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BLHS Newsletter

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19th Century Women Travellers & Explorers Talk

Nineteenth century women travellers and explorers produced a wealth of books and illustrations describing their journeys. This talk, by Katherine Bradley, is based on these accounts. It will be illustrated by a number of individual women, their journeys and adventures as well as the obstacles they faced. The women included are Fanny Trollope (pictured), Jane Digby, Lady Jane Franklin, Amelia Edwards, Marianne North and Mary Kingsley.

This talk will be held in the Clifton Centre on Monday 15th May at 7:30pm.



Dates For Your Diary

19th Century Women Travellers & Explorers talk

15th May @ 7:30pm

Bicester Advertiser local history article

1st June

June newsletter submission deadline

4th June

Oxford Botanic Garden talk

19th June @ 7:30pm

St Edburg's Church Summer Fete

1st July

St Edburg's Church Coronation Coffee Morning

The Coronation Coffee Morning at St Edburg's Church on Saturday 29th April proved to be extremely successful for the church. Unfortunately it wasn't quite so successful for us as our stall barely had any visitors on the day at all. We did sell some books, but there will still be plenty available at our upcoming talks.

The display (on past coronation celebrations) was left up for a few days afterwards though and did attract a lot of interest after the church services, when people had time to browse it properly.

The Church will be having their summer fete in July. So if we choose to take part again, hopefully we'll be able to get a lot more interest next time.



Oxford Botanic Garden Talk

Oxford Botanic Garden is the oldest in Britain, founded in 1621. Jacob Bobart, the 'German Prince of Plants' was the first keeper, famed both for his horticultural skill and his eccentricities. His sons were Jacob, 'horticultural sapient King' and Tilleman, overseer of the grounds of the new Blenheim Palace, while a later descendant was celebrated in fact and fiction as Oxford's 'Classical Coachman'. Also featured in this talk, by Mark Davies, are some of the important visitors and events associated with the garden, including Ashmole, apes, aeronauts, and 'Alice': a talk about people, not plants!



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Bicester Village Planning Application Approved

For those of you who haven't already heard, Bicester Village's application to build a multi-storey car park on the old Oxford Road sports ground, which we encouraged members to send in objections to back in December, was approved by Cherwell District Council at their planning meeting on 13th April. This was despite the Town Council's rejection of the plan. But it was helped by local councillors John Broad, Richard Mould, Lynn Pratt and Les Sibley, who all voted in favour of it at the planning meeting.

Buckingham Town Walk

Our recent outing to Buckingham was extremely interesting and informative. Wet weather had threatened to set in so our guides, Bryony and Beth, decided to change plans by shortening the walk a bit and opening the museum in the old gaol for us to get a private viewing in there once the rain started. But luckily the weather stayed fine, we were able to get all the walk in, and still got a good look around the museum too.

I think everyone who went would agree that, if you're ever in Buckingham and the museum is open, it is definitely worth a visit.



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