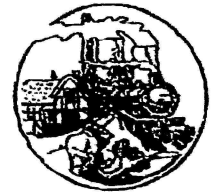




## DIDCOT & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



### Chairman's Report 2015

This is my second term of office as chairman of this society,

Let's firstly take a look back at the previous season of talks it started in October with Alix Booth and the History of Punch and Judy which she demonstrated through the puppets we all know so well. The November meeting was preceded with the AGM where a new committee was elected Eugene Coyle became Secretary and we welcomed Janet Kent onto the committee. Two longstanding committee members Joyce Hall and Rosemary Pryor stood down we thank them for all their hard work. Afterwards we all had a singalong with John Rowland with his talk entitled "Songs and poetry from the First World War".

December saw Gary Lock gave a fascinating talk on the results of excavations on the hillforts situated on or near the Ridgeway. 2015 started with a talk by Madeleine Loynes giving a fascination insight into the history and development of Didcot Power Station.

Another excellent talk by Martin Way this time as the Agincourt Archer. Eugene Coyle our secretary told us about the City of Oxford in the Civil War and Malcolm Thick gave a talk about Herbs in Medicine in April and finally finishing the season with Malcolm wife Jane talking about Political Cartoons

For our annual trip we were blessed with excellent weather for a City Sightseeing bus tour ride around the City of Oxford where everyone enjoyed themselves.

Looking towards the coming season we open on October 8<sup>th</sup> with a talk by David Moon about the local Anglo Saxon find which has now been called the Didcot Mirror.

Another date for your diary is Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> which is our AGM starting at 7.30pm in the Northbourne Centre, Church Street Didcot.

For the 2016 summer trip so far the following places have been suggested for visits Avebury Neolithic Henge, Maple Durham House and Chedworth Roman Villa. We are open to other ideas as well please inform any member of the committee.

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