



# What's on in Worcestershire

## A month-by-month guide to member societies' events 2019

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What's on in Worcestershire is downloadable from the website - [www.wlhf.org.uk](http://www.wlhf.org.uk)

If you are interested in any of the talks/speakers/societies, contact the Programme Secretary of the Society concerned, details are at the end of this guide. Please view Member Societies' websites for full details of their activities.

### -----January 2019-----

2nd	DHAS	Worcestershire Farmsteads	Alan Wadsworth
3rd	PHHS	A Victoria Cross Hero	Gloria Winfield
8th	FFHS	History of Hanbury Hall - Part 2 - <b>Feckenham</b>	Andrew Harris
9th	MFHS	Murderers, Rogues and Villains	Vanessa Morgan
9th	A&DLH	Sentenced to Beyond the Seas: Female Convicts Sentenced to Deportation	David Clarke
15th	LHLHS	Crime and Punishment and Social Conditions in Bromsgrove in the 1890s	Bryan Maybee
16th	WLHG	The Nature of Wyre	Rosemary Winnall
14th	W&CHS	Made in Oldbury - industrial history in 10 objects (provisional)	Terry Daniels
15th	BLHG	Shakespeare and Me	Jennifer Rigler
15th	MA/s	AGM followed by All Gas and Gaiters	Wendy Gwynne
17th	HHS	Prince Rupert of the Rhine, King Charles I's Pirate prince	Max Keen
18th	WIA&LHS	Worcestershire Coalfields	Peter Goggs
21st	C&BHS	Dudley Castle	Max Keen
21st	BrHS	Sentenced to Beyond the Sea: Worcestershire Women Convicts sent to Australia	David Clarke
22nd	WFHRG	What We Bought: shopping habits of the last 200 years with reference to Kays Catalogue	Bernard Mills
25th	MMLH	The Lunar Society	Sally Dickinson
31st	VEHS	Oppression & Resistance: Worcestershire's Experience during the English Civil Wars	Malcolm Atkin

### -----February 2019-----

4th	AHS	AGM and a look at our archives	
4th	WAS	Homeless, driven out: what next? The life of nuns after the Dissolution	Margaret Goodrich
6th	DHAS	The coming of railways to the Midlands	Terry Daniels
6th	MFHS	Lt Col Henry William Murray	Julian Hawley
7th	PHHS	Navigating the Avon: history and work of the Avon Navigation Trust	Clive Matthews
11th	W&CHS	A Dark Spot and a Blot among Constituencies: 19th MPs of Kidderminster	Richard Groom
11th	RLHS	Family History - taking good ideas from one another	John Cartmell
12th	FFHS	Lord Horatio Nelson: Britain's Greatest Hero? - <b>Webheath</b>	Max Keen
13th	A&DLHS	Annual General Meeting (7.45pm), followed by: Exploring the History of St Nicholas Church, Alcester	
15th	WIA&LHS	The Leominster Canal	Richard Osborne
18th	BrHS	Broadway Archaeological Dig	Martin Hudson
18th	C&BHS	The Lickey Hills	Robin Jackson
19th	BLHG	Charles II: My Ancestors' part in his Restoration: the Penderell brothers of Boscobel House	George Gasgoyne
19th	LHLHS	Louisa Ryland's gift to Birmingham with reference to Cannon Hill Park	Roger Pendrill
20th	WLHG	The Importance of Tumuli in Wichenford and Martley	Don Hazzard and Rick Simpson
21st	HHS	The Magic of Glass	Heather Rendall
22nd	MMLH	AGM followed by members' contributions	Kate Round
23rd	MA/s	The Early History of the Black Country <b>Saturday 2.30pm</b>	Pat Green
25th	WAS	The Celtic Placenames of Worcestershire	Andrew Breeze
26th	RHHS	Prince Rupert of the Rhine: King Charles I's Pirate Prince	Max Keen
26th	WFHRG	The Anglo/Zulu War of 1879: the epic battles at Isandlwana and Rourke's Drift	Max Keen
28th	VEHS	Medieval Craftsmen; a Window on their World	Tim Porter

