

## BATHFORD SOCIETY TALKS AND SPEAKERS 1985 – 2026

| Title  | Speaker                           |
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| <b>NOVEMBER 1985 – APRIL 1986</b>  |                                   |
| The Quakers And Bathford   | Cdr Alan Craig                    |
| Local Landscape And Geology  | Mr Andrew Mathieson.              |
| Local History From The Air   | Mr Michael Aston.                 |
| A Mystery Evening Of Interest To Bathford Residents.                             | Mr Paul De'ath & Mr Derek Hawkins |
| Old Agricultural Buildings Of Bathford And District                              | Mr Richard Feilden.               |
| <b>1986 TO 1987 MISSING</b>  |                                   |
| <b>NOVEMBER 1987 – APRIL 1988</b>  |                                   |
| Medieval Monasteries Of The West   | Dr. J.H. Bettey                   |
| Dress And Status   | Mrs Geraldine Marchant            |
| Wessex Water And The Local Environment   | Mr. G. Caygill,                   |
| Bathford 1765 – 1835   | Cdr. A.S. Craig                   |
| The Skrines Of Warleigh Remembered   | Miss Jennifer Down                |
| Medieval Monasteries Of The West   | Dr. J.H. Bettey                   |
| <b>1988-1989</b>   |                                   |
| Roman Settlements Around Bath.   | Mr Stephen Bird                   |
| Three Bath Doctors Of The Eighteenth Century:                                    | Mr Sholem Glaser                  |
| The Real Mr Pickwick   | Cdr. Alan Craig.                  |
| Some Historical Fripperies   | Mrs Geraldine Marchand            |
| Setting Up The Mumfords Bannerdown Vineyard:                                     | Mr & Mrs Tony Cox                 |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1989 – APRIL 1990</b>   |                                   |
| A Picture Of Widcombe  | Dr. A. Walter,                    |
| The Cradle Of Corsham  | Ms Joe Jakes                      |
| The Old Village Of Twerton   | Mrs Cynthia Turner                |
| Domestic Life In Eighteenth Century Bristol, Bath And District:<br>Blaise Castle | Mr David Eveleigh                 |
| The By-Brook, Avon & Other Local Rivers  | Mr Ken Tatem                      |
| Bathford And The Quakers   | Cdr Alan Craig                    |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1990 – APRIL 1991</b>   |                                   |
| Street Furniture Of Bath   | Mr Ivor Bryant                    |
| The History. Of The Wansdyke   | Mr Mervyn Hannan                  |
| Doctor Jenner: Our Neighbour   | Mr Sholom Glaser                  |
| Campanology: The Story Of Bells And Bell Ringing                                 | Mr Michael Horseman,              |
| The History Of Weston  | Mr M. Messer.                     |
| An Historical Walk Around Walcot   | Mrs Cynthia Turner.               |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1991 – APRIL 1992</b>   |                                   |
| The Railway Navvies And Bathford   | Prof. Geoff Channon               |
| The Rise And Decline Of The Landed Gentry In Somerset And<br>Wiltshire 1400-1900 | Dr Joe Bettey                     |
| The History Of Weston  | Mr M. Messer                      |
| Roman Finds At Walcot  | Mr Peter Davenport                |
| West-Country Farmhouse & Cottage Furniture                                       | Mr Gabriel Olive                  |
| Local Building Materials And The Parish Churches Of Avon And<br>Somerset         | Mr Barry Loxston                  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1992 – APRIL 1993</b>   |                                   |
| Bath's Waters – Hot And Cold   | Mr. R . J. Whittaker              |
| Bath And The Postal Service  | Col. E. R. Lewis                  |
| The Early History Of The Mineral Water Hospital                                  | Dr. Roger Rolls                   |
| The Work Of The Cotswold Wardens   | Mr. Cyril Shapter                 |
| Bradford On Avon Over 2000 Years   | Mr. Harold Fassnidge              |
| Farms And Farming In Bathford  | Mr. Philip Harris                 |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1993 – APRIL 1994</b>   |                                   |
