

The Wychwoods Local History Society

At the November meeting Anna Hulbert, a conservator, spoke on the conservation of medieval church furnishings which she had achieved in the local counties. All highly technical and painstaking work. First to remove the covering of plaster, wax, grime, etc. from the plastered walls and varnished wood. Where traces of the original work could be seen the lettering and painting was carefully restored with paints and dyes contemporary to the original.

Tim Porter talked of Gloucestershire saints and shrines at the December meeting. Many of these saints were from the Anglo-Saxon period, some of them royals killed in battle. As their bodies, or parts of their bodies, were carried to a final resting place, stories then began to circulate of the miracles which occurred at these sites. These became shrines to St Kenhelm, St Pancreas, St Oswald, etc. which drew pilgrims from all parts of the country. Maybe some of the claims of achieved miracles were widely exaggerated as were the counter claims of those who carried out the destruction of the shrines during the Reformation.

Future Meetings

10 February	Shipton	'The Last Jam-Ole Run' David Morton
10 March	Milton	The Hidden Parts of Chastleton Duncan Colebrook
14 April	Shipton	Cotswold Sheep and Shepherding Martin Way
12 May	Milton	Bells, Briefs and Botheration Jack Howard-Drake

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