Hall, 7.30 pm. Hosted by the Marshfield Local History Society. Speaker : Vince Russett, Co-ordinator of Marshfield Archaeological Survey.
- 25 Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society, NORMAN ARCHITECTURE IN THE BATH/BRISTOL AREA, by Bryan Little. At Adult Education Centre, Ellsbridge House, Keynsham, 7.30 pm. With particular reference to Saltford Manor - trip in the summer planned.
- 26 The Mendip Society, WALK : EXPLORING FOOTPATHS. Meet at Chapel on Hill Road, Sandford Batch, 10.00 am.
- 27 The Mendip Society, WALK : TO THE BISHOPS PARK, led by Elizabeth Hawkes. Meet at the Village Green, Westbury sub Mendip, 2.30 pm.
- 30 Filton Historical Research Group, BRISTOL HARBOUR, by D. Brace. At Filton Folk Centre, 7.00 pm. A.G.M. before lecture.

APRIL

- 30 City of Bristol Museum Winter Lectures, THE TOMB OF IURUDEF : E.E.S. Excavations at Saqqara, by Geoffrey Martin, in the Lecture Theatre 1, School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close, off Woodland Road, Bristol, 7.30 pm.

MAY

- 7 Kingswood & District History Society, THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HANDEL COSSHAM, by A. Budd. At the Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road, Kingswood, 7.30 pm.
- 7 Guided Walks in Woodspring : GATCOMBE, led by Keith Gardner. Romano-British site near Long Ashton. From Weston, turn off A370 at Long Ashton by-pass start; follow signs for Long Ashton, turn left, right, then $\frac{1}{4}$ mile & turn left into lane (ST 525697), 6.30 pm.
- 9 Sodbury & District Historical Society, THE SMYTHES OF ASHTON COURT, by Anton Bantock. At New Community Centre, Chipping Sodbury, 7.30 pm.
- 9/10/11 Welsh Folk Museum, St. Fagan's, near Cardiff - Traditional May Day Fair.
- 10/11 THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH VILLAGE, at Rewley House, Oxford. Details from Oudes, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA. Tel. (0865) 52901.
- 10 Woodspring Museum Exhibition : CHAN CHANDO : Textiles from the Niger, N. Africa. Until May 31.
- 12 Bristol & Avon Family History Society, THE SOMERSET FAMILY, by Mrs. A. Tribe. At Transport House, Victoria Street, Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 12 Nailsea & District Local History Society, DOMESDAY BOOK 1086-1986, by Mrs. Norma Knight. At Nailsea Library, 7.15 pm.
- 13 Clutton Local History Group, A.G.M., at Clutton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 17 Woodspring Museum, INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS DAY, Open House and Punch & Judy Show.
- 17/18 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, PRACTICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYING, Tutors : Dr. I. Burrown & C. Gerrard. Non-residential weekend, somewhere in the Frome area, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Fee £15. Details from Extra-Mural Department.
- 20 The Malago Society, THE HISTORY OF WHITCHURCH AERODROME, by John Penny. At St. Peter's Room, St. Peter's Church, Bishopsworth Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 20 Yatton Local History Society, WALK ON WORLEBURY HILLFORT, led by Jane Evans. Leave Yatton Library, 7.00 pm or Royal Pier Hotel, Weston, 7.30 pm. Guests 50p.
- 20 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society, A.G.M. & UP THE CUT (Canals), by L. Groome (President). At St. John's Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M., 7.30 pm.

MAY

- 21 Freshford & District Local History Society, A.G.M. & WESTWOOD MANOR, by Mrs. K. Christophers. At Freshford Memorial Hall, 7.30 pm. Guests 30p.
- 30 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, ST. HUGH AND THE CARTHUSIANS IN SOMERSET. Tutors : Dr. J. Bettey, M. Aston, Dr. I. Burrow, Dr. R. Dunning, Dr. D. Framer. Residential weekend at Ammerdown Study Centre, Radstock. Details & prior enrolment from the Warden, Ammerdown Study Centre.