| Marshfield: The Remarkable Findings Of An Archaeological Field<br>Survey         | Mr Vince Russett                  |

| <b>Title</b>   | <b>Speaker</b>                          |
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| The Civil War In North Somerset  | Dr John Wroughton                       |
| The Human Gelding  | Sholem Glaser                           |
| Benedict Biscop  | Martin Turner                           |
| The Bath Turnpike Trust  | Dr Brenda Buchanan                      |
| The Kennet And Avon Canal  | Mr Michael Horseman                     |
| The History Of Bathford's Inns   | Mr Ken Tatem                            |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1994 – APRIL 1995</b>   |   |
| Balloons In Close-Up: The Art And Science Of Hot Air Ballooning                                | Dr Paul Spellward.                      |
| The Building Of Bath: An Unusual Approach To Bath Buildings                                    | Mr. Christopher Woodward                |
| A Bit About Bathampton   | Mr. Patrick Driscoll                    |
| The Social History Of The Handkerchief   | Ms. Geraldine Marchand                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> And 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Bathwick   | Dr Michael Rowe.                        |
| Bathford's Quaker Burial Ground  | Mr. Gwynne Stock                        |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1995 – APRIL 1996</b>   |   |
| From Linenfold To Laminate   | Ms. Janet Margrie                       |
| Roman Roads Around Bath  | Mr Stephen Bird,                        |
| Bathford In Old Photographs  | Mr. Paul De'ath                         |
| Parish Churches And Parish Life  | Dr J H Bettey.                          |
| William And Five Centuries Of Tyndales   | Canon T J Tyndall &, Rev Martin Turner. |
| My Old Coach House “:  | Mr. Brian Stannard                      |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1996 – APRIL 1997</b>   |   |
| Paupers And Purgatory: Poor Relief In Tudor Bristol And Bath                                   | Dr Peter Fleming,                       |
| Archaeological Finds Under The Batheaston Bypass   | Mr. Marek Lewcun                        |
| Gainsborough In Bath   | Ms. Sue Sloman                          |
| Farming In Bathford Today. Local Resident  | Mr. Philip Harris                       |
| Concerts And Telescopes: The Story Of The Herschel Family                                      | Dr Francis Ring                         |
| Communicating At A Distance: A Look At How Our Ancestors Could Receive And Pass On Information | Mr. Roy Hawkins                         |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1997-APRIL 1998</b>   |   |
| Archaeological Finds Under The Batheaston Bypass   | Mr. Marek Lewcun,                       |
| Bathford's Stone Quarries  | Mr. Derek Hawkins                       |
| The History Of Bathford Mill   | Mr. Michael Tabb                        |
| The Battle Of Lansdown   | Dr John Wroughton.                      |
| The Black Death In Somerset  | Mr. Michael Mcgarvie                    |
| Everyday Life In Roman Bath  | Mr. Stephen Clews                       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1998 - APRIL 1999</b>   |   |
| Bathford's Water Supplies  | Mr. Ken Tatem                           |
| Brunel And The Great Western Railway   | Dr Angus Buchanan                       |
| Music In The Church Gallery  | Dr Alan Dodge                           |
| Bath Historical Pageant 1909   | Mr. Bruce Crofts                        |
| Mr Bowler's Business In Bath   | Mr. Stuart Burroughs                    |
| The Bristol Slave Trade  | Mr. Andrea Button                       |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 1999 – APRIL 2000</b>   |   |
| The Old Inns Of Bathford   | Mr Ken Tatem                            |
| Law And Disorder In 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Bath  | Mr Graham Davis NO LONGER DOES TALKS    |
| 100 Years Of Batheaston's History In Photographs   | Mr Terry Hardy                          |
