

## AVON LOCAL HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE REGIONAL HISTORY CENTRE UWE

9.30 – 4.30 SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018

# ***RELIGION AND COMMUNITY, CONFLICT AND CHANGE***

Religious beliefs and practices have influenced many aspects of our area's past and present: the coming of Christianity; the reformation; the fierce conflicts of the 17<sup>th</sup> century; the rise of nonconformity; churches' struggles to cope with the rising population in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; the subsequent decline of religious observances; the advent of other religions from abroad: Mormons from America, Sikhs and Muslims from the east. Religion has shaped government and politics, individual morality, defined and altered social status, altered the landscape and the streetscape.

We hope to look – selectively, because the topic is so vast – at the origins and early years of a



church in medieval Bristol; the local shattering of the church of England in the 17<sup>th</sup> century; the social impact Wesley's ideas made on 18<sup>th</sup> century people; the catholic emancipation furore of the 1820s and 1830s; local mission churches in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; how religious observances and building affected a Bristol Victorian suburb; and how the Mormons came to Bristol and grew.

Speakers lined up include Rob Harding and Jonathan Harlow of UWE; Gary Best of Wesley's New Room; ALHA books author John Stevens; Mike Youngs from Nailsea, Bob Lawrence of ALHA and B&AFHS; and Wendy

Thompson of Weston-super-mare and the Church of JC of LDS.

This will be the fourth ALHA Local History Day held at the Frenchay campus of the University of the West of England. Talks and displays will be in the B block lecture theatre; refreshments in the café in S block (the New Redland building). Ample free parking.

Doors open from 9.15. Food and drink from the S block cafe in the coffee break and in the lunch hour (arrangements for ordering in advance the same as last year), or bring your own. We welcome displays and sales stalls – with two free tickets per booked exhibitor.

***There is a booking form overleaf.*** Directions, a map and public transport information will be sent with programmes to those who book in advance. Cheques will not be banked until details of the day have been made final and the programmes ordered have been posted or e-mailed.

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**SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018**

**UWE FRENCHAY CAMPUS, COLDHARBOUR LANE**

**Please reserve . . . places @ £15 and/or . . . places @ £10\***

\*Concessionary rate for members of ALHA & affiliated groups, UWE, students, pensioners and people with disabilities

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**Please return this BOOKING FORM and CHEQUE (payable to ALHA please) to W. Evans, ALHA, 5 Parry's Grove, Bristol BS9 1TT,**

**Or, please e-mail the completed form to [wm.evans@btopenworld.com](mailto:wm.evans@btopenworld.com), and ask for ALHA's bank details for direct or online payment,**

**Or, you can also book and pay online. Go to our website at [www.alha.org.uk](http://www.alha.org.uk) and follow the link.**

**Numbered programmes will be sent by post or e-mail to those who have booked by post or e-mail.**