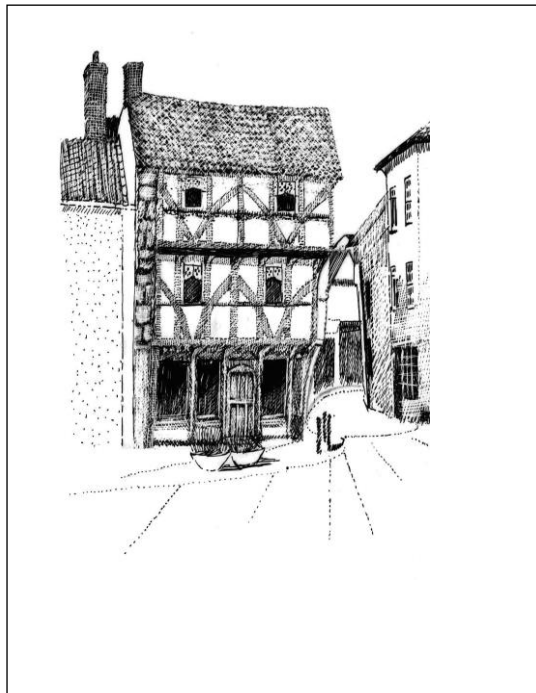


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Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Retrospect. Following a quiet month during August we are set to restart our programme of events in September through to November with a Christmas Social at the Lamb, Weare in December.

You are aware that the Friends of King John's Hunting Lodge have taken up the organising and running of the talks and visits that AALHS organised in the past. So far we have completed 6 sessions and the feedback has been very positive. We are happy to continue keeping in touch with you all and send you details of our programme. We can now offer free admittance to any of our remaining talks 2023 to Members of the Friends group. All paid up members have been sent membership cards. Please bring them along to ensure free entry. With rising costs we are finding we have to increase our charges slightly to £5 for entry to the talks and £2 for tea/coffee and cake (well worth the increase !)

In October we are hoping to have an annual meeting so we can discuss the way forward and have feedback from interested parties details to follow shortly.

Liz Scott

**Programme**

**Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>**

***George Cumberland*** – the story of a gentleman farmer and polymath in Axbridge in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Speaker: Jane Evans.

An opportunity to meet Jane and to purchase a copy of her book:

***GEORGE CUMBERLAND - FARMING- FAMILY- FOSSILS***

**Venue: Cross Memorial Hall at 2.00pm**

**Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

***The Strawberry Line Past, Present and Future.***

Speaker: Lois Brenchley

**Venue: Cross Memorial Hall at 2.00 pm**

**Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>**

***Our Sacred Spaces***

Speakers: Sue and Phil Thorne.

**Venue: Cross Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00pm Christmas Social. Dinner at The Lamb at Weare.**

**Details and menus to follow.**

### **Visit to Avalon Marshes in July**

Avalon Archaeology is a lovingly crafted reproduction of Somerset's heritage in the heart of the Avalon Marshes. It has been hand built by a dedicated group of volunteers using traditional techniques.

With our guide we explored an Iron Age roundhouse under construction, a richly decorated reconstructed Roman dining-room, an Anglo-Saxon longhall, Filled with handcrafted furniture and art, as well as a waterline replica of a Viking ship. Thousands of years of heritage and we noted the detective work behind its recreation.

Luckily we had a fine day and the tour was enjoyed by a group of 11 and one of the features of the visit was going into the world's oldest excavation hut and watch short films on local archaeology in the Bulleid and Gray Cinema. The centre is much improved with a lovely coffee and snack area along with a traditional craft shop .

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