

**BROMSGROVE SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

**INVITE YOU TO A**

**WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM DAY**

on **Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**

from 9.30 pm to 4.00 pm at

Bromsgrove Methodist Centre, Stratford Road, B60 1AS

Speakers on the day are –

**Quintin Watt – The Bromsgrove Guild’s Great War** – the presentation focuses on the impact of the war on the firm & its employees, many of whom were craftsmen from the continent. It also focuses on how the war provided work for the company in the 1920s through the construction of the many war memorials that were erected in Britain & the wider world. **Quintin taught history at South Bromsgrove High School for 39 years. He has edited 2 books, including The Bromsgrove Guild, and written several articles for local history magazines.**

**Pat Tansell – Bromsgrove at War on the Home Front** – Pat will speak about life in Bromsgrove on the Home Front during both World Wars & will also include some references to the Boer War. During her research into the subject, Pat used archived copies of the Bromsgrove Messenger & information available via Ancestry, Find My Past & other online databases & resources. **Pat has lived in Bromsgrove all her life and is a retired Library Assistant. Her interest in local & family history began when she was 9, following a school lesson, in which she was asked to draw her family tree. Pat has been involved with various Bromsgrove Society Committees since the 1990s. She is currently Vice-Chairman & has previously served as Chairman.**

and after lunch a virtual trip to

**Broadway – Worcestershire’s Poshest Village with Julian Hunt –**

Broadway has one foot in the Cotswolds & the other in the Vale of Evesham. Its farmers grew wealthy from cultivating the rich soil of the vale & rearing sheep on the hills. Their rambling Cotswold-stone farmhouses have mostly been converted into country houses for the local gentry & Broadway is still the home of the North Cotswold Hunt kennels. Its coaching inn (The Lygon Arms) now caters for American tourists & although most of its antique shops have gone out of business, there are plenty of tea shops remaining to keep the visitors happy. **Julian Hunt was born in Romsley, Worcestershire. & was a local studies librarian in Oldham & Aylesbury. He has written books on North Wales, Lancashire Cotton Mills & several towns in Buckinghamshire. He was co-author with Jenny Townshend on the recently published Bromsgrove, the Story of a Market Town.**

Entrance Fee £10 – to include tea/coffee

Hopefully, other WLH groups will be present to advertise their wares!

**For more info. – [www.bsoc.co.uk](http://www.bsoc.co.uk) or ring 01527 877227**