JUNE

- 4 Kingswood & District History Society, A.G.M. & Talks on Local History from Members. At Congregational Church Hall, Hanham Road, Kingswood, 7.30 pm. Members & visitors are invited to bring along old photographs of the area.
- 4 Guided Walks in Woodspring : MAES KNOLL AND WEST WANSDYKE, led by Bob Williams. Iron Age hillfort, Dark Age boundary & deserted mediæval village. Meet at layby near church in Norton Malreward (ST 603652), 6.30 pm.
- 7 DAY IN SALISBURY, starting at the Cathedral at 10.45 am, with lectures and visits. Adults £5, under-15s £3.50, details from Mrs. A.E. Martingell, 34 Rolleston Street, Salisbury, SP1 1ED.
- 7 Woodspring Museum Exhibition : JOHN JAMES AUDUBON (1785-1851). Artist and Naturalist. Until June 28.
- 9 Nailsea & District Local History Society, REBELLION 1685 : COMMEMORATION 1985, by Dr. R.W. Dunning, Editor of the Somerset Victoria County History. Nailsea Library, 7.15 pm.
- 10 Yatton Local History Society, RESEARCH MEETING, at 92 Claverham Road, Yatton, 8.00 pm. Open to members or prospective members.
- 15 Clutton Local History Group, GUIDED WALK ROUND BATH led by B. Amesbury. Meet at Victoria Park at 2.30 pm.
- 16 Bristol & Avon Family History Society, A.G.M. & FOUR MEMBERS OUTLINE THEIR FAMILY HISTORY. At Transport House, Victoria Street, Bristol, 7.30 pm.
- 17 Yatton Local History Society, VISIT BANWELL BONE CAVE AND (if time permits) CHRISTON DESERTED MEDIEVAL VILLAGE. Leave Yatton Library, 7.00 pm. Wear stout shoes and bring a torch. Guests 50p.

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PUBLISH-IT-YOURSELF

At the ALHA meeting in March, considerable interest was expressed in the problems of publishing local history material. In response to this interest, the ALHA have organised a Half-Day Meeting on Publishing Local History Material, on Saturday 4th October, at Redland Meeting House, 122 Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol, from 2.00 - 6.00 pm. It is planned that Barry Williamson will speak on personal publishing experience, that several societies will give their advice and show up some of the pitfalls, and that a professional printer will give some tips and practical advice. With question time, and tea, not to mention a series of stalls where you can buy local history publications and exchange comments, it promises to be a useful occasion. There will be a small fee for setting up a stall to cover expenses.

A.A.C./B.A.A.R.G. SYMPOSIUM Sat. Oct. 25.

This joint Symposium is on the subject of The Defences of Bristol : Hillforts to Blitz. It is to be held in the University of Bristol Physics Lecture Theatre (G42), from 1.00 - 7.00 pm.

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Jane McIntosh, The Archaeology Landbook (Bell & Hyman, London, 1986, £12.95).

Niall Rothnie, Unknown Bath : Scandals and Secrets from the Past (Ashgrove, April 1986, £2.95).

Godfrey F. Lawrence, Bathford : Past and Present (Bathford Local History Society, 1985, £6.00, paperback £3.50).

Lance Smith, Investigating Old Buildings (Batsford, 1985, £9.95).

Della Hooke, The Anglo-Saxon Landscape : The Kingdom of the (Manchester University Press, 1985, £30).

Philip Barker, Understanding Archaeological Excavation (Batsford, 1986, £8.95).

I.M. Stead & J.B. Bourke, eds., Lindow Man : The Body in the Bog (British Museum Publication, July 1986, £15). Details the discovery, examination and recording of the body, with a gazetteer of other bog burials.

I.H. Longworth & J. Cherry, eds., Archaeology in Britain since 1945 (British Museum Publication, July 1986, £12.50).

J. Simpson, ed., In Search of the Past : An Approach to Local History in the Primary School (Resources for Learning Development Unit, Bishop Road, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 13LS).

