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Editor's letter: Where did 2022 go? I ask myself that as I look at the projects I had hoped either to start or finish last year. Sadly nothing was completed, but much research, discussion and thought has taken place, and for me, at least, that is the great joy of local history. There is always another line of research which presents itself, and another new fact which emerges. Provided your notes are well kept and referenced, the 'published' work is not the be all & end all – it's the journey that counts! Happy travelling in 2023.

Future Meetings of the Society

Meetings are held at the Primary School Hall, Aylesford School, Tapping Way, Warwick, CV34 6XR, 7.30pm

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| 21 February | Christine Hodgetts on <i>Patterson's Dynasty of Gardeners: an example from Warwick Castle</i> |
| 21 March | Stephen Wass on <i>Farnborough Hall in context.</i> |
| 18 April | AGM followed by Prof. Bernard Capp on <i>The World turned Upside Down: Radical ideas and movements in the English Revolution.</i> <u>Note: 7.15pm start</u> |

2023 Outings

Rowan Fisher has again arranged a variety of outings for this year, which are listed below. The website will be updated as details become available, and members will be emailed about two months before each event

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| 13 May | 1.30pm: Explore the grounds of Farnborough Hall, nr Banbury, with archaeologist Stephen Wass |
| 21 June | 2pm: Guided tour of the house, and access to the grounds at Stoneleigh Abbey, with refreshments. |
| 8 July | 2pm: Explore the grounds of Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, with archaeologist and WLHS member Mike Hodder. |
| 2 September | 1.45pm: Visit to St Mary's church, Warwick, with church historian and WLHS member Tim Clark |

25 November 1pm: Guided tours of the newly re-opened St Mary's Guildhall, Coventry. Refreshments.

Other dates for your diary

Details may change, so please check with each society.

- 13 February Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens' Club at 7:30pm for a prompt 7:45pm start: AGM followed by Graham Sutherland on *Warwickshire Inn Signs*.
- 16 February Warmington Heritage Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Stephen Barker on *Six Warrior Women of the English Civil Wars*.
- 17 February Bidford & District History Society, Crawford Hall, Bidford, 7.30pm: Alan Godfrey on *Life in Roman Alcester*.
- 17 February Kineton & District LHG, Village Hall, 7.30pm: David Fry on *The Silk Ribbon Industry of Coventry*.
- 28 February Stoneleigh History Society, Village Hall, 7.30pm: David Fry on *Coventry's Canal: A hidden history in Plain Sight*.
- 27 February Marton Local History Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm: David Fry on *A nineteenth century Bourton Hall photo album*.
- 8 March Alcester & District LHS, St Benedict's High School, Alcester, 7.30pm: AGM followed by Richard Churchley on *"Every Common's Gone and Traps are Set to Kill": Enclosure in the English Midlands*.
- 13 March Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens' Club at 7:30pm for a prompt 7:45pm start: Alex & Joe Harvey on *Mapping the Tunnels of Warwickshire*.
- 16 March Warmington Heritage Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Vanessa Morgan on *Baddesley Clinton and Packwood*.
- 17 March Bidford & District History Society, Crawford Hall, Bidford, 7.30pm: *Tim Bridges on Defining Victorian Architecture*.
- 17 March Kineton & District LHG, Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by David Moylan on *Funny turns – a celebration of Entertainers and Entertainment of days gone by*.
- 24 March Lighthorne History Society, Lighthorne Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by Josette Tait on *The work of medical Friendly Societies before the NHS*.
- 28 March Lapworth Local History Group, Lapworth Village Hall, 7.45pm: Emma Bromley on *The Black Book of Warwick*.
- 28 March Stoneleigh History Society, Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by Ann Langley on *Early Allotments in Warwickshire – their contribution to society*.
- 31 March Welford & Weston Local History Society, Memorial Hall, Welford, 7.30pm: Alexander Portch on *Small Town or Bustling Village: The history of the Tiddington settlement*.
- 12 April Alcester & District LHS, St Benedict's High School, Alcester, 7.30pm: Lawrence Thatcher & Trevor Wraight on *The Man who put Roman Alcester on the Map*.