| The Kennet And Avon Canal  | Mr Michael Horseman                     |
| Follies, Emblems Of Foolish Luxury   | Mr Andrew Plumridge                     |
| Water Mills On The River Avon  | Ms. Joan Day                            |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2000 – APRIL 2001</b>   |   |
| Old Farm Buildings – A Disappearing Local Heritage?  | Ms Linda Hall                           |
| Secret Underground Cities  | Mr Nick McCamley                        |
| Some Hidden Places In Bath   | Ms Ann Hopkins-Clark                    |
| Getting The Tram Into Bath   | Mr Pewter Davey                         |
| The Bath Spa Project – Past Present And Future   | Mr Paul Simon                           |
| A “House Detective” Looks At Bathford  |   |

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| <b>SEPTEMBER 2001 – APRIL 2002</b>  |   |
| Of Plasticine And Cat Litter  | Mr Stuart Burroughs   |
| Recent Archaeological Finds In Bath   | Mr Marek Lewcun   |
| Social History Through The Magic Lantern  | Mr David Elsbury  |
| Bath's Bridges  | Mr Angus Buchanan   |
| Recalling The Past  | Ms Vera Dyer & Joyce Helps  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Taverns And Their Entertainments   | Mr Michael Marshman   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2002 – APRIL 2003</b>  |   |
| Bath City Archives  | Mr Colin Johnson  |
| Hidden Treasures Of Bath  | Mr John Ede   |
| The Cannings Family   | Mr Derek Hayes  |
| Bathford's Journey From The Mediterranean   | Ms Elizabeth Devon  |
| A Blast From The Past   | Mr Jonathan Weeks   |
| Will Global Warming Change Bathford?  | Mr Ken Tatem  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2003 – APRIL 2004</b>  |   |
| Stuart Bath – The Long Lost City  | Mr John Wroughton   |
| Smashing Things Up In Bradford: A History Of The Woolen Industry  | Mr Stuart Burroughs   |
| The Mayoralty Of Bath   | Ms Elaine Morgan-Brinkhurst   |
| Below Ground On Bathford Hill   | Mr Derek Hawkins  |
| The Tithing Of Shockerwick  | Mr Philip Harris  |
| The Art Of The Housepainter   | Mr James Ayres  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2004 – APRIL 2005</b>  |   |
| Another Blast From The Past   | Mr Jonathan Weeks   |
| The Formation Of The Parish Of Bathford   | Mr Michael Costen   |
| Hatches, Matches And Depatches  | Mrs G Bowden  |
| Countesses, Celebrities And Criminal Capers At Lacock Abbey   | Mr David Formby   |
| "Strata" Smith Puts Bath On The Map   | Ms Elizabeth Devon  |
| The Roman Excavations At Bradford On Avon   | Mr Mark Corney  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2005 – APRIL 2006</b>  |   |
| Nelson In Bath  | Mr Louis Hodgkin  |
| Bathford's Historic Mill  | Mr Michael Tabb   |
| Famous Bath Architects And Bathford   | Ms Amy Frost  |
| The Saving Of British Art Works In Wartime Wiltshire  | Mr Nick McCalmey  |
| Money By The Cart-Load: The Early History Of Banking In Bath  | Mr Stuart Burroughs   |
| Little-Known Spas Around Bath   | Mr Stephen Clews  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2006 – APRIL 2007</b>  |   |
| Brunel, Engineer Extraordinaire, by an Ordinary One   | Mr. Ted Johnson   |
| Bathford Parish in Old Photographs  | Mr. Paul De'Ath   |
| Twenty Years of Mumfords Vineyard   | Mr. Tony Cox  |
| Batheaston Coal and Mining Company  | Mr. Daniel Brown  |
| Farming in Bathford – Today's Challenge   | Mr. Philip Harris   |
| Ancient Trackways and Roman Roads Around Bath   | Mr Stephen Bird   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2007 – APRIL 2008</b>  |   |
| The History of Christmas  | Pro. Ronald Hutton  |
| The Mystery of the Odd Down Windmill  | Stuart Burroughs  |
| The Big Spenders – Beckfords and the Slave Trade  | Amy Frost   |
| Dealing with Misdemeanours and other crimes - Stocks, Lockups and Prisons   | Andrew Plumridge  |
| Down the Garden Path-Privies in the Bristol and Bath area   | Linda Hall  |
| Life in the English Country Cottage   | Adrian Tinniswood   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2008 – APRIL 2009</b>  |   |
| The militant Suffragettes of Batheaston – a story of the Blaithway family.  | Prof. June Hannam-Professor of Modern British History at the University of West England |
