

# What's on in Worcestershire

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

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### OCTOBER 2026

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| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | HH&FS  | Short AGM followed by                                                                                  | The Rise and Demise of the Bromsgrove Guild | Quintin Watt               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | DHAS   | The History of Salt                                                                                    |                                             | Howard Robinson            |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | RRIG   | Midlands Miscellany: Still photos and cine film                                                        |                                             | Michael Clemens (Persnore) |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | MCS    | First Aid Nursing Yeomanry - the history of the women's Volunteer Corps                                |                                             | Venla Freeman              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | SWAG   | Village Names at Callow End Village Hall                                                               |                                             | Mike Jenkins               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | WHS    | Zealous in Captivity: George Fox, Worcester, and the Politics of Imprisonment                          |                                             | Erica Canela               |
|                  |        | 2.00 p.m. at the Hive, following the AGM                                                               |                                             |                            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | RHS    | Through the Letterbox: Historic Redditch and its Postal System                                         |                                             | Chris Jackson              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | WCHS   | Remember, Remember                                                                                     |                                             | Mary Bodfish               |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | KCS    | "Cheer Boys, it's Hartlebury!"                                                                         |                                             | Doug Smith                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | BHS    | Henry VIII and The Field of The Cloth of Gold                                                          |                                             | Gill White                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | A&DLHS | The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood                                                                         |                                             | Janine Kilroe              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | KHLHS  | The Golden Lion Restoration                                                                            |                                             | Irene de Boo               |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | VECS   | The Chairman of Cheltenham Civic Society on their many and various initiatives                         |                                             | Andrew Booton              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | MA/s   | Unlocking the secrets of DNA Testing                                                                   |                                             | Karen Evans                |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | BSLHG  | Dry Bones: Medieval Archaeology at Worcester Cathedral                                                 |                                             | Fiona Keith-Lucas          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | WLHG   | A Glimpse at Worcester's Hidden History                                                                |                                             | Marguerite Collins         |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | CCLHS  | The Shazam! Show - Cinematic History                                                                   |                                             | Rob Hemming                |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | WCHS   | A Tale of Attire - The History of Clothing                                                             |                                             | Anthony Poulton-Smith      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | BEWCS  | <u>Ten Mile Treasures</u>                                                                              |                                             | Francis <u>Engleheart</u>  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | WFHRG  | Gunpowder, Treason and Plot                                                                            |                                             | Paul Harding               |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | MFHS   | Market Towns                                                                                           |                                             | Richard Churchley          |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | BOWS   | Three Worcester Murders - details to follow - At <u>The Hive</u>                                       |                                             | Robbie Porter              |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | EHS    | Clive of India                                                                                         |                                             | Max Keen                   |
| TBA              | BCS    | <u>History Day</u> , a themed event around the development of the labour movement in the Black Country |                                             |                            |

### NOVEMBER 2026

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | HH&FS  | Boys and their Toys                                                                                       |           | Ned Williams                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | DHAS   | Ancestry - The First World War told by four brothers                                                      |           | Michael Bracey                        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | RHS    | A History of Canal People and their Working Lives                                                         |           | Tony Conder                           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | WCHS   | Sir William Marshall, the Greatest Knight                                                                 |           | Max Keen                              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | BHS    | Countess of Computing. The story of Countess Ada Lovelace                                                 | 2.30 p.m. | Rob Broadbent                         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | VECS   | The Restoration work at the Grade 1 listed Almonry                                                        |           | Tom Ravenhall of Arnold Bartosch Ltd. |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | A&DLHS | A Tale of Two Abbeys: Evesham and Alcester                                                                |           | Steve Godfrey                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | RRIG   | Nostalgia of Steam: Railways on Film                                                                      |           | Chris Pratt (Rugby)                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | MCS    | Caring for the Hills and Commons - the Trust's Land Management Plan for the next 5 years                  |           | The Malvern Hills Trust               |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | SWAG   | <u>Stained Glass</u>                                                                                      |           | Rob Walker                            |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | BSLHG  | <u>Clent Village</u> , A Brief Look Back                                                                  |           | Paul Timmins                          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | KCS    | Saving the Worcester newspaper archives from the skip                                                     |           | Chris Wilkinson                       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | WLHG   | The Battle of Evesham - The battle between Simon de Montfort and the future Edward I                      |           | Discovery History                     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | CCLHS  | A history of St Helen's, Worcester - one of the oldest religious sites in the city                        |           | Heather Rendall                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | KHLHS  | Needle Making in Warks and Worcs 1640 -1940                                                               |           | Richard Churchley                     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | WCHS   | Members' Research Presentations                                                                           |           |                                       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | WFHRG  | Three Orphans in Worcester (Dave's ancestors in World War I)                                              |           | Dave Andrews                          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | MFHS   | SS Suevic: A tale of Shipwreck and Survival                                                               |           | Galen Bartholomew                     |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | BCS    | Getting dirty with Wolverhampton Archaeology Group. A review of findings and activities in the sub-region |           | Clive Westwood                        |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | BOWS   | The Benedictine Monks of Worcester - At <u>The Hive</u>                                                   |           | Howard Robinson                       |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | KCS    | Christmas Social at <u>Caldwall Tower</u> and Dennis Wheatley and the Kidderminster connection            |           | Keith Radcliffe                       |

If you are interested in any of the talks/speakers/societies, contact the Programme Secretary of the Society concerned,  
a listing can be found on our website at <https://www.wlhf.org.uk/member-societies-of-wlhf>  
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