

## *Kingswood Village Historical Society*

### **Chairman's Interim Report 2018**

The KVHS was originally formed circa 1995 and according to the Constitution the initial objectives were:-

- (a) Study the history and archaeology of the village with emphasis on the abbey.
- (b) Stimulate public interest in local history and archaeology.
- (c) Encourage the preservation of historic buildings, structures, records and artefacts of local historical interest.
- (d) Encourage the setting up of a small museum to display artefacts etc with occasional displays of the more recent village history.

This has largely been achieved and the society typically holds three or four talks per annum and organises occasional trips to places of historical interest. In the past we have had lectures and talks on a number of topics. Consistent with the intention of displaying artefacts, in March last year the society held a 'retrospective' in the village hall where a large number of items and documents were put on display. This was well attended by many people from the village and surrounding area.

In the last 12 months we have had the following:

- (a) A talk by John Loosley on the subject of 'Almshouses in Gloucestershire'!
- (b) A talk on the subject of King James I that was given by Professor Ronald Hutton, the head of the Bristol University history department. Professor Hutton has given us a number of talks in the past.
- (c) A small group from the society visited Dyrham Park where we were given a tour of the gardens in the company of Christine Coles.
- (d) Following this Christine gave a talk on William Tyndale, which was very well received.
- (e) For our AGM, held as usual in November, we had a talk by Mark Cummings on the subject of Gloucestershire's Heritage.
- (f) More recently Iain Green gave an illustrated talk on the local bird life.
- (g) Most recently, the Society held a film show on 19th April 2018 with a choice of three 3 films, which were on Gloucestershire, Weston-Super-Mare, or Severn Beach.

Our next event will be in early June and will be a summer walk with Iain Green followed by tea at Rosemary and Pat's.

On a sad note, it is important to put on record that Sheila Alexander, who retired from the society after a long period, died in March this year. She did sterling work as our secretary from the society's inception until her retirement and she will be sorely missed.

Peter Booth (Chairman)  
15th April 2018