| Bath & the Great war. Just prior to the 90 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice, Andrew Swift, local writer and historian, will explode some myths, and discuss the effect on social order – and make reference to the 24 men from Bathford who lost their lives. | Andrew Swift  |

| <b>Title</b>  | <b>Speaker</b>   |
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| AGM   |  |
| The History & Restoration of the Bath Theatre Royal (from 1705 up to the present day), by Jane Tapley, Special Events Organiser for.  | Jane Tapley  |
| The Man who built Bathford House -The Life & Times of John Tyndale, Bathford's finest gentleman.  | Fae Hall   |
| The Romantic History of the SS Great Britain. The saving and restoration of the first iron-hulled ship.   | Philip Unwin   |
| How DO you date a building?<br>Architectural historian & local resident, Mike Smith, takes aspects of Bathford Buildings as examples  | Mike Smith   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2009 – APRIL 2010</b>  |  |
| An Armchair Journey on the GWR from Swindon to Bath or A history of Bath Trams – with emphasis on the route from the Guildhall to Bathford  | Colin Maggs  |
| The Remarkable Story of a Robbery at Shockerwick in 1842  | Rob Mimmack  |
| AGM   |  |
| All you ever wanted to know about Dry Stone Walls – Morphology, Geology, Chronology and Ecology   | Chris Stephens   |
| Enigmatic Chimneys – Georgian and Older. How do they work and sometimes not?  | John R Taylor, Chartered Engineer, Local Resident  |
| Early Developments of the North Somerset Coalfield – containing snippets of social history and reference to prominent families and individuals  | Dennis Chedgy  |
| Rocks, Landscapes and Possible Evolution of the Bristol River Avon – the extraordinary route of the river from the Cotswold Hills, through the clay vale and then through three gorges to eventually reach the Severn Estuary | Elizabeth Devon.   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2010 – APRIL 2011</b>  |  |
| Bristol at the time of John Cabot   | Peter Fleming  |
| Social Life in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century. What was life like in Victorian Bath?  | Felicity Medcalf<br>Member of the Institute of Tour Guides, and Blue Badge Guide   |
| The History of the Hospice Movement – from beginnings in 1967 until the present day   | Sarah Whitfield<br>Is a nurse by profession – but has been Chief Executive of Dorothy House since 1997   |
| The Rise & Fall of the Skrines of Warleigh – from 1500 to 1956  | Fae Hall   |
| Gunpowder Manufacture around Bath – with reference to the Powder Mills at Woolley   | Brenda Buchanan, an honorary research fellow at the University of Bath   |
| No Meeting-clash with Easter Monday/Mayday etc.   |  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2011 – APRIL 2012</b>  |  |
| The Victorian Census – the difficulties and issues of conducting the census over 150 years ago  | Professor Graham Davis- NOW RETIRED from Bath Spa University. He is the author of ten books and is currently the editor of the journal <i>Bath History</i> .   |
| Jane Austen and the Engineers-the conflict between the assumptions about Regency Bath- as reflected in the fictional and documentary writings of Jane Austen- and the reality of Bath as a working city at the time           | Stuart Burroughs-director of the Museum of Bath at Work, past Chairman of the Bristol Industrial Archaeological Society, and presently Chair of the B&NES Museum Group                                       |
| The Bath Preservation Trust - history of and the work of the trust, with some contemporary updates  | Caroline Kay Chair of the Bath Preservation Trust  |
| The C18th agricultural labourer and his family-the agricultural year and work, family finances, housing and domestic life, entertainment and the security of the parish welfare state   | Doctor Alan Dodge RIP<br>Lectured in plant biochemistry at the University of Bath. Wrote the History of Freshford in 2000, and has just completed the history of his native Kentish village. Chairman of the |

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|   | Freshford History Society  |
