



# CROCKERNE PILL & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

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## PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2022

All meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month  
at Pill Memorial Club in the **downstairs Main Hall** commencing **8.00 pm**

*COVID REMINDER: Please don't come to a meeting if you have flu-like symptoms. We also ask that personal spacing is respected during meetings. Hand sanitisation is available and please feel free to wear a face mask should you so wish. Thank you.*

- March 17<sup>th</sup>      **Annual General Meeting**  
Followed by slides of local history photographs and documents compiled for Society archives by former Secretary, John Rich. Presented by Maggi Stowers.
- April 21<sup>st</sup>      **Lydney's Lost Fleet including Lydney Ship Graveyard Paul Barnett**  
You may remember Paul's visit to the Society in 2010 when he talked about the Hulks of Purton and their fascinating stories. Now he is returning to tell us what happened to the fleet at Lydney on the other side of the river Seven.  
**Raffle**
- May 19<sup>th</sup>      **The Life of Bertram Thomas Robert Walker**  
Bertram Thomas is locally known as 'Pill's most famous son'. Born in Pill and having joined the Somerset Light Infantry in WW1, he went on to become the prime minister of Muscat, Oman and a feted explorer in his crossing of the Rub' al Khali (Empty Quarter), part of the inhospitable Oman desert.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)      **Visit to Salisbury and Stonehenge**  
2019 was the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Salisbury Cathedral's move into the city centre from its origins at nearby Old Sarum. This medieval city has much to offer – its wonderful cathedral with original Magna Carta, a historic market, the Salisbury Museum with Stonehenge exhibits, National Trust property Mompesson House and the Arts Festival. In the afternoon we will visit spectacular and impressive Stonehenge together with its new visitor centre.
- September 15<sup>th</sup>      **Collecting Tramway Memorabilia Peter Davey**  
Following his father's interest, Peter has a great passion for trams and his tramway collection was borne from seeing the destroying of Bristol's old trams in the early 1940s. A portable part of his collection will be shared with us this evening.  
**Raffle**
- October 20<sup>th</sup>      **St. George's Tower & Bell Ringers Richard Humphries**  
Dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, St. George's tower is much older than the rest of the church. Bell ringing here has been practised for centuries and its history little told.
- November 17<sup>th</sup>      **Songs by 'The Tawny Shanty Men'**  
This local group of singers, formed in 2020, will be singing sea and seasonal shanties steeped in history and the culture of our villages. A musical end to our year.  
**Mince pies & Raffle**