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# BLHS Newsletter

The monthly newsletter for Bicester Local History Society

## Can Onions Cure Earache? Talk

Melanie King presents an amusing but serious talk on how people tried to keep healthy and cure themselves during the eighteenth century. It will help us to appreciate modern health care systems based on germ theory, antibiotics and the use of anaesthetic.

This will be in the Clifton Centre on Monday 20th March at 7:30pm.

## Buckingham History Tour Outing



We have organised a history tour of Buckingham for our members, led by members of the Buckingham Old Gaol Trust. The tour will take place on Sunday 30th April, setting off at 2pm, and will last approximately 90 minutes. Unfortunately the Old Gaol Museum will not be open, but there is still plenty of interest to see around the town centre.

The tour is open to BLHS members only, at a cost of £5 per person. Numbers are limited, so if you would like to come along then please fill out the form that has already been distributed and return it to Sally James, along with your payment, as soon as possible.

## Coronation Celebrations in Bicester Display

Our display on past Coronation celebrations in Bicester is now available to view in Bicester Library. As before, we have taken over the two glass display cabinets in the local history section, to the right of the library entrance. The display is currently due to remain in place until the end of May and we hope you all take the time to go along and have a look.

## Dates For Your Diary

Can Onions Cure Earache? talk  
20th March @ 7:30pm

April newsletter submission  
deadline  
2nd April

Bicester Advertiser local history  
article  
6th April

Archaeology, Artefacts and a  
Career in Ruins talk  
17th April @ 7:30pm

Buckingham History Tour  
30th April



## Archaeology, Artefacts and a Career in Ruins Talk

Anni Byard's talk 'Archaeology, Artefacts and a Career in Ruins' covers her career thus far as an archaeologist and ancient metalwork specialist. Including some of her favourite Oxfordshire discoveries over the eleven years she was the British Museum's Finds Liaison Officer, together with her current work and research into Iron Age and early Roman coin hoarding.

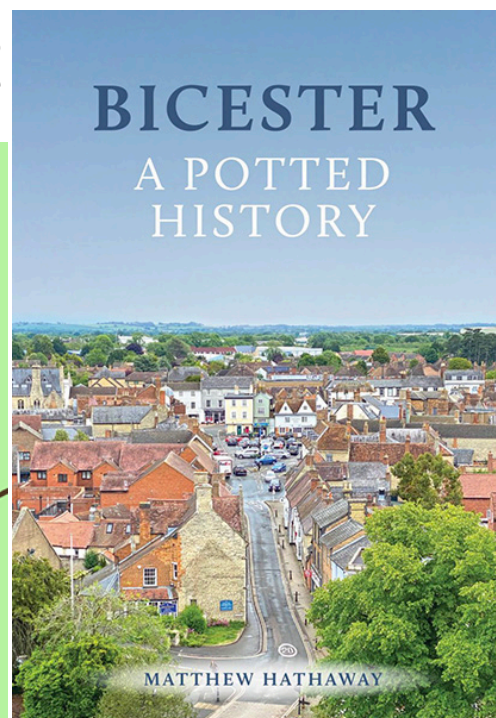
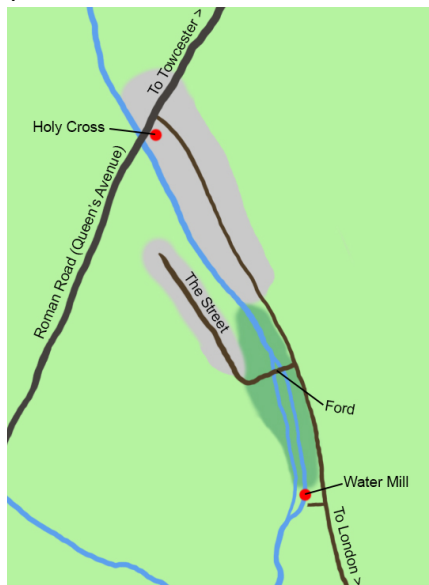
This talk was originally scheduled for July last year, but had to be postponed due to the extreme heat. It will now be held in the Clifton Centre on Monday 17th April at 7:30pm.



## Bicester: A Potted History

As any of you who came to February's talk will know, everyone's favourite newsletter editor has a new book coming out in April. *Bicester: A Potted History* covers the history of the town, from Alchester and the first Saxon settlements, right up to the present day, and includes a selection of photographs and illustrations that help to bring the story to life.

It will be available from all good bookshops by 15th April and we aim to have some to sell directly to members, at the same discounted price as the previous book, at the talk on 17th April.



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