

THE UPDATE PAGE

A new feature, which I hope to do at the end of the Months between Newsletters



Creating Better Places In Bristol: Councillor Anthony Negus

Thursday February 9th 2012 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, Hampton Road, Bristol
Anthony Negus is the Bristol City Council cabinet member for Housing, Property Services and Regeneration and is Bristol's Heritage Champion. He has been a Liberal Democrat city Councillor for Cotham since May 2009. As an architect he worked on urban regeneration, state of the art buildings and has a Masters degree in historic conservation. His cabinet portfolio includes Urban Design, Planning, Conservation areas and project initiatives, local listing, shaping major regeneration projects, addressing housing shortages and the city's property.

Anthony will address these parts of his work and show how ideas become initiatives and turn into policy. He will shed some light on how business is done within the council and the value of effective links with the general public and with focused organisations such as the Bristol Civic Society. After his presentation Anthony will welcome questions and views from members on issues within his areas of responsibility

Members £2 (voluntary) Non-members £4



TNA say 'We've got some great news for family historians for the new year! From today, even more of the 1911 census can be viewed online. The census was released two years ago without personally sensitive information, such as details of infirmity, family relationships which would usually have been kept secret and information about very young children who were born in prison. This information is now available online with our partners findmypast.co.uk.'



<http://www.townswearchiving.com/contact/> These people will make a digital record of your documents. This is a commercial service but it's obviously valuable for documents which cannot or should not themselves be made available to researchers; and this company have certainly attracted a wide range of high-profile clients who profess themselves very happy with the results.



The city: of Bath was inscribed as a World Heritage Site 25 years ago .

Lunchtime talks at the Council Chamber, Guildhall 1.10pm - 1.45pm.

14 February *Managing Cornwall's Heritage*, Deborah Boden, Cornwall County Council

21 February *Coal dust to gold dust? Welsh Mining Heritage* Cath Thomas, Torfaen Council

28 February *Darwin's Landscape Laboratory*, Alister Hayes London Borough of Bromley

At the Pump Room, Tuesday 7 February, 7.00pm: On the 200th anniversary of his birth Charles Dickens is brought to life in a double-bill by Doc Watson. Programme includes the ghost-story ***The Signal-man*** and scenes set in Bath from ***The Pickwick Papers***.

Tickets £8/£6 - Bath Festivals Box Office 01225 463362.



Archaeology for everyone Saturday 3 March, 11am - 3pm Join us in **Freshford Memorial Hall** for a variety of hands-on archaeology activities. Bring along your finds for identification too.



Whitchurch Local History Society: THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

We are undertaking the above project to try and record the personalities that have lived in the Village during the 1900s whilst there are still enough people alive to remember them. We are not seeking a list of people but more stories about them. Where they lived, what they did by way of work and for the earlier years the conditions they lived in and their contribution to Village Life.

If you or members of your family lived in the Village during this period we would like to hear from you. We would like to have your memories and any passed on to you by your Parents or Grandparents. We would also welcome any old photos to add colour to the words. If it is possible to email me with your copy, this would be very helpful, but a written account would be fine. If you would prefer to have someone call and talk to you then this can also be arranged. If you would like any more information please give me a ring on 01275 831123.

David Clark, Project Co-ordinator.



New events; check out these under Diary: Hosts

Avonmouth Genealogy Gp; Bath & Camerton Arch Soc; Bishopston, Horfield & Ashley Down LHS; Frenchay Tuckett Soc; Stoke Bishop & Sneyd Park; Stoke Lodge Hist & Arch Visits; Winterbourne Medieval Barn Trust; Yatton LHS



Avonmouth Genealogy Group are holding a Practice Christmas meal in July. This is commendable. Let us warn readers that tempting as it may sound, a practice meal on the morning of Christmas Day can be counter-productive.