| The Queen of Waters – a journey along the Kennet and Avon Canal   | Kirsten Elliot-Kirsten Elliott has been researching Bath's history for about 30 years, but her love affair with the Kennet and Avon Canal goes back even further – to 1960, when she first came to live in Bath as a child. Queen of Waters is the book she has wanted to write for many years and is a celebration of this magical canal.                             |
| The Aust to Beachley Ferry (the Rescue of the Severn Princess).   | Tim Ryan-Formerly Deputy Headteacher at Wyedean Comprehensive in Chepstow. Was the House Master of J.K. Rowling and appointed her as Head Girl   |
| Behind the Scenes at the Fashion Museum-the fashions of the 19th century.   | Elly Summers- Collections Assistant at the Fashion Museum. Elly studied costume design at the Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff and gained her Masters in Museum Studies from Leicester University in 2005.  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2012 – APRIL 2013</b>  |  |
| Browne's Folly  | Fae Hall   |
| Living on a dangerous planet-causes of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis  | Elizabeth Devon  |
| The History of the Magistracy in Bath   | Nick Stevens   |
| Bath and the Balloon – A Short History  | Stuart Boroughs assisted by Terry Hardy – Stuart is the director of the Museum of Bath at Work, past Chairman of the Bristol Industrial Archaeological Society, and presently Chair of the B&NES Museum Group  |
| Avoncliff-An industrial archaeology covering canals, railways and the pub   | Nick McCamley replaced by David Howells  |
| The history of Bathford School  |  |
| The History St John's Hospital Bath – an 800 year history of St Johns and other medieval hospitals  | Jean Manco.<br>Jean is a building historian with publications on <a href="http://www.buildinghistory.org/jean/publications.shtml">http://www.buildinghistory.org/jean/publications.shtml</a>   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2013 – APRIL 2014</b>  |  |
| The Role of the Royal Mail – postal system from time of Henry VIII to the coming of the railway. Presented in full livery including a 51" coach horn. | Martin Horler  |
| Avoncliff-An industrial archaeology covering canals, railways and the pub   | Nick McCamley  |
| The Georgian Gentleman at Home: A closer look at life in the Crescent   | Victoria Barwell-the Curator of No.1 Royal Crescent, Bath's Georgian House Museum. She was closely involved in the recent restoration project to reunite No.1 with its original servants' wing next door. The extended museum now also shows life beyond the grand rooms and gives a fascinating view of how people lived 200 years ago – both above and below stairs. |
| An Introduction to Heraldry   | Stephen Slater   |

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| Early Estates in the Bath Area, c.500AD to the 14th century  | Dr. Frank Thorn   |
| A Somerset Field Hanging   | Dr Steve Poole at UWE, Director of Regional History Centre  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2014 – APRIL 2015</b>   |   |
| Quakers or other topics (industrial history of the SW)   | Mick Atkinson   |
| Family Life in Lacock Abbey and village in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century  | Alexandra McConnell   |
| The Flooding of the Somerset Meadows. 7 popular myths.   | Ken Tatem of the Environment Agency.  |
| An evening with Joyce Helps  | Joyce Helps-assisted by David Howells   |
| A History of Melksham. From early Saxon times through to the 20th century.   | Marshman, Mike (By the Sea Rd), Trowbridge. Librarian in the Wiltshire County Local Studies Centre. A Manager in the History Centre. Author of 7 books on local (Wiltshire) history.          |
| Dr. Madge Dresser is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and Associate Professor of History at the University of the West of England She is the author of numerous books on Slavery and Ethnic Minorities   | The legacies of Atlantic slavery in Bristol   |
| Mark Corney-Consultant archeologist  | The Roman Villa at Box – and its place in the surrounding area  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2015 – APRIL 2016</b>   |   |
| Professor Stephen Poole of UWE, Director of Regional History Centre  | Sydney Gardens and the Perils of a Bad Reputation   |
