



BLHS Newsletter

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The monthly newsletter for Bicester Local History Society

AGM Postponed

As you will all be aware our AGM this year was scheduled for Monday 19th September. But, with the state funeral of the late Queen being arranged for the same day, we decided to postpone the AGM for a week, so it will now take place on Monday 26th September at 7:30pm.

New Calendar for Sale

Further to our previous advertisements, this year's AGM will also see the launch of our 2023 calendar, Bicester: Off the Beaten Track. This will be available to purchase from Coles Books for £8, or members can purchase it directly from the society for £7.

Subscriptions due

Those of you who wish to rejoin for another year need to send in your subscription fees and forms as soon as possible. As in previous years we can accept cheques and cash payments, but this year we have also added BACS as a payment option. Please see the membership form for more details.

Bicester Historian Quarterly Magazine

Hopefully you have all now had a chance to look through the new quarterly version of the Bicester Historian. The next edition is due out at the end of October, so please get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions on the new format going forward. Thank you to all those that have already commented, it helps us a lot to know where we're doing things right and where things could be improved.

The River at War Talk

Bill King is coming to talk to us next month about why the River Thames was such an important strategic feature in World War II, and its role in the defence of the country. With a look at how the river would have served as a major defensive feature and the way the industry along the Thames was adapted to serve the country in its hour of need. Other aspects to talk about include the airfields of the Thames valley, boat building and aircraft production.

This talk takes place on Monday 17th October at 7:30pm, at the Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road.

Public Consultation for Oxford Road Sports Ground

Bicester Village has rescheduled the public consultations for the new park and car park to now take place at the John Paul II Centre on Thursday 6th October (4pm-8pm) and Saturday 8th October (10am-1pm).

Dates For Your Diary

AGM & Calendar launch

26th September @ 7:30pm

October newsletter submission
deadline

2nd October

Bicester Advertiser local history
article

6th October

Oxford Road Sports Ground
Consultations

6th October @ 4pm-8pm

8th October @ 10am-1pm

River at War Talk

17th October @ 7:30pm

Accession of the New King

The process may still be the same as it was 120 years ago, but thanks to modern news and media outlets the crowds most certainly are not.

Proclamation of King Charles III, 11th September 2022:



Proclamation of King Edward VII, 26th January 1901:



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