Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre

Summer Events 2018

(All events at WSHC except where otherwise stated)

Tues 17 July 10.30 am Churchwardens' Accounts







Explore this wonderful source for local and family history, which includes details of goods and services bought by the church, (giving names of local officials and suppliers), and the names of people who received help (such as poor relief) from the church, as well as gruesome details of the killing of species regarded as vermin, such as sparrows and polecats – and much more! Illustrated talk by archivist Robert Jago Cost £4

Wed 25 Jul 7 pm A Review of Archaeology in Chippenham



Mike Stone has spent 40 years in archaeology, heritage and museums, and has been a visiting lecturer for the Universities of Bath, Bournemouth, and Bristol. Mike is a former Curator of Chippenham Museum and Heritage Centre and author of over half a dozen books on local history. He is therefore very well placed to bring us this fascinating illustrated talk about the latest archaeological findings in Chippenham.

Sun 29 Jul 11 am Iron Age Hillforts Walk*

Starting at Battlesbury, Warminster A 3-4 hour walk taking in local hillforts

Sun 5 Aug 11 am Avebury Stone Circle and World Heritage Site* A 2-3 hour guided walk starting from the centre of Avebury

Sun 2 Sep 11 am Oliver's Fort and Roundway Down Battlefield*

A 2-3 hour guided walk taking in the civil war battlefield and the Iron Age hillfort

* All walks are free but as numbers are limited to 40 per walk, we ask that people book places in advance

To register interest and get joining instructions and further information please contact us by email on archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk

Thurs 9 Aug 10.30 am Good Impressions: document seals from the 13th – 20th centuries

Seals have been used for centuries to prove the validity of important documents such as title deeds and charters, but in addition to their practical purpose they have a unique beauty and often are full of humour in their designs, with puns and plays on words galore!

An illustrated talk by archivist Steve Hobbs

Cost £4



Thurs 6 Sep 10 am History Revealed Day: Tisbury

Join County Local Studies Librarian Julie Davis at Tisbury Library (Nadder Centre) to find out more about the history of this important settlement in the Nadder Valley

Please contact Tisbury Library to book – 01747 870469

Sat 8 Sep 9.30 – 9.30 – 10.30 am An Introduction to Ancestry



A hands-on workshop for beginners, led by one of our experienced Community History Advisors, Ian Hicks Places limited to 5 – pre-booking essential!

Cost: £5 per person

Wed 12 Sep 6 pm Know Your Place workshop at Calne Library

Find out more about adding your local photographs and information about Calne to the online, searchable, historic maps published at www.kypwest.org.uk with County Local Studies Librarian, Julie Davis Contact Calne Library to book: 01249 813128

Sat 15 Sep 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Beyond Ancestry



Do you want to take your family history back before 1837?

Join us for this popular workshop on how to trace your family tree back before civil registration of births, marriages and deaths, using many sources not yet available online, with Principal Archivist, Claire Skinner Places limited to: 15

Cost: £10 per person

Tickets for events at the History Centre may be purchased in advance at the Help Desk or can be reserved on 01249 705500 (Tues-Sat 9.30-5) or email localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk Payment by credit card or cheque is only possible for 2 or more tickets. Numbers may be limited so please buy your ticket in advance.