| Dr Linda Watts - Linda is an amateur historian who has been researching the history of the Cleveland Pools and related topics since she retired from local government in 2010. She was a Cleveland Pools Trust trustee for three years and is currently an adviser and volunteer.  | Cleveland Historic Swimming Pool-Reopening and restoration  |
| Kirsten Elliot - Kirsten has always had an interest in industrial archaeology, particularly canals, but her other interests are architecture, dance, literature and the social life of the Georgian period. For over thirty years she has taken guided tours of Bath, and she also professionally researches the history of buildings. With her husband Andrew Swift, she writes and publishes books, their publishing company being called Akeman Press. She is now working on a book about Pleasure Gardens – the very first topic she ever undertook as research over thirty years ago. | No Swinging on Sundays – the Story of Bath's Lost Pleasure Gardens  |
| Wolfgang Beese   | England rehoused-analysis of the forces from which Elmshurst sprang (and MountainWood, of course).  |
| Jane Cox - Jane's career has been in teaching and research. A published author, she is now researching local medieval history and writing a book on the subject  | 'The Norman Conquest of Box Parish. Our Medieval Lords.   |
| Mark Corney-Consultant archeologist  | The end of Roman Britain and beyond in Western Britain  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2016 – APRIL 2017</b>   |   |
| Ted Johnson – our own Ted Johnston will talk about one of his favourite topics   | Swindon and the Great Western Railway – 175 Years of Growing Together-changes to the village of Swindon following the establishment of the Railway Works in the mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century” |
| Dr Cathryn Spence. Cathryn Spence is a museum professional, independent researcher, regularly lecturer and published writer. She is currently Curator of Archives at the American Museum in  | What has the river ever done for us: The history of the River Avon in Bath.   |

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| Britain and has previously worked at the National Portrait Gallery, V&A Museum and the Building of Bath Museum.  |   |
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| Stuart Burroughs -director of the Museum of Bath at Work, past Chairman of the Bristol Industrial Archaeological Society   | Wool and Water.   |
| Vanessa Brett-Local author of Book of the same name. Currently assisting the Holburne Museum with an exhibition of silver for late October to late January.                            | Bertrand's Toyshop in Bath: Luxury Retailing 1685-1765 (You'll never look at an 18 <sup>th</sup> century 'toy' in the same way-   |
| Andrew Swift-, local writer and historian returns for another visit to talk about.....   | Ghost signs of Bath and Beyond – will include some from our local villages  |
| Jane Cox-Jane's career has been in teaching and research. A published author, she returns to provide the sequel to last year's talk  | 'De Bohuns and Le Bigods, medieval lords of Box ' . -The extraordinary circumstances that brought these Normans to Box.   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2017 – APRIL 2018</b>   |   |
| The Road to Mr. Pulteney's Bridge - A illustrated talk about the reasons for building the bridge where it is, what was there before and the struggle to bring the scheme to completion | Dr. Michael Rowe - Retired physician at RUH. Chairman of the History of Bath Research Group, the Editorial Board of Bath History, the Friends of the Victoria Art Gallery |
| Bath's city secrets and hidden gems  | Sally Helvey  |
| The Plasticine people-A brief history of Harbutts of Bathampton  | Stuart Burroughs  |
| Claverton Pumping Station  | Pete Dunn   |
| The Frome Hoard-The largest find of Roman coins in Britain   | David Crisp   |
| Around Bath by Tram  | Peter Davey   |
| Stained glass of the C20-21 in Wessex churches   | Brian Woodruffe   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2018 – APRIL 2019</b>   |   |
| Brunel, and the building of the railway through Bath   | Andrew Swift  |
| Fosse way and Myth   | Fosse way and Myth.   |
