



News Sheet – December 2012

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In 2013 the society hopes to do a lot more archaeology. Ancient humps and bumps on the Southcott Estate are being investigated and surveyed. The landowner is enthusiastic and we hope to do a dig in early summer. Meanwhile work also continues on Overend Green at Heath and Reach, another fascinating medieval site. So far the weather has been against archaeological investigation but eventually the rain will ease.

During 2012 the society has continued to grow and membership has topped 150. Our talks at St Barnabas, now called Linslade Community Hall, have attracted between 60 and 70 people this autumn. As you can see from the following programme we have a number of interesting speakers and subjects lined up for the future.

The attached letter tells you the subs are now due. The fees are very low and have remained the same since the society started in 2007 – when we had four members. The idea is to make local history and archaeology available to as wide an audience as possible so in view of the continued recession the committee has decided it would be wrong to raise the subs this year. However, our costs are rising. Rent for the hall for our meetings, and the fees for speakers, have continued to increase year on year. So if any members feel affluent enough to include a donation with their subs it would be much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed articles pictures and ideas for Transactions 7, our 2013 journal. It will be produced as usual in time for the annual meeting in April.

We have already lined up speakers for the autumn and winter programme into 2014. Details will appear on the website, which we are now frequently updating."

All the best for 2013. Paul Brown

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All society talks are at Linslade Community Hall (St Barnabas) at 8pm. Other events dates, times and places as stated)

- Jan 9, 2013** **Bedfordshire Pillow Lace – A Personal View by Toni Methven**
This talk describes pillow lace making in the home, with particular reference to Bedfordshire patterns and paraphernalia
- Jan 25, 2013** **Research Group, 2 - 4 pm, 54 Mentmore Road Linslade**
Examining the finds from the Bassett Road dig.
- Feb 13, 2013** **Winslow Manor Court Rolls– Dr David Noy.**
Translated from the original Latin, these volumes are packed with information about farming, trading, housing, marriage, inheritance, travel, education and the clergy. They record disputes between neighbours, people punished for sexual misbehaviour and attempts to resist the Abbott of St Albans' authority. Because they cover the period of the Black Death, they provide vivid evidence of how the population halved and how the survivors carried on.
- Feb 22, 2013** **Research Group, 2 - 4 pm, 54 Mentmore Road Linslade.**
- Mar 13, 2013** **WWII, Leighton Buzzard's Secret War – Pat Carty**
- Mar 22, 2013** **Research Group, 2 – 4 pm, 54 Mentmore Road Linslade.**
- April 10, 2013** **Frank Wild Polar Explorer – Angie Butler - followed by AGM**
Commander Wild grew up in Eversholt and was educated in Bedford. Described as “one of the greatest Edwardian explorers”, winner of the Polar Medal (4 bars), he went on five expeditions to Antarctica and was second in command to Ernest Shackleton on the epic Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-1916)
- May 8, 2013** **Tom Lawson slide presentation, “Transport” – Richard Hart & Paul Brown**
- Oct 9, 2013** **Milestones and Turnpike Roads – Michael Knight from the Milestones Society**

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