### -----March 2019-----

4th	AHS	River Arrow Flowing Through	Anthony Green
6th	DHAS	Victorian and Edwardian Buildings of Birmingham and the West Midlands	Tim Bridges
6th	MFHS	The National Memorial Arboretum as a genealogical resource	Roger Hailwood
7th	PHHS	AGM followed by Navigating the Text: an interpretation of the Avon Navigation Act 1751	Matthew Winfield
11th	W&CHS	How Radar came to Malvern	David Whittaker
11 <sup>th</sup>	RLHS	The Story of the Regent Motorways Coach company	Mike Butler
12th	FFHS	Highways and Waymarkers of Glos, Hereford and Worcs - <b>Feckenham</b>	Jan Scrine
13th	A&DLHS	Leeds Castle	Nic Fulcher
18th	C&BHS	Florence Nightingale and the Malvern Water Cure	Cora Weaver
18th	BrHS	Chedworth Roman Villa	Nick Humphris
19th	BLHG	Living the Poor Life: In and Out of the Bromsgrove Workhouse	Sarah Bradley
19th	FWA	Hallow Park - Houses and Occupiers - <b>2pm</b>	Jacquie Hartwright
19th	LHLHS	The Mills and Tall Chimneys of Kidderminster	Melvyn Thompson and Dave Grayland
20th	WLHG	The history and archaeology of allotments and urban gardens	Rob Hedge - WAAS
21st	HHS	Stanley Baldwin - Three times Prime Minister and our local man for a crisis	Chris Gait
22nd	WIA&LHS	AGM followed by How to Survive the Great War: a great uncle was a dispatch rider in WW1 in Salonika, Egypt and the Western Front	Charles Bracknell
22nd	THVS	Eleanor of Aquitaine, one of the most powerful women of the Middle Ages	Howard Robinson
23rd	MA/s	King of the Dessert - <b>Saturday 2.30pm</b>	Jean Weston
25th	WAS	Annual General Meeting followed by a presentation to be announced	
26th	RHHS	The life of Edward Burne-Jones, Victorian artist	Richard Simpson
26th	WFHRG	Worcestershire Worthies Part I	Anthony Collis
28th	VEHS	The English House	Keith Cattell
29th	MMLH	Oliver Cromwell	Max Keen
20th	WLHG	The history and archaeology of allotments and urban gardens	Rob Hedge - WAAS

-----April 2019-----

1st	AHS	A Portrait of Studley	Graham Downie
3rd	MFHS	Ask the Panel	Members
4th	DHAS	The Saryard Story	Lyn Blewitt
8th	WAS	The Berkeley Lecture: Surviving of thriving: new approaches to Worcestershire's Peasants in the later Middle Ages	Chris Dyer
8th	W&CHS	The Restoration of the Fountains at Witley Court	Derek Clarke
8th	RLHS	AGM followed by short films (West Midlands History)	
9th	FFHS	Worcester Cathedral preceded by a short AGM - <b>Webheath</b>	Howard F Robinson
10th	A&DLHS	Revising Pevsner's Warwickshire: The Alcester Area Revisited	Chris Pickford
12th	WIA&LHS	Worcester Castle	Mike Napthan
15th	BRHS	Jane Austen in the Cotswolds	Allan Ledger
16th	LHLHS	Bells, Books and Candles: St John's Church, Bromsgrove in the C19th	
16th	MA/s	King John: The Worst King but the Greatest Legacy	Max Keen
17th	WLHG	On a Wing and a Prayer - The Cathedral Builders	Keith Cattell
18th	HHS	Historic Droitwich	Lyn Blewitt
23rd	RHHS	Early years at Soho	Mary Bodfish
23rd	WFHRG	You can't abdicate and eat it - words used by the Duchess of Windsor when Edward VIII gave up his throne to marry her	Mary Bodfish
25th	VEHS	Vernacular Architecture of The Almonry Museum	Ian Lloyd-Oswell
26th	MMLH	Morris Men	Richard Hannah
30th	BLHG	From Hartlebury to Heaven: the story of the bishops of Worcester	Mary Arden-Davis