Ian Hodder, Reading the Past : Current Approaches to Interpretation in Archaeology (C.U.P., August 1986).

J. McDonald & G.D. Snooks, Domesday Economy : A New Approach to Anglo-Norman History (Clarendon Press, June 1986, £20.00).

J. Langdon, Horses, Oxen and Technological Innovation : The Use of Draught Animals in English Farming, 1066-1500 (C.U.P., August 1986, £30).

B. & J. Coles, Sweet Track to Glastonbury : The Somerset Levels in Prehistory (New Aspects of Antiquity) (Thames & Hudson, May 1986, £16).

J. Rule, The Labouring Classes in Early Industrial England 1850-1850 (Themes in British Social History) (Longman, June 1986, £7.95).

P. Smith, Houses of the Welsh Countryside : A Study in Historical Geography (HMSO, Royal Commission on Historic Monuments, 1986, new edition, £45.00).

P.A. Parkes, Current Scientific Techniques in Archaeology (Croom Helm, September 1986, £30.00).

A. Selkirk, ed., The Riches of British Archaeology (C.U.P., August 1986, £12.95).

Bath History, Volume I, 1986 (Alan Sutton, Gloucester, May 1986 - Annual).

Look out for AIHCAM, the magazine of the Avon Industrial Buildings Trust, out in August, price £1.95. This issue has articles on the Clifton Rocks Railway, The Steam-Tug 'Mayflower', and a History of Avon mouth Docks. Copies are available from A.I.B.T., Bristol Old Station, Temple Gate, Bristol BS1 6QQ.

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- 29 Until 31 October, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL SCHOOL.

OCTOBER

- 2 Chew Valley Local History Society, THE SHAPE OF A VILLAGE, by Mrs. Frances Neale. The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna, 7.45 pm. Also annual enrolment - subscriptions payable.
- 4 Avon Local History Association, HALF-DAY MEETING ON PUBLISHING LOCAL HISTORY MATERIAL. Redland Meeting House, 122 Hampton Road, Redland, Bristol, 2.00 - 6.00 pm.
- 4 Until 8 November, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, an exhibition of 'Night' prints.
- 4 Until 25 October, Woodspring Museum, Weston-super-Mare, A CENTURY OF RECORDED SOUND Exhibition.
- 7 Downend Local History Society, THE LIFE OF EDWARD JENNER, by Prof. Bruce Perry. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30.
- 10 Whitchurch Local History Society, BRISTOL AND NORTH SOMERSET RAILWAY, repeated by popular request. Small Hall, Whitchurch United Reformed Church, 7.30 pm.
- 11 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department DAYSCHOOL - THE BRISTOL REGION AT THE TIME OF THE DOMESDAY BOOK, led by M.D. Costen MA. Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol, 2.00 - 5.30. £3.
- 13 Marshfield & District Local History Society, 5th ANNUAL CODRINGTON LECTURE : CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN MARSHFIELD. The Legion Hall, Marshfield, 7.30 pm.
- 13 Nailsea & District Local History Society, NAILSEA SCHOOLS, by Mrs. Christine Milton, after A.G.M.. Nailsea Library, 7.30.
- 14 Clutton Local History Group, FAMILY HISTORY, by Mr. A. Massey. Clutton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 14 The Thornbury Society, EXCAVATIONS AT STOKE GIFFORD, by James Russell. St. Marys Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, 7.30.
- 18 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ROMANS, led by M. Aston. The Link Centre, Swindon, 10.00 - 5.00 pm.
- 18 Downend Local History Society, SYMPOSIUM : FARM ANIMAL BREEDS OF THE PAST, by A. Sheppey; FARMHOUSES OF S. GLOS. & N. AVON, by L. Hall; PEOPLE OF THE LAND, by Dr. C. Millar. Downend Folk House, Overndale Road, Downend, 10.15 - 4.30. £3 + £1 for lunch. Tickets from J. Priddey, Downend Folk House, by 17th October. Please enclose s.a.e..

