

NAILSEA AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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NAILSEA GLASSWORKS

The archaeological write-up of the various excavations over the past 20 years has now been published. An impressive Study compiled by Andrew Smith of the Avon Archaeological Unit and paid for by TESCO can be viewed on <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/resources.html?nailsea> Downloading is prohibited under copyright, but in due course bound paper copies will be made available to the Society and Nailsea Library.

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Recently some 400 tons of sand and aggregate has been used to fill in the voids on site, both to protect the archaeological remains and to comply with Health & Safety requirements.

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Should you see anyone damaging or removing stonework, please contact the police immediately as the site adjacent to the Royal Oak Garage is scheduled by English Heritage and so protected by law.

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A fully costed Options Appraisal is currently being made by a firm of Architects to indicate the possible future of the Glassworks.

NAILSEA HISTORIC MONUMENTS TRUST

As an essential element of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant application for Middle Engine Pit, the Trust came into being at an inaugural meeting at Church House on 6th April. With a Committee of eight Trustees and over sixty other members, application is now being made for charitable status. This will enable the Trust to seek grants as part of the 10% project cost “match funding” required by the HLF to be raised locally.

However, this is only part of the objectives agreed at the April meeting.

1. To campaign for the preservation and display of scheduled monuments in Nailsea for the benefit of residents and visitors.
2. In partnership with the District Council and other interested bodies, to maintain these monuments in a safe and attractive condition.
3. To promote these monuments as educational and tourist amenities; and to provide appropriate information and ensure reasonable access.

4. other grants in pursuance of the above objectives.

If you would like to be associated with the work of the Trust, membership for year ending April 2006 is just one pound. Please contact the Editor or pick up an application form at one of the N & DLHS meetings.

MIDDLE ENGINE PIT

An architect will shortly be appointed to draw up the Heritage Lottery Fund Application. This is a complex document which will take several weeks to prepare. If the bid is successful, the site could be opened to the public sometime in 2007.

“Where There’s a Country Lane”

Further recollections of Nailsea at War, the third book on this topic to be published by Peter Wright to coincide with the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Profusely illustrated, it will be available from 10th June. Meanwhile Pennant 37 is something of a “taster” since it includes extracts from the book.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

The Annual General Meeting of Nailsea & District Local History Society will be held on Monday 10th October 2005, 7.30 pm at Nailsea School. Nominations for the Committee or items of business must be received by

*The Secretary,
N & DLHS,
PO Box 1089,
Nailsea,
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no later than 12.09.2005

**BBQ
&
BOOK
LAUNCH**

**Friday
10th June
2005**

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SOCIAL EVENING
by kind invitation
of our President Mrs. Norma Knight

Monday 11th July 2005
at

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Please bring food to share (finger buffet), and if possible one or more folding chairs in anticipation of a pleasant evening in Norma's garden.

Wine and soft drinks will be provided.

7.30 pm onwards

AVON LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION SUMMER WALKS 2005

No need to book, but a fee of £1.50 per person will be charged for each walk. For queries about any of these walks call Mike Hooper on 0117 9775512. Meet each evening at 6.45 for 7.00 pm.

Monday 13th June

A walk around Montpelier, Bristol, with local Author of a book on the area, Mary Wright. Meet at Bath Buildings (end of Picton Street). Parking on street, allow extra time to find a parking space. Some hilly sections, but will be taken at an easy pace.

Monday 11th July

Walking around Bristol Medieval Town Walls with Dr. Peter Fleming of the University of the West of England. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Castle Park.

Monday 15th August

A stroll through Blaise Castle Estate with Park Ranger Terry Wait, finishing at the Castle Folly in the woods, which will be especially opened up for the evening. Feel free to bring your own food and drink to finish off the evening from this delightful view point. Meet at the car park adjoining the main house.

N & DLHS BBQ & BOOK LAUNCH

Friday 10th June 2005 - 7.30 pm

at the Invitation of
2467 (Nailsea) Squadron
Air Training Corps. Greenfield Crescent, Nailsea.
(off Southfield Road, drive opposite Valley Way Road)
ample parking at the HQ

Tickets priced £3.00 (including £1.50 discount voucher for
“Where There’s a Country Lane”), can be obtained by
sending the application slip plus cheque to our

Programme Secretary,
Mike Phillis, by Thursday 2nd June



To-:

Mr. M.J.Phillis,

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Please send me () BBQ tickets at £3.00 each for
which I enclose a cheque for (£), made payable to
N & DLHS