



Worcestershire Industrial Archaeology & Local History Society

2019 - 2020 WINTER PROGRAMME

Our new season takes us on intriguing journeys through time and place, to explore agricultural development, then Victorian metal bashing and railway initiatives. Learn about Worcester's very own Great Exhibition; examine fine old buildings and assess their successful restoration. Meet some movers and shakers who have defined our contemporary world:

Friday 13th September GREAT EXHIBITIONS

Assessment of major events promoting commerce, the arts, and the Empire from 1851 to the present day, including Worcester's celebrated extravaganza of 1882.

Mike Jackson: ex-producer/director for BBC factual programming, including 'The Antiques Roadshow' staged at Worcester Cathedral.

Friday 11th October MADE IN OLDBURY

A huge array of audacious manufactured products from the Victorian workshops of Oldbury in the Black Country. Second truckload after last year's popular visit.

Terry Daniels: a dedicated local historian who has acquired unrivalled knowledge and evidence of vital streams of Black Country heritage.

Friday 8th November ENGLISH ENCLOSURES

Examining 18th and early 19th century agricultural enclosure practices across the Midlands that resulted in dramatic changes to farming capacity and severe disruption to traditional livelihoods.

Richard Churchley: former deputy head-teacher; now historical researcher and musician. Holds University of Birmingham PhD for his regional rural studies.

Friday 13th December IRONBRIDGE GORGE - THEN AND NOW

The evolving significance of a crucible of the industrial revolution. From experimental furnace technology to mass production of Victorian artefacts; now an international tourist destination.

Richard Bifield: ex-Chair of Friends of Ironbridge Gorge Museum

Friday 10th January 2020 NARROW GAUGE RAILWAYS

Exploring the honourable history of location-specific rail facilities from Roman times to the 20th century – conveying coal, ores, chemicals, armaments and workers.

David Morgan: ex-science teacher and adult education tutor.

Friday 14th February

TEWKESBURY RAILWAY

We stay on track with a consideration of Victorian attempts to provide mass transport prospects to and from north Gloucestershire and the value of these endeavours for D-Day preparations.

Ian Boskett: long time Chair of Tewkesbury YMCA Railway Society

Friday 13th March

50 WORCESTER BUILDINGS

An appreciation of some of the city's most significant architecture and valued structures, drawn from James Dinn's new book.

James Dinn: City Archaeologist at Worcester City Council.

Friday 17th April

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CONSERVATION – PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Examining how buildings can be viably preserved and treasured through the framework of local government conservation responsibilities.

Carl Jukes: ex- Worcester City Conservation Officer. Read history, archaeology and heritage at University of Worcester; Historic Conservation at Oxford Brookes.

COME AND JOIN US

Our monthly meetings are held on Friday evenings in the splendid lecture theatre of the Royal Grammar School on The Tything. Try a no obligation taster visit for £3. (refundable if you later choose an annual membership of £10.) Doors open at 7.00 pm. Evening finishes at 9.00 pm latest.

In April 2020, please join us when we host the South West England and Wales regional industrial archaeology conference at the Elim Centre in West Malvern.

For more information or membership details, please contact:

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