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- 21 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society, THE MAKING OF THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE, by C. Copp. St. Johns Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M., 7.00 pm.
- 21 Downend Local History Society, COAL MINING IN KINGSWOOD, by John Cornwell. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30.
- 21 Bristol & Glos. Archaeological Society, ARCHAEOLOGY IN BRITAIN : NEW VIEWS OF THE PAST, a private view in the British Museum. Prior enrolment necessary, to the Hon. Sec., 19 Sunnyside, Cottages, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1BQ. Cost approx. £9.
- 25 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - MYCENAE, RICH IN GOLD, led by J. Betts. School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close, Woodland Road, Bristol, 10.00 - 5.00. £6.75.
- 25 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group/Avon Archaeological Council, SYMPOSIUM : THE DEFENCES OF BRISTOL - HILLFORTS TO BLITZ. Physics Lecture Theatre (G42), University of Bristol, 1.00 - 7.00.
- 26 Until 6 December, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, CHARLOTTE RHEAD POTTERY Exhibition (1885-1947).
- 29 Filton Historical Research Group, GLOUCESTERSHIRE ELECTIONS OF THE PAST, by Dr. R. Perry. Filton Folk Centre, 7.30 pm.
- 30 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT SUTTON HOO, by Peter Leach. Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon, 7.30 pm.
- 31 Whitchurch Local History Society, COVERING IN THE FROME, by Ron Cleeve. Small Hall, Whitchurch United Reformed Church, 7.30.

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- 4 Downend Local History Society, MEMBERS EVENING. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 6 Chew Valley Local History Society, THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, by Dr. J. Sluglett. The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna, 8.00 pm.
- 8 The Folk House, Park Street, Bristol, DAYSCHOOL : ELIZABETHAN DANCE, led by Sarah Paget. 10.30 - 4.30 pm. £6.
- 8 Until 30 December, Woodspring Museum, Weston-super-Mare, PEOPLE AND PLACES 1086-1936 Exhibition.
- 10 Marshfield & District Local History Society, KINGSWOOD FOREST, by John Moore. The Legion Hall, Marshfield, 7.30 pm.
- 10 Nailsea & District Local History Society, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, an illustrated talk, by H.G. Thomas. Nailsea Library, 7.30.
- 11 The Thornbury Society, A.G.M. followed by Cheese and Wine. St. Marys Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, 7.30 pm.
- 11 Clutton Local History Group, INSIDE THE BRISTOL CITY WALL, by B. Amesbury. Clutton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 14 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - THE CONSERVATION OF MEDIEVAL CHURCH MONUMENTS, led by B. Lane. Burwalls, Bridge Road, Leigh Woods, Bristol, 10.00 - 5.00. £12.95.

