

British Association for Local History report

Some of you may have completed a survey of local history societies and community archaeology groups which BALH circulated on behalf of Historic England (formerly English Heritage). Historic England is now keen to encourage local societies to enter the results of their results on the Historic Environment Record, of which there is one online for each county. If you have done so in the past or would be interested to know more, BALH's development officer would like to hear from you. I will give you her email address at the end.

The BALH conference took Place in Devon in April and BALH was also represented by a speaker and a stand at the Medieval Cornwall conference in Truro

In the same month, the Who Do You Think You Are Live exhibition took place at the Birmingham NEC. Five members of the British Association for Local history attended to run its stand, join the Ask the Experts Panel and give talks. The main contents of these talks can now be found on the websites of the BALH.

The talks were entitled:

'Townies' : six ways of looking for more about the lives of your ancestors in small provincial towns

A Bastard In The Tree?

Going Back In Time: Free Resources For Finding People, 13th - 18th Centuries

Publishing your research on the web. Six tips to help and some potential pitfalls to avoid

A Guide to Records Created Under The New Poor Law.

To find the talks for to the websites www.balh.org.uk or put the words 'BALH local' into your search engine. Then under the Resources tab choose, Education and finally Presentation material.

Over the summer and autumn BALH will attend local history events all over the country. For something nearby, you might like to try one of Canterbury Christ Church Universities day schools. This year, there is one remaining on 17 June entitled Advanced Skills in Local History, and another on 24 June entitled Bleak House: Rich and Poor in Victorian England.

From September there will be a new programme of day schools which will include ones on Knole: a calendar house, and Castle Life in Kent and Sussex, and on researching local history.

For more information on these day schools, you can put the words Canterbury Christ Church uni short courses into your search engine, or contact Dr Gill Draper. I will give you her email address on which she would also be happy to hear if you have used the Historic Environment Record

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