



BLHS Newsletter

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The monthly newsletter for Bicester Local History Society

Christmas Social Event

Our meeting on 19th December will be a Christmas social, held at the Clifton Centre. We plan to hold a local history quiz and a short presentation of photos from past BLHS events.

Nibbles will be available, as well as the usual refreshments and raffle.

St Edburg's Church Christmas Tree Festival

This year's festival took place on 2nd - 4th December in St Edburg's Church and was as successful as always.

BLHS took part again this year, after two years off over the pandemic. We decided to decorate our tree with historic maps of Bicester.



History of Brewing in Oxford Talk

January's talk, by Liz Woolley, tells the story of brewing in Oxford from the 13th century, when professional commercial brewers began to appear, to the present day. It will examine how and why – despite Temperance efforts – Oxford's brewing trade flourished to the point where more money was being spent on alcohol than on food.

This will be in the Clifton Centre on Monday 16th January at 7:30pm.

Calendar Available - Last Chance

We still have copies of the calendar in stock that will be available to purchase at the Christmas Social Event. This will be the last opportunity to purchase them from us.

Regular price £8, members price £7.

They will still be available from Coles, but not at the members discount price.



Dates For Your Diary

Christmas Social Event

19th December @ 7:30pm

Bicester Advertiser local history article

5th January

January newsletter submission deadline

6th January

Bicester Historian Q1 2023 submission deadline

20th January

History of Brewing talk

16th January @ 7:30pm

Stoke Lyne Hoard

The never-before-seen hoard of Roman coins went on display in Bicester Library on 3rd December and will be there until 3rd March 2023.

The hoard was discovered in September 2016 by a metal detectorist on farmland near Stoke Lyne. The coins are all thought to date from AD253 to AD274, but the hoard also contains several unofficial copies that could post-date AD274.



Bicester Village Planning Application

Bicester Village have submitted the planning application for their new car park on the old Oxford Road Sports Ground. The documents can be viewed online at the following address:

<https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/03513/F>

Comments can be submitted directly on the website, or by post to Cherwell District Council (referencing application 22/03513/F). The committee will be issuing an official response on behalf of BLHS, but we urge any members with views on the proposal to submit their own comments too. The more the better. The submission deadline is 31st December.



Above: Plan of the building superimposed over the present landscape.

Below: Elevation viewed from Oxford Road (note the height difference compared to The Acorn).



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