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- 4 Chew Valley Local History Society, THE DISCOVERY OF THE SEASIDE AND RISE OF WESTON-SUPER-MARE, by Jane Evans. The Old School-Room, Chew Magna, 8.00 pm.
- 6 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - THE BRONZE AGE ON SEVERNSIDE, led by M. Aston & Dr. T. Darvill. Lecture Theatre 4, School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close, Woodland Road, Bristol, 10.00 - 5.00, £6.75.
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- Jonathan Barry, 'Popular Culture in Seventeenth-Century Bristol' in Popular Culture in Seventeenth-Century England, ed. B. Reay (Croom Helm, 1985).
- S.B. Edgington, Microhistory : Local History and Computing Projects (Hodder & Stoughton, 1985). Also available for BBC model B cassette disc or Sinclair Spectrum 48k cassette at £3.95.
- Jane McIntosh, The Archaeology Landbook (Bell & Hyman, London, 1986, £12.95).
- Niall Rothnie, Unknown Bath : Scandals and Secrets from the Past (Ashgrove, April 1986, £2.95).
- Godfrey F. Lawrence, Bathford : Past and Present (Bathford Local History Society, 1985, £6.00, paperback £3.50).
- Lance Smith, Investigating Old Buildings (Batsford, 1985, £9.95).
- Della Hooke, The Anglo-Saxon Landscape : The Kingdom of the (Manchester University Press, 1985, £30).
- Philip Barker, Understanding Archaeological Excavation (Batsford, 1986, £8.95).
- I.M. Stead & J.B. Bourke, eds., Lindow Man : The Body in the Bog (British Museum Publication, July 1986, £15). Details the discovery, examination and recording of the body, with a gazetteer of other bog burials.
- I.H. Longworth & J. Cherry, eds., Archaeology in Britain since 1945 (British Museum Publication, July 1986, £12.50).
- J. Simpson, ed., In Search of the Past : An Approach to Local History in the Primary School (Resources for Learning Development Unit, Bishop Road, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 13LS).
- Ian Hodder, Reading the Past : Current Approaches to Interpretation in Archaeology (C.U.P., August 1986).
- J. McDonald & G.D. Snooks, Domesday Economy : A New Approach to Anglo-Norman History (Clarendon Press, June 1986, £20.00).
- J. Langdon, Horses, Oxen and Technological Innovation : The Use of Draught Animals in English Farming, 1066-1500 (C.U.P., August 1986, £30).
- B. & J. Coles, Sweet Track to Glastonbury : The Somerset Levels in Prehistory (New Aspects of Antiquity) (Thames & Hudson, May 1986, £16).
- J. Rule, The Labouring Classes in Early Industrial England 1850-1850 (Themes in British Social History) (Longman, June 1986, £7.95).
- P. Smith, Houses of the Welsh Countryside : A Study in Historical Geography (HMSO, Royal Commission on Historic Monuments, 1986, new edition, £45.00).
- P.A. Parkes, Current Scientific Techniques in Archaeology (Croom Helm, September 1986, £30.00).
- A. Selkirk, ed., The Riches of British Archaeology (C.U.P., August 1986, £12.95).
- Bath History, Volume I, 1986 (Alan Sutton, Gloucester, May 1986 - Annual).

Look out for AIHCAM, the magazine of the Avon Industrial Buildings Trust, out in August, price £1.95. This issue has articles on the Clifton Rocks Railway, The Steam-Tug 'Mayflower', and a History of Avon mouth Docks. Copies are available from A.I.B.T., Bristol Old Station, Temple Gate, Bristol BS1 6QQ.

D I A R Y

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Until 18 October, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, GERMAN
20th CENTURY WOODCUTS Exhibition.
- 18 Until 1 November, Woodspring Museum, Weston-super-Mare,
WORKING IN WOODSPRING Exhibition.
- 29 Until 31 October, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery,
EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE 400th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF QUEEN
ELIZABETH HOSPITAL SCHOOL.