-----May 2019-----

1st	MFHS	65 Brunswick Road	Shirley Thompson
6th	AHS	The Sinking of the Athenia	Ron Gallivan
8th	A&DLHS	The World Turned Upside Down: England after the Civil Wars	Bernard Capp
13th	RLHS	19th Century Rogues and Murders in Worcestershire	Vanessa Morgan
14th	FFHS	Victorian Buildings of Birmingham and the West Midlands - <b>Feckenham</b>	Tim Bridges
14th	FWA	AGM and talk, speaker to be arranged	
20th	C&BHS	Abberley Hall and Clock Tower	Jo Roche
20th	BrHS	AGM and Light-hearted Quiz on Worcestershire	Robin Hill
22nd	MA/s	Guided Tours: Coffin Works/Pen Works with pub lunch - <b>£19 - Wed 10.30am</b>	
28th	RHHS	AGM followed by slides of Stourbridge	Julian Hunt
28th	WFHRG	The History of Genealogy: how family history became one of Britain's most popular pastimes	
30th	VEHS	A Stitch in Time; Tudor clothes and home crafts - 8pm	From Time to Time

-----June 2019-----

3rd	AHS	The Surprising MacDonald Sisters	Diana Clutterbuck
5th	MFHS	The Making and Breaking of Marriages: 1700-1900	Rebecca Probert
10th	RLHS	Remembering Redditch - Stories about old Redditch read by members	
11th	FFHS	Wayside Wonders and Countryside Curiosities - <b>Webheath</b>	Richard Churchley
12th	A&DLHS	King Edward II	Stephen Spinks
15th	FFHS	Guided Walk to Discover the History of Droitwich Spa	
18th	MA/s	Guided Tour Church of St Edmund, Dudley - <b>£4 - Tues 7 pm</b>	
25th	RHHS	Remembering the Swingin' 60s	Ray Sturdy
25th	WFHRG	A Magical Midlands Mystery Tour through some places of interest	Ian Bott

-----**July 2019**-----

3rd	MFHS	AGM 2019	
8th	RLHS	The People of Church Green in the Nineteenth Century	Graham Smith
11th	A&DLHS	Evening Visit (to be arranged)	
15th	C&BHS	The History of Morris Dancing with examples from local areas	Richard Hannah
16th	MA/s	Old Photographs: their identification and dating	Tom Doig
23rd	RHHS	Selly Manor - The Cadbury Connection	Gillian Ellis
23rd	WFHRG	AGM followed by A Dark Spot and A Blot Among Constituencies	Richard Groom

-----**August 2019**-----

12th	RLHS	The Story of the Royal Enfield and the men who made it	John Budgen
14th	A&DLHS	Warwickshire Landscapes: As Viewed by Historians, Travellers and Poets	Roger Pringle

-----**September 2019**-----

2nd	AHS	A History of Sugar and the Kidderminster Factory	Robert Barber
4th	MFHS	Travel before the Railways	Celia Heritage
7th	AHS	Open Days - 2.30-4.30 - St Laurence Church Stained Glass Windows	
9th	RLHS	A walk around Eastern Redditch using a 1903 OS Map	Anthony Green
11th	A&DLHS	Embroidered with Woodbine & Eglantine" Elizabethan Textile Furnishings	Gillian White
14th	AHS	Open Days - 2.30-4.30 - St Laurence Church Stained Glass Windows	
15th	RLHS	Heritage Day at Forge Mill Museum 11.00 - 4.00 - Entrance is free	
24th	WFHRG	Wartime Worcestershire	Paul Harding

-----**October 2019**-----

2nd	MFHS	King John	Max Keen
7th	AHS	Austin Military Vehicles	Neil Wedgbury
9th	A&DLHS	Horatio Nelson: Britain's Greatest Naval Hero	Max Keen
14th	RLHS	Bordesley Abbey	Ralph Richardson
22nd	WFHRG	The National Memorial Arboretum - Landscape	Speaker to be confirmed

-----**November 2019**-----

4th	AHS	Redditch History Walk - East section	Anthony Green
6th	MFHS	Members Evening	
11th	RLHS	Paolozzi Mosaics	Philip Roberts
13th	A&DLHS	To be arranged	
26th	WFHRG	Hanbury Hall	Derek Clarke

