

Burton Bradstock Village Society

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Up and coming:

Saturday 22nd June, Coffee stop.

Saturday 16th July, Annual Flower & Produce Show.

Friday 16th September, the start of the season's lectures.

Past recent events:

The new season of lectures began in September with a fascinating talk by Campbell Hughes entitled "My life with Auntie; 30 years in the BBC". Campbell's degree was in music which gave him the opening to apply to the BBC as a sound recorder. In those days the BBC trained all their sound recorders and following intensive training should you not come up to the mark you were out. Without the aid of PowerPoint, but with the help of numerous auditory examples we heard of the ups, downs, humorous and scary experiences of his career. We were also pleased to have confirmed that the current occasional poor quality in sound that we receive now isn't in fact due to our hearing but is in fact down to the Broadcaster!

October's meeting, entitled "Charles Darwin, his life, achievements and lasting influence" was given by David Croman. It was a fascinating and wonderful presentation giving many insights into the man and his lasting legacy. It was also very humbling to know that 40% of Homo sapiens genes are the same as those of a cabbage.

For our November meeting we enjoyed hearing Squadron Leader (rtd) Kevin Lawry's lecture on the history of British bombers from the Lancaster to the Vulcan. What could have been construed as being a dry subject was in fact an extremely entertaining, informative and humorous evening given by an ex

Vulcan bomber Captain who shared his knowledge and passion for this beautiful plane.

In December our meeting went festive when Susan Moores gave a lecture entitled “ Xmas...Pagan or what?” In a talk packed with fascinating history and facts, supported by impressive IT, courtesy of David Edwards, our lecturer entertained and educated us on the midwinter celebration that has occurred since civilization began across all the continents of the world.

Friday, 15th January, Author & Travel writer Jason Goodwin gave a fascinating lecture entitled “Three Roads to Istanbul.”He described his first trip to this beautiful city on foot with two colleagues travelling from Poland through Eastern Europe to Turkey in the 1980s. He then gave us a brief history of the Ottoman Empire and its people in a very amusing and informative talk.

Friday, 5th February, Bruce Upton, Education Officer Bridport Museum talked about fortifications in Dorset through the centuries. An erudite lecture full of facts and interesting stories about our many castles and defences in the County.

Wednesday 24th February was our first Coffee Stop.

Friday 18th March, Dr Simon Cripps, Chief Executive Dorset wildlife Trust gave a talk on the work of the Trust particularly focusing on the Kingscombe centre.

Friday 15th April, “Exploring the waterways of Northern Europe by small boat”. Speaker Peter Roach. A beautifully illustrated talk on some of the most attractive waterways of northern Europe packed with interesting facts and nautical detail.

The AGM was held on 13th of May followed on the morning of the 14th with the Society’s second Coffee Stop.