

B & DAS NEWSLETTER

June 2017

Dear Member

'A Knight to Remember' was the title of a stimulating talk given by Rob Wilson- North of Exmoor National Park at our January Meeting. It concerned John Knight who bought a large piece of Exmoor in 1818 and over many years changed the agriculture and landscape of the moor.

In February, Charlotte Westwood, the Sedgemoor District Conservation Officer, described her work to us in a very interesting way.

At our March meeting Denny Robbins and John Rickard of the Somerset Vernacular Buildings Research Group made clear exactly what vernacular buildings are and illustrated the subject with photographs of some outstanding examples from Stogursey.

Jane Brayne described her work as an Archaeological Illustrator to an appreciative audience at our April meeting.

In May Miles Kerr-Peterson heroically overcame technical problems to present the fascinating story of the Bridgwater ceiling in the Burrell Museum Glasgow and how this this late medieval carved wooden ceiling got from a shop building near St. Mary's Church to its present location. The mystery still remains of where it came from in the first place.

As most of you are aware Aubrey has now left us for new horizons. We thank him for his years of service as our programme secretary and for producing his brilliant newsletters. I have taken on the task

of compiling this newsletter but I am sure it cannot compare with his.

David Baker

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

June 15th 7.30pm at Blake Museum

Richard Brunning of Somerset Heritage Trust

Beckery Chapel Excavations

This chapel lying on the outskirts of Glastonbury is a very early Christian foundation rivalling the Abbey itself in its antiquity.

July 20th 6.30 for 7.30pm at the Bower Inn, Bridgwater

Annual Dinner. Booking essential. Forms and further details on website.

September 14th All day visit to Wells

By mini bus and cars. Times, details and booking forms to be supplied.

October Blake Museum 7.30pm Date Tba.

Bob Croft Excavations at St. Mary's Church and St. John's Hospital
Bridgwater

November 16th 7.30pm Blake Museum

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December 14th 7.30pm Wembdon Parish Centre

Christmas Event with Steve Membery (SHT) Please bring your contributions to the buffet as usual