-----**December 2019**-----

2nd	AHS	Sir Francis Drake: England's Greatest Naval Hero	Max Keen
4th	MFHS	The Swingin' 60s	Mike Watkins
10th	WFHRG	Christmas Social with the Grace Notes - King Charles Room, First Floor, Kidderminster Town Hall from 2pm - 4pm Members only	
11th	A&DLHS	More Constabulary Tales	Alan Benjamin
16th	RLHS	Christmas Social - Special Event	

## WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM - MEMBER GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

2nd Wednesday of month at 8pm  
Contact: Alan Godfrey - Email: [alandgodfrey@hotmail.com](mailto:alandgodfrey@hotmail.com)

- AHS Alvechurch Historical Society, The Museum, School Lane, Alvechurch  
1st Monday of month at 7.45pm  
Contact: Anne Humphries - T: 0121 445 5955
- BHRG Bewdley Historical Research Group - meets every Monday evening to research and work on documents about Bewdley aiming to spread its history around the area via publication of their work.  
For information on activities, please contact Charles Purcell at [bewdleyhistory@btinternet.com](mailto:bewdleyhistory@btinternet.com)
- BrHS Broadway History Society, Main Hall, Lifford Memorial Hall  
7pm - Parking at rear of Hall. Non-members welcome £3.00 including refreshments  
Contact: Mary Smith - E: [maureenm9@talktalk.net](mailto:maureenm9@talktalk.net) - W: [www.broadwayhistorysoceity.wordpress.com](http://www.broadwayhistorysoceity.wordpress.com)
- BSLHG Bromsgrove Society Local History Group, Methodist Centre, Stratford Road, Bromsgrove  
3rd Tuesday of month at 7.45pm - Members £2 - Visitors £3  
Contact: Anne Maguire - Tel: 01527 871354 - E: [amaguire8@me.com](mailto:amaguire8@me.com)
- CCLHS Chaddesley Corbett Local History Society, Village Hall, Chaddesley Corbett DY10 4AQ  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm **except March and September at 7.00pm** - Members £2.50 - Visitors £3.00  
Contact: Rob Blakeway - T: 01562 777679 - E: [robandjoyblakeway@gmail.com](mailto:robandjoyblakeway@gmail.com)
- C&BHS Churchill and Blakedown Historical Society, The Sports Pavilion, Churchill & Blakedown Sports & Recreation Centre,  
3rd Monday of month at 7.30pm  
Contact: Valerie Wood - T: 01562 700168 - E: [d892wood@btinternet.com](mailto:d892wood@btinternet.com)
- CHS Clent History Society, Parish Hall, Church Avenue, Clent DY9 9QT  
Four meetings a year. Meetings at 8pm  
Contact: Paul Timmins - E: [ptimminsclent@btinternet.com](mailto:ptimminsclent@btinternet.com) - W: [www.clenthistory.org](http://www.clenthistory.org)
- DHAS Droitwich History & Archaeology Society, John Corbett Room, Community Hall, Heritage Way, Droitwich  
1st Wednesday of month at 7.30pm  
Contact: Roy Murphy - T: 01905 620576 - E: [roy.murphy59@gmail.com](mailto:roy.murphy59@gmail.com)
- DPSP Dodderhill Parish Survey Project, Wychbold Village Hall, School Lane, Wychbold  
Three public meetings per year. Meetings at 10am  
Contact: Chris Bowers - E: [chrisatgarden@aol.com](mailto:chrisatgarden@aol.com)
- FFHS Feckenham Forest History Society, either Village Hall, Heathfield Road, **Webheath** OR Village Hall, High Street, **Feckenham**  
2nd Tuesday of month at 7.30pm  
Contact: Jan Cooper - E: [jancooper23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jancooper23@yahoo.co.uk) - W: [www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk](http://www.feckenham-forest-history-society.org.uk)
- FoWA Friends of Worcestershire Archives, Room 2, Level 2, The Hive, The Butts, Worcester  
Meetings at 7.30pm - Note Crowngate Multi-storey Car Park £1 after 5pm  
Contact: Roger Leake - T: 01386 710382 - E: [rogerleake2@gmail.com](mailto:rogerleake2@gmail.com)
- HHG Hallow History Group, Hallow, Worcestershire  
Contact: Jeannette Roe - T: 01905 640742 - E: [jeannetterow@yahoo.com](mailto:jeannetterow@yahoo.com)
- HH&FS Hagley Historical & Field Society, St Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley  
1st Tuesday of month at 8pm  
Contact: Jean Atkinson - T: 01562 886549 - E: [mail@hhfs.org.uk](mailto:mail@hhfs.org.uk) - W: [www.hhfs.org.uk](http://www.hhfs.org.uk)
- HHS Hartlebury History Society, Village Hall, Waresley Court Road, Hartlebury DY11 7TG  
3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm except August  
Contact: Carol Priest - E: [mandcp@talk21.com](mailto:mandcp@talk21.com)
- K&DAHS Kidderminster and District Archaeological and Historical Society  
Contact: Catherine Guest - E: [archsec123@gmail.com](mailto:archsec123@gmail.com)
- LLHS Langley Local History Society, Salvation Army Centre, Warley Institutional Church, Pound Road, Oldbury  
2nd Wednesday of month at 10.45am  
Contact: David Nightingale - T: 0121 602 5319 - E: [snowhill6026@aol.com](mailto:snowhill6026@aol.com) - W: [www.historyofoldbury.co.uk](http://www.historyofoldbury.co.uk)
- LHLHS Lickey Hills Local History Society, Trinity Centre (Parish Hall), Rose Hill, Lickey (opposite Holy Trinity) B45 8ES  
3rd Tuesday of month at 7.30pm  
Contact: George Gascoyne - T: 0121 453 6320

