

November

Thursday 30th November at 19.30
The Tone Works, Wellington.

A Webinar by Dr Joanne O'Hara, the Wellington at Risk Manager.

December

Saturday 2nd December at 18.00
SANHS General Meeting and Christmas Social at the Wyndham Hall, Taunton TA1 4AA

SANHS members and partners welcome.
Please ring or email the office to book a place.

January 2024

Thursday 25th January 19.30
Farming in Protected Landscapes.

A Webinar by Tim Youngs, the Blackdown Hills AONB Manager

February

Thursday 29th February 19.30
Early Ironworking on the Blackdown hills.

A Webinar by Dr Chris Smart, Landscape Archaeologist at the University of Exeter.

March

Saturday 2nd March at 11.00
Taunton Stop Line Walk

A short, guided walk (grade 1) along part of the old railway line to see some of the emergency defences built in 1940.
Starts at Donyatt. Suitable for family members.
Booking essential.

Thursday 14th March at 19.30.
Smashed in the Cellar.

A Webinar introduced by David Dawson

Wednesday 20th March 19.30 at the Wyndham Hall, Taunton TA1 4AA

Booze, Blood and Baskets: electing Taunton's MPs

A talk by Mary Siraut on bribery, voting and violence at the Taunton parliamentary elections.
Please book in advance by 19th March.

Saturday 23rd March
Annual Archaeology Day

A day of short talks on recent excavations in Somerset.
Full programme and location to follow.

April

Thursday 11th April 19.30
Restoring the Castle Gardens.

A Webinar by Chris Jessop.

Saturday 20th April 11.00
Axbridge, from Burh to Borough

John Page will lead a guided walk around Axbridge, exploring the history, architecture and personalities who have made this such a fascinating town.
Booking essential.

Sunday 28th April - Avalon Marshes Centre
Morning 11.00 – Aquatic Life at the Avalon Marshes (NH)

Afternoon 14.00 – A visit to the replica buildings at Avalon Archaeology. This includes a Saxon longhouse and a Roman dining room.
There will be a charge for Avalon Archaeology.
Booking essential.

May

SANHS AGM Saturday 4th May 2024 at 10.30
Wyndham Hall, Taunton TA1 4AA

Saturday 11th May at 13.45
Guided Walk around Norton Fitzwarren with Bob Croft, Head of Historic Environment for SWHT.

A look at the WW2 camp, the Parish Church and Norton Camp Hillfort. Finish at the SHC for a cup of tea at 16.00. Booking essential.

Thursday 16th May at 19.30
The Turbeviles of Gauden Manor

A Webinar by David Victor about the family that inspired a novel by Thomas Hardy.

June

Thursday 6th June 19.30
Rowland Pavey, a Cheddar Eccentric who built Jacob's Ladder, kept a temperance hotel, discovered caves and so much more!
A Webinar by John Page.

Saturday 8th June
Visit to Taunton Jail
More details to follow.

Saturday 22nd June 11.00
Visit to the Church of St Peter, Hornblotton, West Bradley, Shepton Mallett. A distinctive church whose interior is covered in fine sgraffito executed in strawberry and cream plaster.

Other Planned Events

- A Local History tour of the Cricket Museum, Taunton
- A Local History talk on the Pre-Beeching railway lines of Somerset
- A Natural History visit to Hestercombe
- A Webinar about the SANHS Library
- A guided walk around Brean Down
- A visit to the archives of the Hydrographic Office
- A visit to Orchard Wyndham House
- A visit to Dawe's Twineworks, West Coker

Further details to follow.

Prior booking is essential for all events where stated. Please book by email to office@sanhs.org or ring the office.

- Non-members are welcome at all meetings.
- We ask for a minimum donation of £5 at our events, including webinars.
- Some events may have extra charges but these will be specified in advance.



Taunton Castle Courtyard painted by Harry Frier. Painted between 1880 and 1905

Information about SANHS Events

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

Events suitable for Family members are indicated.

Please note that children remain the responsibility of their parents/carers at all times throughout the visit.

GRADING OF WALKS This key is intended as a general guide to the level of difficulty likely to be encountered by participants taking part in SANHS walks and other activities. Keep in mind that a change in weather conditions can make a walk more difficult than anticipated. All walks and activities demand a basic level of fitness, suitable footwear and waterproof clothing.

- 1 **Easy** – generally even ground with a few gentle slopes; no special fitness needed. Comfortable footwear required.
- 2 **Moderate** – for reasonably fit people, may include unsurfaced rural paths and tracks, moderate slopes, uneven surfaces, steps and stiles. Walking shoes/boots required.
- 3 **Strenuous** – for fit, experienced walkers, will include hills, uneven surfaces, tracks and may include muddy terrain. Walking boots and waterproof clothing are essential.
- 4 **Confined spaces** – including caves and attics. Locations may be dusty, slippery and dark.

Activity leaders carry out a risk assessment beforehand. Participants are required to provide emergency contact details before taking part in an activity – this information is destroyed by the group leader after the activity has taken place.

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Programme of Events 2024



The Bishop's Palace, Wells, North View From Proceedings Volume 11 (1861-62)

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