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Editor's letter

A Happy New Year to you all, and what a year it promises to be! March 29 will be another date to add to the national calendar of memorable events, heralding as it does (unless postponed) a major change for the UK. However, those of us with any awareness of this island's history know that this is not the first upheaval, nor will it be the last. The internet and the speed with which news travels may make it seem more momentous, but we've survived the Black Death, Reformation, Civil Wars, Glorious Revolution and many more significant events – and survived and, usually, thrived. Let 2019 therefore be a year in which we use our knowledge of the past to look forward with hope

Future Meetings of the Society

All meetings start at 8 pm, preceded by coffee at 7.30 pm at the Quaker Meeting House, High Street, Warwick, but please see important notice below. Members of Local History Societies who are affiliated to WLHS are welcome to attend lectures at no cost. Details can also be found online at www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk.

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| 19 February | Dr Lucy Underwood on <i>The Catholic experience, and aspects of childhood – with a Warwickshire Connexion</i> . |
| 19 March | AGM followed by David Paterson on <i>George Eliot and Warwickshire</i> . |
| 16 April | Members Evening
Steve Moore on <i>A late-Georgian Murder: A socio-economic study of victim & murderer in Nuneaton</i>
Robert Howe on <i>Aspects of south Warwickshire History - Crimscote</i>
Mark Booth on <i>A Reflection on the Friends' Meeting House, Warwick</i> |
| May –
September | Three outings have been organized to Griff & Chilvers Coton; Ansley; Shakespeare's Schoolroom, Stratford; Charterhouse, Coventry. See enclosed booking form for further details. |

Important notice

Change of venue for meetings: from October 2019, the Society will hold evening meetings at **Aylesford School and VI Form College, Tapper Way (off Stratford Road), Warwick CV34 6XR**. We make the move with regret, as many of us are fond of the historic Friends' Meeting House (FMH). The change was prompted by the increasing problems parking in Warwick town centre, as well as administrative changes expected at FMH. However our new meeting place is modern, spacious and well equipped (with ample free parking!), so we are confident that it will be an advantageous move. We will need to be out of the building by 9 pm, so lecture meetings will start at **7.30 pm**.

Other dates for your diary

This listing is based primarily on information received from societies which are members of The Warwickshire Local History Society. If you wish your events to appear in the *Bulletin*, please send details to the Editor at the email address at the end, or as hard copy by post. These events, and any others notified to the Editor, will also be found on a separate page on the Society's website, currently headed 'Across the county'

- 11 February Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens' Club, Abbey End, 7.45pm: AGM followed by Helen & Peter Viola on *The nineteenth century Baronets of Leamington Hastings and their medals: from Waterloo to Kenilworth*.
- 13 February Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 7.45pm: AGM followed by Richard Osborne on *Exploring the History of St Nicholas Church, Alcester*.
- 15 February Bidford & District History Society, Crawford Hall, Salford Road, Bidford, 7.30pm: Alan Godfrey on *Pastman's Knock: postal services in the Alcester area from the 18th century*.
- 18 February Kineton & District Local History Group, Kineton Village Hall, 7.30pm: Ilona Sekacz on *The Pit and the Metronome: my musical journey through Shakespeare*.
- 21 February Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Rowena Archer on *Understanding Joan of Arc*.
- 25 February Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Peter Coulls & Allan Jennings on *The Warwick & Leamington Tramway: a history in images*.
- 26 February Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Dave Atkins on *Charles II, the Merry Monarch*.
- 27 February Historical Association: Nuneaton Branch, King Edward VI College, King Edward Road, 7.15pm: Adam Busiakiewicz on *Sir Fulke Greville: Collector, Builder, Gardener and Warwickshire Man*.
- 13 March Kenilworth Family History Society, Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Car Park, 7.45pm: Ian Hartas on *BMDs on the Internet*.

- 15 March Bidford & District History Society, Crawford Hall, Salford Road, Bidford, 7.30pm: Professor Richard Cust on *Discovering Charles I.*
- 21 March Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Matt Armitage on *Local Canals.*
- 22 March Lighthorne History Society, Lighthorne Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by Brian Lewis on *Pittern Villa Farm and the Compton Verney Estate Sales.*
- 25 March Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Sue Moore on *The History of the Loft Theatre, and its place in the cultural life of Royal Leamington Spa.*
- 25 March Marton Local History Group, Marton Village Hall, 7.30pm: Brian Cooke on *Leamington Hastings church restoration.*
- 26 March Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Ann Langley on *Early Allotments in Warwickshire.*
- 26 March Lapworth Local History Group, Lapworth Village Hall, 7.30pm: Rob Eyre on *The Donald Healey Motor Car Company.*
- 29 March Welford & Weston Local History Society, Memorial Hall, Welford, 7.30pm: Adam Busiakiewicz on *Sir Fulke Greville: Collector, Builder, Gardener and Warwickshire Man.*
- 10 April Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Chris Pickford on *Revising Pevsner's Warwickshire: The Alcester area revisited.*
- 10 April Kenilworth Family History Society, Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Car Park, 7.45pm: Paul Baker on *The efforts of the townspeople to bring the railway to Henley-in-Arden.*
- 18 April Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Colin Clay & Philip Taylor on *The use of old maps, LIDAR and metal detecting to investigate ancient tracks & byways.*
- 23 April Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Alan Godfrey on *Postman's Knock: A History of the Post in Warwickshire*
- 24 April Wellesbourne Local History Society, Wellesbourne Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by Ken Manning on *The History of Wellesbourne Allotments.*
- 29 April Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Martin Green on *Some influential ironfounders of 19th century Leamington.*
- 30 April Lapworth Local History Group, Lapworth Village Hall, 7.30pm: Peter Marsh on *Joseph Chamberlain –a Model Mayor.*
- 8 May Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Professor Bernard Capp on *The World turned Upside Down: England after the Civil Wars.*

- 12 May Kenilworth Family History Society, Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Car Park, 7.45pm: Caroline Mason & Jackie Cotterill on *ABM Resources of Midland Ancestors*.
- 12 May Lighthorne History Society, Lighthorne Village Hall, 3pm: *Reminiscences of Lighthorne life in days gone by*: a slide show and opportunity to chat to older residents.
- 16 May Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Ginny Davis on *Felons*.
- 20 May Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: David Fry on *A look at Leamington's early postcards & the photographer who produced them*.
- 28 May Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Graham Sutherland on *Brandy for the Parson*.
- 12 June Kenilworth Family History Society, Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Car Park, 7.45pm: Vanessa Morgan on *Kenilworth Rogues and Villains*.
- 12 June Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Stephen Spinks on *King Edward II*.
- 20 June Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Chris Hone on *The Wroxton Mineral Railway*.
- 24 June Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Sheila Woolf on *Her Come the Girls*.
- 25 June Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Gillian White on *Hardwick Hall*.
- 22 July Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Keith Hancock & Jim Layton on *Fire in the Belly: music & musicians in post-war Leamington*.
- 23 July Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Vanessa Morgan on *Dr Wilmore's Revenge*.
- 24 July Wellesbourne Local History Society, Wellesbourne Village Hall, 7.30pm: Sue Moore on *The history of the Loft Theatre, Leamington Spa*.
- 14 August Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Dr Roger Pringle on *Warwickshire Landscapes: as viewed by Historians, Travellers & Poets*.

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