MA/b Midland Ancestors: Bromsgrove, The Methodist Centre, Stratford Road, **BROMSGROVE**  
2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm  
Contact: Mike Sharpe - E: chair@bromsgrovebmsgh.co.uk - W: www.bromsgrovebmsgh.co.uk

MA/s Midland Ancestors Stourbridge, St Peter's Centre, Pedmore Lane, **STOURBRIDGE** DY9 0SW  
3rd Tuesday of month at 7.30pm  
Contact: Phil Lamb - E: stourbridgegroup@midanc.uk - W: www.midland-ancestors.uk/stourbridge-group/

MFHS Malvern Family History Society, Eden Centre, Grovewood Road, off Townsend Way, Malvern WR14 1GD  
1st Wednesday of month - 7.00-9.00pm (no meeting in August)  
Contact: Brian Symonds - E: info@mfhs.org.uk - W: www.mfhs.org.uk

MMLH Malvern Museum of Local History, Christchurch Hall, Avenue Road, Malvern  
7.30pm members free; visitors welcome, £2.00 per meeting  
Contact: cora@malvernspace.com

MS The Milestone Society (Worcester Group)  
Contact: Ray Worth - T: 01684 892772

NWAG North Worcestershire Archaeology Group - meets every Wednesday at their excavation sites.  
Group visits to museums and walks to places of interest are also arranged. For full details, please  
Contact: Francesca Llewellyn - E: fllyn@btinternet.com - W: www.northwag.org

PHHS Pershore Heritage & History Society, Wulstan Hall, Priest Lane, Pershore  
1st Thursday of month, except August, at 7.30pm  
Contact: Cynthia Johnson - E: cindymj@btinternet.com

QLHS Quinton Local History Society, Parish Church Hall, Hagley Road West, Quinton  
Meetings at 7.15pm  
Contact: Bernard Taylor - T: 0121 422 1792 - E: qlhs@bjt.me.uk

RHHS Romsley & Hunnington History Society, St Kenelm's Church Hall, Bromsgrove Road, Romsley  
4th Tuesday of month at 7.30pm except August and December  
Contact: Kov Riley - E: rileyjohn541@aol.com - All are welcome

RLHS Redditch Local History Society, Oasis Christian Centre, 4 Plymouth road, Redditch B97 4QB  
2nd Monday of month (except January and December) from 2.00pm-4.00pm. Non-members welcome: £3.00  
Contact: E: [contact@redditchhistory.org.uk](mailto:contact@redditchhistory.org.uk)

SDMS Simon De Montfort Society, The Friends Meeting House, Cowl Street, Evesham  
1st Thursday of month at 7.30pm-9.30pm £2 entrance fee - Day School in October  
Contact: Sue Campbell - T: 01386 47434 - E: [susancampbell1619@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susancampbell1619@hotmail.co.uk)