- 21 April Bidford & District History Society, Crawford Hall, Bidford, 7.30pm: Stephen Wass on *Excavating history at Farnborough Hall*.
- 21 April Kineton & District LHG, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Judith Ellis on *Campden House – ‘the howse which was so fayre’*.
- 24 April Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens’ Club at 7:30pm for a prompt 7:45pm start: Graham Aldred on *Mercian settlements; what are they worth? (Villages and settlements in Mercia incorporating the term ‘worth’)*.
- 24 April Marton Local History Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by talk on *The history of Victoria Cottage, Shepherd’s Street*.
- 25 April Lapworth Local History Group, Lapworth Village Hall, 7.45pm: Jan Cooper on *John of Gaunt – Power and Passion*.
- 25 April Stoneleigh History Society, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Alan Godfrey on *The Blind Postmaster General and the Suffragist: the lives of Henry Fawcett and his wife Dame Millicent Fawcett*.
- 8 May Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens’ Club at 7:30pm for a prompt 7:45pm start: Julian Davey on *The Fascinating History of the Seymour Family*.
- 10 May Alcester & District LHS, St Benedict’s High School, Alcester, 7.30pm: John Butterworth on *How the Stagecoach transformed the area around Alcester*.
- 19 May Bidford & District History Society, Crawford Hall, Bidford, 7.30pm: Mairi Macdonald on *Mediaeval Women*.
- 19 May Kineton & District LHG, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Frances Kermer on *Common Land – its origin, loss and survival*.
- 23 May Stoneleigh History Society, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Dr Javad Hashemi on *The Fascinating Story of Egg Cups*
- 12 June Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens’ Club at 7:30pm for a prompt 7:45pm start: Mairi Macdonald on *Palaeography: what, why, how?*
- 14 June Alcester & District LHS, St Benedict’s High School, Alcester, 7.30pm: Stephen Barker on *Six Warrior Women of the English Civil Wars*.
- 16 June Bidford & District History Society, Crawford Hall, Bidford, 7.30pm: Heidi Meyer on *The History of the Master and Brethren of the Lord Leycester Hospital*.
- 27 June Stoneleigh History Society, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Niamh Carton on *The history and recent refurbishment of St Mary’s Guildhall, Coventry*.
- 9 August Alcester & District LHS, St Benedict’s High School, Alcester, 7.30pm: Graham Sutherland on *Warwickshire Inn Signs – Past & Present*.
- 11 September Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens’ Club at 7:30pm for a prompt 7:45pm start: Heidi Mayer on *Lord Leycester Hospital: Master ad Brethren (450 years history through anecdotes and fact)*.
- 12 September Lapworth Local History Group, Lapworth Village Hall, 7.45pm: Peter Coullis on *The Warwick and Leamington Tramway*.

- 13 September Alcester & District LHS, St Benedict's High School, Alcester, 7.30pm: Mairi Macdonald on *The Gunpowder Plot in Warwickshire*.
- 15 September Kineton & District LHG, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Martin Sinot-Smith on *Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family*.
- 15 September Lighthorne History Society, Lighthorne Village Hall, 7.30pm: Deborah Hayter on *The Lost Villages of Warwickshire*.

Societies' news

Not all of our member societies have a regular programme of speakers, focusing rather on research projects connected with their area. I would be pleased to learn of any such group's research projects. We all know that local history isn't just about talks.

Recent publications

Chris Dyer, *Peasants Making History: Living in an English Region 1200-1540* (Oxford, 2022) £52.50, ISBN 978-0-19884-721-2: Using the West Midlands this book examines peasant society in relation to their social superiors, neighbours and households, with some surprising insights into their importance in society. Many examples relate to Warwickshire.

Chris Dyer, ed., *Changing Approaches to Local History: Warwickshire History and its Historians* (Dugdale society, 2022), In celebration of the centenary of the Dugdale Society, this book traces the way in which the writing of local history has changed over the past hundred years, with future approaches. (Dugdale Society, 2022), £60, ISBN 978-1-78327-744-5.

Available at £5 + £3.35 p & p from Society while stocks last

Holt, Kate, *New Hall: The History of England in One House* (London, 2022), £35, ISBN 978-1-908337-627. New Hall, near Sutton Coldfield is one of England's oldest inhabited moated houses. It changed hands many times over the centuries, and the author uses each family's rise and fall to reflect England's political, social and economic development.

Graham Sutherland, *Secret Warwick* (Stroud, 2022), £15.99, ISBN 978-1-39811-176-9. Part of Amberley's 'Secret' series, WLHS member Graham delves into Warwick's long-forgotten and hidden histories of both people and places.

Thebridge, Stella, ed., *Sutton Coldfield, The Story of a Parish church and its People, 1250-2020*, (Sutton Coldfield, 2020), £20, ISBN: Funded by the Heritage Lottery, this book is a complete and up-to-date history of an ancient place of worship, up to and including a major internal re-ordering.

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