

The Batheaston Society

Events Calendar for the Full Year 2015

All evening events in the Church Hall, School Lane, Batheaston;
Except February and March which will be in the Methodist Church.
Doors Open at 7:30 pm for an 8 o'clock start

- 20 February
Methodist Church
- Linda Watts: Cleveland historic swimming pool: an update.**
Built in 1815 by John Pinch this semi-circular lido is believed to be the oldest in England. Closed in 1970 many of us will remember its unique atmosphere and freezing water. A £4.5 million lottery grant will now permit complete restoration. To support the application researches unearthed many new stories of its long history.
- 20 March
Methodist Church
- Charmy Down 2 – Howard Burton and Richard Wynn-Jones.**
Their first talk concentrated on Charmy Down in WW2; now they focus on the time when no longer needed as an airfield. Just as intriguing but with more human interest and of great significance to Batheaston. Painstaking research and personal interviews on camera bring this local story to life. Our short AGM will follow on.
- 17 April
Church Hall
- Little Solsbury Hill: what the latest investigations found.**
Rick Buettner. Solsbury Hill is an inspirational place for kite flyers, football fans, dog walkers and singer Peter Gabriel. As a Northend resident Rick and the Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society undertook a geophysical survey and will tell us what they found.
- 15 May
- Early Summer Outing to Bruton and restored Durslade Farm.**
The charms of Bruton (guided tour) have been enriched when the Swiss art firm Hauser&Wirth restored the extensive Grade 2 farm buildings creating an exhibition space, sculpture park, a perennial meadow garden by Piet Oudolf as well as a café and restaurant. To book please contact Margaret on 01225 859515.
- 26 June
Church Hall
- Films from the archives including Bathford Paper Mill.**
Last year we experimented with showing some films from an earlier period. The “Batheaston Gaumont” proved popular so we repeat the exercise with fresh material from national and local archives.
- 17 July
- Early Evening Walk through historic Bathford. The Bathford Society** will give us a guided tour. Meet in front of the “Crown” public house at six o'clock.
- 25 September
- Summer Party and More**
- 16 October
Church Hall
- Nanny knows best: The history of the British Nanny.**
Dr Kath Holden is a research fellow at the UWE concentrating on the role of the family. In 2013, she published her acclaimed study “Nanny Knows Best” probing the complex relationship between nannies and the families they worked for. Her book will be on sale.
- 27 November
Church Hall
- Bailbrook Chronicled: how life of this small hamlet was recorded in Bath’s local newspaper by Dave Pearce.** “Our local rag” sums up the transient nature of the tragedies, happiness, special events and everyday life. Using the online service of the British Museum Dave tries to capture the Bailbrook people and events which hit the headlines in times gone by