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# BLHS Newsletter

The monthly newsletter for Bicester Local History Society

## Town Walks

The third and final of Pat Snelson's guided walks around Bicester's architectural heritage took place last weekend. Despite the heat, and one slight accident, it went very well, and we sincerely hope that Pat will consider doing others in the future.

## July's Talk Postponed

Unfortunately our talk in July, by Anni Byard, happened to be scheduled on one of the hottest days on record. It was considered unwise to go ahead with the meeting on that day so we were forced to cancel at the last minute. Hopefully everyone who was planning to go got the message in time, but if anyone did turn up at the venue to find it all locked up then please accept our apologies.

We will reschedule Anni's talk for a future date, and will announce that as soon as arrangements are made.

## Shelswell History Festival

On another scorching hot day, Saturday 16th July, we took part in the Shelswell History Festival in Newton Purcell. Our display, on local railways, proved as popular as ever, but, unfortunately, the heat kept away the big crowds that were hoped for.



## Bicester Historian Quarterly Magazine

This month will see the release of the redesigned Bicester Historian. Now published quarterly and covering three months in each edition. You should be receiving it early next week.

## Dates For Your Diary

Bicester Advertiser local history article

*11th August*

Bicester Historian Q3 2022 released

*15th August*

Bicester Advertiser local history article

*1st September*

September newsletter submission deadline

*2nd September*

AGM & Calendar talk

*19th September @ 7:30pm*

Bicester Advertiser local history article

*6th October*



## Annual General Meeting & 2023 Calendar Launch

As usual we have no meeting in August, so our next meeting will be our AGM on Monday 19th September at 7:30pm. Anyone wishing to renew their membership for another year can do so then, and forms have already been sent out. The AGM will include the chairman's rundown of everything we've been up to this year and what we plan to be doing in the year to come, as well as the treasurer's report on our year's finances, the election of committee members, and the approval of the subscription fees.

The AGM will be followed by a short talk about our new calendar for 2023, "Off the Beaten Track". This includes the story behind each of the photos we chose to include and why we selected them. Copies of the calendar will also be available to purchase on the night. Prices will be announced in the next newsletter.



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