TBS The Badsey Society  
Contact: Valerie Magan - E: [valeriemagan@goodlemail.com](mailto:valeriemagan@goodlemail.com)

TVHS Teme Valley Historical Society, Village Hall, Abberley  
Last Tuesday of month at 7.30pm - meetings held September to June  
Contact: Mike Harley - E: [mharley791@gmail.com](mailto:mharley791@gmail.com)

THVS **New Members:**  
The Hanleys' Village Society, Village Hall, Hanley Swan WR8 0DA  
Four meetings per year - Meetings at 7.30pm  
Contact: Malcolm Fare - T: 01684 311994 - E: [Malcolm.fare@crossword.demon.co.uk](mailto:Malcolm.fare@crossword.demon.co.uk) - W: <https://hanleyswan.net/>

VEHS Vale of Evesham Historical Society, the Friends' Meeting House, Cowl Street, Evesham  
4th Thursday of month, at 7:30pm except May which follows our AGM and will start at 8:00pm  
Meetings held between September and April only. Guests welcome for a nominal charge  
Contact: Gerry Harte - E: [gerryharte@aol.com](mailto:gerryharte@aol.com) - W: [www.valeofeveshamhistory.org](http://www.valeofeveshamhistory.org)

WAAS Worcestershire Archives and Archaeology Service, The Hive, Worcester  
W: [www.explorethepast.co.uk](http://www.explorethepast.co.uk)

WCS Witley Court Society  
1st Thursday of the month every quarter - venue varies, for details  
Contact Sally Ludlow, Membership secretary: [p.ludlow881@btinternet.com](mailto:p.ludlow881@btinternet.com) - T: 01905 620947

WCHS Wolverley & Cookley Historical Society, Church Hall, Wolverley  
10am on Mondays

Contact: Janet Morgan - E: [mail@jmarym.plus.com](mailto:mail@jmarym.plus.com)

- WAS** Worcestershire Archaeological Society, St Peter's Baptist Church, Eden Close, St Peter's Drive, Worcester WR5 3TZ  
Meetings at 7.30pm - The Church has a very large carpark - If using SatNav you may need to use the postcode WR5 3TA  
Contact: Janet Dunleavy - T: 01684 565190 - E: [jdunleavy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jdunleavy@tiscali.co.uk)  
Excursions: Muriel Tinsley - 01905 616434
- WIA&LHS** Worcestershire Industrial Archaeology & Local History Society,  
Lecture Theatre, Worcester Royal Grammar School, The Tything, Worcester  
Meetings at 7.30pm - Contact: Christine Silvester - 01905 354679
- WHS** Worcestershire Historical Society  
Contact: Susan Campbell - T: 01386 47434 - E: [susancampbell1619@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susancampbell1619@hotmail.co.uk)
- WLHF** Worcestershire Local History Forum  
Contact: Cora Weaver - E: [cora@malvernspa.com](mailto:cora@malvernspa.com)
- WLHG** Wichenford Local Heritage Group, The Memorial Hall, Wichenford  
3rd Wednesday in month 7pm - 9.30pm - September to April  
Contact: Eve Fraser - E: [e.fraser@btinternet.com](mailto:e.fraser@btinternet.com)
- WFHRG** Wyre Forest Historical Research Group, King Charles Room, Kidderminster Town Hall  
Meetings 2pm - 4pm - Members £2 - Visitors £3  
Contact: Sandra Charlton - T: 01562 863155 - E: [wfhrg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wfhrg@hotmail.co.uk)
- WFU3AHS** Wyre Forest U3A History Group, St George's Annexe, Kidderminster  
1st Monday of the month  
Contact: Elaine Yates - Email: [e.yates@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:e.yates@blueyonder.co.uk)
- WyHS** Wythall History Society, Wythall Village Hall, Alcester Road, Wythall B47 6JL  
Last Friday of the month 7.30pm except July, August and December - Visitors welcome - £2.50  
Contact: Betty Sadler - E: [bet.brian@virgin.net](mailto:bet.brian@virgin.net)

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