| The history of World Heritage in Bathford  | Prof Barry Gilbertson -   |
| A passage to India-How Bath company, Horstmann Gear struggled to expand into India   | Stuart Burroughs  |
| The Druids   | Prof Ronald Hutton  |
| Bath Abbey   | Alex Gilmer   |
| <b>September 2019 to April 2020</b>  |   |
| Why does Bathford Parish have this shape? a history of English Parish boundaries from Roman times'   | Martin Laker  |
| Building Towers and Landscapes: William Beckford in Bath   | Dr Amy Frost  |
| Corsham: Past present and future   | Michael Rumsey  |
| The Rise, Fall and Rebirth of the Kennet and Avon Canal  | John Weller   |
| <b>From March 2020</b>   | <b>COVID PANDEMIC</b>   |
| Politics, power and patronage in Anglican Bathford <b>ZOOM</b>   | Jeremy Key Pugh   |
| <b>September 2020 - April 2021</b>   |   |
| The ingenious Mr Padmore: eighteenth-century polymath  | Tony Coverdale  |
| The work of the Cotswold Wardens <b>ZOOM</b>   | Barry Cox   |
| AGM  |   |
| David Birks <b>ZOOM</b>  | History of Trowbridge   |

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| <b>September 2021 to April 2022</b>                       |                 |
| The case for reintroducing trams in Bath; and to Bathford | Dave Andrews    |
| Farming in Bathford: changes over the last ten years      | Julian Harris   |
| The Amazing History of Frome and AGM                      | David Lassman   |
| Bathford the Bat capital of Europe (held in April)        | Jim Mullholland |
| Bathford Railway Bridge                                   | Network Rail    |

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| The conversion of the Monkton Farleigh Mines to wartime use               | Nick McCamley                                  |
| Bathford and the Poor Laws (held in January)                              | Peter Martin and David Howells                 |
| Managing Browne's Folly   | Rob Stephens                                   |
| Bathford's water supply   | Julian Welbank                                 |
| AGM and Social  |  |
| History of Charmy Down  | Howard Burton                                  |
| Did slavery impact on life in Bathford                                    | Jeremy Key Pugh                                |
| Art in Wartime  | Nick Camley                                    |
| The Effects of Climate change on Bradford                                 | Dr Fai Fung                                    |
| <b>Sep 2023 to April 2024</b>   |  |
| Bathford Parish Plan and Village Design Statement                         | Hugh Baker                                     |
| Bathford and its shops and pubs   | Marilyn Wright and David Howells               |
| History of Larkhall   | Kathleen Holden and June Hannan                |
| B/Easton Bypass and its archaeology                                       | Peter Davenport                                |
| Ecological surveys around Bathford  | Eleanor Hey; Rebecca Yearsley                  |
| Combe Down stone mines  | Richard Irving                                 |
| <b>Sep 2024 to Apr 2025</b>   |  |
| West Country Criminals  | Eve Bickerton                                  |
| Claverton   | Glennis Naylor                                 |
| Bathford Mill through the ages and today                                  | Paul Merritt                                   |
| Bath Preservation trust: the balance between preservation and development | Alex Sherman<br>CEO                            |
| Bathford before the NHS   | John Daniels                                   |
| <b>Sep 2025 to Apr 2026</b>   |  |
| Bathford and WWI  | Peter Martin                                   |
| Ukraine: what is happening locally and in Ukraine                         | Zhenya Shkil                                   |
| Bathford School, then and now   | Becky Hayter                                   |
| National Trust and Avon Conservation areas                                | Joanna Rolfe, Sarah Dann (NT); Ken Tatem (AWT) |
| Bathford Mill serves the world  | Andy Nash, former MD                           |
| Guiding in Bathford   | Jenny Prall                                    |
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