OCTOBER

- 2 Chew Valley Local History Society, THE SHAPE OF A VILLAGE, by
Mrs. Frances Neale. The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna, 7.45 pm.
Also annual enrolment - subscriptions payable.
- 4 Avon Local History Association, HALF-DAY MEETING ON PUBLISHING
LOCAL HISTORY MATERIAL. Redland Meeting House, 122 Hampton
Road, Redland, Bristol, 2.00 - 6.00 pm.
- 4 Until 8 November, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, UNDER
THE COVER OF DARKNESS, an exhibition of 'Night' prints.
- 4 Until 25 October, Woodspring Museum, Weston-super-Mare, A
CENTURY OF RECORDED SOUND Exhibition.
- 7 Downend Local History Society, THE LIFE OF EDWARD JENNER, by
Prof. Bruce Perry. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30.
- 10 Whitchurch Local History Society, BRISTOL AND NORTH SOMERSET
RAILWAY, repeated by popular request. Small Hall, Whitchurch
United Reformed Church, 7.30 pm.
- 11 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department DAYSCHOOL - THE
BRISTOL REGION AT THE TIME OF THE DOMESDAY BOOK, led by
M.D. Costen MA. Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, Wills Memorial
Building, Queens Road, Bristol, 2.00 - 5.30. £3.
- 13 Marshfield & District Local History Society, 5th ANNUAL
CODRINGTON LECTURE : CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN MARSHFIELD.
The Legion Hall, Marshfield, 7.30 pm.
- 13 Nailsea & District Local History Society, NAILSEA SCHOOLS,
by Mrs. Christine Milton, after A.G.M.. Nailsea Library, 7.30.
- 14 Clutton Local History Group, FAMILY HISTORY, by Mr. A. Massey.
Clutton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 14 The Thornbury Society, EXCAVATIONS AT STOKE GIFFORD, by James
Russell. St. Marys Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, 7.30.
- 18 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL -
THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ROMANS, led by M. Aston. The Link
Centre, Swindon, 10.00 - 5.00 pm.
- 18 Downend Local History Society, SYMPOSIUM : FARM ANIMAL BREEDS
OF THE PAST, by A. Sheppey; FARMHOUSES OF S. GLOS. & N. AVON,
by L. Hall; PEOPLE OF THE LAND, by Dr. C. Millar. Downend Folk
House, Overndale Road, Downend, 10.15 - 4.30. £3 + £1 for lunch.
Tickets from J. Priddey, Downend Folk House, by 17th October.
Please enclose s.a.e..

OCTOBER

- 21 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological & Natural History Society, THE MAKING OF THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE, by C. Copp. St. Johns Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M., 7.00 pm.
- 21 Downend Local History Society, COAL MINING IN KINGSWOOD, by John Cornwell. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30.
- 21 Bristol & Glos. Archaeological Society, ARCHAEOLOGY IN BRITAIN : NEW VIEWS OF THE PAST, a private view in the British Museum. Prior enrolment necessary, to the Hon. Sec., 19 Sunnyside, Cottages, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1BQ. Cost approx. £9.
- 25 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - MYCENAE, RICH IN GOLD, led by J. Betts. School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close, Woodland Road, Bristol, 10.00 - 5.00. £6.75.
- 25 Bristol & Avon Archaeological Research Group/Avon Archaeological Council, SYMPOSIUM : THE DEFENCES OF BRISTOL - HILLFORTS TO BLITZ. Physics Lecture Theatre (G42), University of Bristol, 1.00 - 7.00.
- 26 Until 6 December, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, CHARLOTTE RHEAD POTTERY Exhibition (1985-1947).
- 29 Filton Historical Research Group, GLOUCESTERSHIRE ELECTIONS OF THE PAST, by Dr. R. Perry. Filton Folk Centre, 7.30 pm.
- 30 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, RECENT EXCAVATIONS AT SUTTON HOO, by Peter Leach. Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon, 7.30 pm.
- 31 Whitchurch Local History Society, COVERING IN THE FROME, by Ron Cleeve. Small Hall, Whitchurch United Reformed Church, 7.30.

NOVEMBER

- 4 Downend Local History Society, MEMBERS EVENING. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 6 Chew Valley Local History Society, THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, by Dr. J. Sluglett. The Old Schoolroom, Chew Magna, 8.00 pm.
- 8 The Folk House, Park Street, Bristol, DAYSCHOOL : ELIZABETHAN DANCE, led by Sarah Paget. 10.30 - 4.30 pm. £6.
- 8 Until 30 December, Woodspring Museum, Weston-super-Mare, PEOPLE AND PLACES 1086-1986 Exhibition.
- 10 Marshfield & District Local History Society, KINGSWOOD FOREST, by John Moore. The Legion Hall, Marshfield, 7.30 pm.
- 10 Nailsea & District Local History Society, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, an illustrated talk, by H.G. Thomas. Nailsea Library, 7.30.
- 11 The Thornbury Society, A.G.M. followed by Cheese and Wine. St. Marys Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, 7.30 pm.
- 11 Clutton Local History Group, INSIDE THE BRISTOL CITY WALL, by B. Amesbury. Clutton Village Hall, 3.00 pm.
- 14 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - THE CONSERVATION OF MEDIEVAL CHURCH MONUMENTS, led by B. Lane. Burwalls, Bridge Road, Leigh Woods, Bristol, 10.00 - 5.00. £12.95.

