

Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre

Autumn Events 2018



13th Sep 2018, 2-4 pm

Pest detectives – what's eating the valuables in your home?

Are bugs and pests damaging your antiques and documents? Woodworm chewing your chairs? Clothes moths nibbling your carpets? Test your knowledge of household pests and find out how to become a pest detective in your own home! The Conservation Museums Advisory Service is opening its laboratory doors to 10 members of the public to hold an informative workshop on pest identification, simple control methods, and discuss what it is we do to control pests in our own collections and local museums.

FREE but booking is essential

Every 2nd Thursday (13th Sep, 11th Oct, 8th Nov, 13th Dec – all 2-4 pm)

FREE Conservation Workshops with our archive conservators – come and get advice about caring for your precious family photographs, keepsakes and treasures. Booking essential!



Sat 15 Sep – 9.30 am -12.30 pm – **Beyond Ancestry**

98% of the archives at WSHC are not on-line! Find out more about the many sources available for family history at WSHC in this workshop with Claire Skinner (cost £10)





Sat 13 Oct – 11 am - Iron Age Hillforts Walk

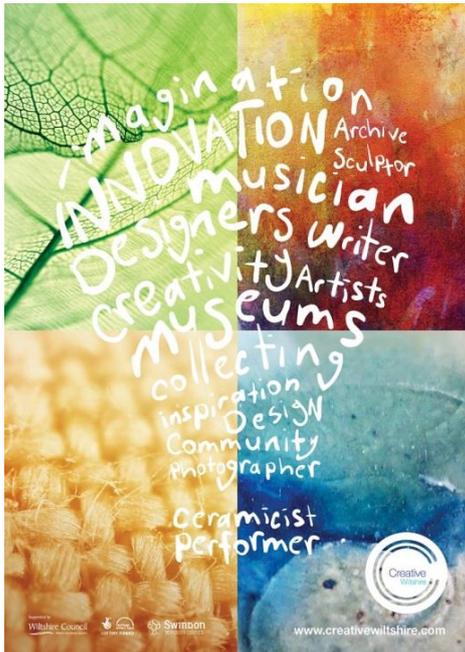
Starting at Battlesbury, Warminster

A 3-4 hour walk taking in local hillforts

FREE but pre-booking essential

To register interest and get joining instructions and further information please contact us by email on

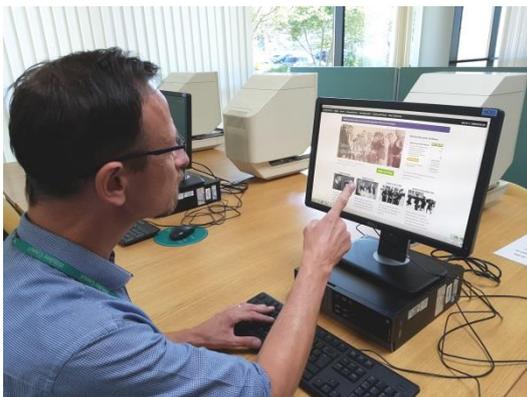
archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk



Wed 17 Oct – 10.30 am Creative Wiltshire and the ARTeology project

A talk by Joy Bloomfield (Cost £4)

As part of the Heritage Lottery Fund Collecting Cultures programme a grant has been awarded to Wiltshire and Swindon to enhance our collections in museums and archives. The Creative Wiltshire project is proactively collecting and adding to these collections, aiming to reflect the heritage of our local creative industries. ARTeology invites contemporary artists to explore the ever-growing Creative Wiltshire collection as a catalyst for new work, inspired by the Wiltshire's creative and artisan heritage. Find out about the objects collected and the artists that have been inspired by them, resulting in newly inspired work on exhibition locally at Chippenham Museum during October.



Saturday 20 Oct – 9.30-10.30 am – An Introduction to Ancestry

Getting started on the popular family history website – a hands-on workshop with Ian Hicks (Cost: £5)



Thursday 25 Oct 10.30 am – Food Production in North Wiltshire 1760-1960

An illustrated talk by local historian and archaeologist, Mike Stone (Cost: £4)



Saturday 27 Oct 10 am – 4 pm FREE Family Fun Day at Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre. Come and join the fun for all the family at our annual FREE open day – this year the theme is '1918' and so we will have activities and exhibitions relating to the 100th anniversary of Stonehenge being given to the nation, of men and women having extended voting rights, of the flu pandemic and the end of World War One, amongst other things!



Wednesday 31 Oct 10.30 am – A Wiltshire Hallowe'en

Find out about spooky local traditions in an illustrated talk by Julie Davis (Cost £4)



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**Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre
Annual Lecture
Thursday 1 Nov 7 pm**

**Women and the First World War – a
talk by author and journalist Kate
Adie**

Cost: £10 – Booking essential!



**Wednesday 14 Nov 10.30 am – Henges
and Hand Grenades: Discoveries from
the Army Basing Project**

Archaeological work ahead of new housing for Service Families around Salisbury Plain has uncovered a wealth of new information about the past in Wiltshire. Discoveries have included new henges, a previously unknown causewayed enclosure, Anglo-Saxon cemeteries and a Great War training ground. Martin Brown, Assistant County Archaeologist, will give an overview of discoveries and their importance.



**Wednesday 21 Nov 10.30 am – Vernacular
Buildings in Wiltshire**

An illustrated talk by Dorothy Treasure of the Wiltshire Buildings Record
(Cost: £4)



Wednesday 21 Nov 7 pm – How to Research A Village's History

An illustrated talk by local author, Julian Wiltshire, in which he will share his knowledge of useful sources and lessons learned from his own experience of writing the history of Kingston Deverill.
(Cost: £4)



Book Art Workshops

Working in our Archive Conservation Laboratory you will have the opportunity to create a beautiful notebook using traditional techniques over two afternoon workshops. Create your own bespoke marbled art work during our first workshop. This can be used as a cover for your own notebook, which you will learn how to make in the second workshop. Designed to go together, but these workshops can also be booked individually.



Workshop One: Marbling

22nd November 2018, 2-5pm

An introduction to the Japanese art form of Suminagashi marbling. Discover its history and uses before using Sumi inks to have a go yourself!

Workshop Two: Single Section Binding

29th November 2018, 2-5pm

Create your own notebook by learning the simple technique of single section binding.

£55 per workshop, or £100 for both. Max 8 people - booking essential.



Sunday 25 Nov – 10 am – 4 pm
The Legacy of Commemoration
– 1918-2018 and beyond

A day conference in partnership with Wiltshire Local History Forum on how the First World War research carried out as a result of the 100th anniversary can best be preserved and shared nationally.

(Cost: £7 payable to Wiltshire Local History Forum. Please see www.wiltshirelocalhistory.org for further information.)

For all events (except where stated otherwise) please contact localstudies@wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone 01249 705500 to book.