

## **LIFE IN THE WYCHWOODS IN 6500 BC**

At the March History Society meeting Gill Hey gave a fascinating talk entitled "Living on the Thames Floodplain: Recent Excavations at Yarnton". Archaeologists have been keenly observing a site between the A40 and the Cotswold Line railway where gravel was extracted to discover some aspects of life here in 6500 B.C. From the artifacts discovered and the burial chambers and causeways uncovered some idea of the inhabitants' early way of life was gained. Life styles were changed when the trees on the nearby land were cleared for farming, and this effected the water level on the flood plain.

At the April meeting Tim Porter stood in for Bill King at short notice and gave us a flavour of life 1000 years ago. Life was apparently very difficult then because the King needed money to defend the Kingdom and to pay the Danegeld, and taxes were levied. Some of the bureaucratic institutions which are still in place today such as the shires and the parishes were implemented at that time. The Domesday Survey took place.

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## **SCHEDULE OF WYCHWOOD HISTORY SOCIETY EVENTS**

Walkers Guides and Map Leaflets for Shipton, Milton and Ascott have been produced giving historical information about the three Wychwood villages with maps and drawings by Mark Richards.

The leaflets come in a plastic wallet and cost £1.50 each.

Why not join a walk with a guide around the villages, all are welcome:-

Ascott on Saturday 3 June at 10:00 am, meeting point the village Green.

Milton on Saturday 1 July at 10:00 am, meeting point Milton Church.

Shipton on Saturday 5 August at 10:00 am, meeting point New  
Beaconsfield Hall.

Next season of monthly meetings will begin on Thursday 21 September at Milton when Tim Porter will speak on "Cotswold Churches in the Landscape".

New members are welcome to join the society at any meeting at the annual cost of £4 for a single, and £6 for a double.

Visitors fee is £1 per lecture.