

**BERKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
PROGRAM 2009**

JANUARY 20th

Mills of the Dursley & Wotton Area.

Dr Ray Wilson steps into the breach at the last moment to bring local industrial archaeology to life

FEBRUARY 17th

River Traffic on the Severn in the 18C - Bristol to Ironbridge

William Harris returns to give a fascinating insight into the history of trade on the river.

MARCH 17th

Tracing Adventurous Ancestors-or Skeletons in the sand

Researching distant relatives with privateering and gunrunning thrown in. Presented by Julian Lea Jones who has travelled the world to research Bristol's history.

APRIL 21st

Annual Dinner

Venue to be advised; meet at 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

MAY 19th

Domestic Servants in the 19th century.

Christine Seal has researched their everyday lives over 3 counties and brings them to life in her lecture

JUNE 16th

Images of Bristol 1850 to the 1920's

Mike Hooper MA has a wealth of knowledge of Bristol's history and shares his fascinating collection with us.

JULY 21st

Stations and Halts of Mid and South Gloucestershire

Railway Author Mike Oakley takes us back to the days of steam and the network of rural railways

AUGUST 18th

SUMMER HOLIDAY

SEPTEMBER 15th

Purton Barge Graveyard

Marine Historian Paul Barnett: The man, who has made Purton his own history book, takes us on a walk to bring the hulks to life. Meet at Library for 6.15 departure to Purton.

OCTOBER 20th

Medieval Pilgrimages focusing on Gloucestershire

Rev Brian Torode uses slides to take us to the pilgrimage sites of Gloucestershire and details their significance to the early pilgrims.

NOVEMBER 17th

Christmas Yesterday

The changing face of Christmas with Pamela Clement, a fascinating talk on how our ancestors spent the festive season.

DECEMBER 15th

Xmas Meeting

Join us for minced pies and mulled wine and pit your wits against photos of Berkeley. The definitive quiz on local buildings. How well do you know your home town?