NOVEMBER

- 15 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - MONUMENTAL BRASSES, by Bryan Little. Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol, 9.30 - 4.30, £6.
- 15 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - HOW TO READ OLD DOCUMENTS : AN INTRODUCTION TO PALEOGRAPHY, by Mrs. M. MacGregor. Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Road, Bristol, 2.00 - 5.00. £3.
- 18 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society, THE HISTORY OF PLAYING CARDS, by D. Crocker. St. Johns Church Hall, Boulevard, W-s-M., 7.00 pm.
- 18 Downend Local History Society, KEYNSHAM ABBEY, by Barbara Lowe. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 22 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF BATH - RECENT WORK, led by M. Aston and Prof. B. Cunliffe. University of Bath, Claverton Down, 10.00 - 5.00. £6.75.
- 26 Whitchurch Local History Society, LECTURE by Dr. J. Bettey, to be announced. Small Hall, Whitchurch United Reformed Church, 7.30 pm.
- 26 Filton Historical Research Group, REDISCOVERING MEDIEVAL STOKE GIFFORD, by James Russell. Filton Folk Centre, 7.30 pm.
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27 Clevedon & District Archaeological Society, FELIX THE PALAEOPET - CATS IN ARCHAEOLOGY, by G. Plowright. Community Centre, Princes Road, Clevedon, 7.30 pm.

DECEMBER

- Downend Local History Society, THE CLAYFIELD-IRELANDS AND BRISLINGTON, by Barry Williamson. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend, 7.30 pm.
- 4 Chew Valley Local History Society, THE DISCOVERY OF THE SEASIDE AND RISE OF WESTON-SUPER-MARE, by Jane Evans. The Old School-Room, Chew Magna, 8.00 pm.
- 6 University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department, DAYSCHOOL - THE BRONZE AGE ON SEVERNSIDE, led by M. Aston & Dr. T. Darvill. Lecture Theatre 4, School of Chemistry, Cantocks Close, Woodland Road, Bristol, 10.00 - 5.00, £6.75.
- 8 Marshfield & District Local History Society, TOPIC to be arranged. The Legion Hall, Marshfield, 7.30 pm.
- 8 Nailsea & District Local History Society, COMPETITION AWARD NIGHT (including Greenhill Shield, Pullan Plaque), and REPORTS. Nailsea Library, 7.30 pm.
- 9 Clutton Local History Group, MEMBERS PROJECTS. Clutton Village Hall, 8.00 pm.
- 9 The Thornbury Society, CATS IN ARCHAEOLOGY, by G. Plowright. St. Marys Church Hall, Eastbury Road, Thornbury, 7.30 pm.
- *26 NOV. Freshford & District Local History Society, ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE SOMERSET LANDSCAPE, by M. Aston, University of Bristol Extra-Mural Department. Limpley Stoke Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

DECEMBER

- 12 Whitchurch Local History Society, HISTORY FROM OLD COINS, by Anton Bantok. Small Hall, Whitchurch United Reformed Church, 7.30 pm.
- 13 Until 17 January, Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, WATERCOLOURS AND PRINTS OF ERIC RAVILIOUS (1903-1942) Exhibition
- 13 The Folk House, Park Street, Bristol, DAYSCHOOL - SOME ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND : THE STONE AGES, led by Ted Mason & Barbara Lowe. 10.30 - 4.30, £4.50.
- 16 Downend Local History Society, A.G.M., followed by Mince Pies and light-hearted history. Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend , 7.30 pm.
- 16 Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society, MEMBERS CHRISTMAS EVENING, please contribute refreshments and topics for discussion. St. Johns Church Hall, Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare, 7.00 pm.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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