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Editor's letter

As you can see, the format of this Bulletin has been updated to incorporate the Society's new logo, and a change of font. They may seem, according to your point of view, minor or major changes, but reflect, I hope, the need for the study and appreciation of history to keep pace with changing developments and research. I hesitate to use the word 'fashion' but, if we are to attract, and keep younger members, then we need to look forward as well as back.

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, unless otherwise indicated. 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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| 20 February | Richard Churchley on <i>Old pubs and lost hostelries of Warwickshire-their history, names and stories.</i> |
| 20 March | Dr Elizabeth Goldring on <i>Kenilworth Castle, with emphasis on Elizabeth I's visit and Leicester's building works.</i> |
| 17 April | Dr Polly Ha on <i>English Puritanism with particular emphasis on Warwickshire & Thomas Cartwright, Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick</i> |
| 5 May | New date Visit to Bedworth |
| 16 June | Visit to Fillongley |
| 7 July | Visit to Guys Cliffe House and Walled Garden, Warwick. A full day visit, with lunch. |
| 22 September | Visit to Yardley Church and Old School, followed by tour of Blakesley Hall and tea |
| 16 October | John Wilmot on <i>Dr John Conolly</i> |
| 20 November | Jacqui Geater on <i>Pre-industrial revolution Birmingham – evidence from wills</i> |
| 1 December | Visit to Heritage Motor Museum, Gaydon |

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.

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| 14 February | Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: AGM followed by Stephen Godfrey on <i>Alcester Railways.</i> |
| 16 February | Bidford & District History Society, Church Hall, Church Street, Bidford, 7.30pm: Cora Weaver on <i>Curing with water.</i> |
| 16 February | Kineton & District Local History Group, Kineton Village Hall, 7.30pm: Anne Langley on <i>Down the River Avon in 1900 revisited.</i> |
| 26 February | Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Sheila Woolf on <i>Jane Austen and Stoneleigh Abbey.</i> |
| 29 February | Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Dawn Webb on <i>Our villages in the Great War.</i> |
| 9 March | Lighthorne History Society, Lighthorne Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by Alan Winterburn on <i>Little Known Warwickshire.</i> |
| 12 March | Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens' Club, Abbey End, 7.45pm: John Ruddick on <i>Coventry Charterhouse: Past, Present & Future.</i> |
| 14 March | Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Dr Richard Churchley on <i>Local Farm Houses and Buildings.</i> |
| 15 March | Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Colin Clay on <i>2000 years of British coingge; an amateur's perspective.</i> |
| 16 March | Bidford & District History Society, Church Hall, Church Street, Bidford, 7.30pm: Clive Katz on <i>Birmingham Back to Back Housing.</i> |
| 23 March | Welford & Weston Local History Society, Memorial Hall, Welford, 7.30pm: Brad Plimmer on <i>Education & Schooling in Welford.</i> |
| 26 March | Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Allan Jennings on <i>What happened in Leamington in World War Two.</i> |
| 27 March | Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Philip Stebbing on <i>Coventry's Coat of Arms.</i> |
| 27 March | Lapworth Local History Group, Lapworth Village Hall, 7.30pm: John Mayell on <i>Past, present and future of Gloucestershire & Warwickshire Railway.</i> |
| 9 April | Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens' Club, Abbey End, 7.45pm: Dr David Symons on <i>The Staffordshire Hoard: an insider's view of the first five years.</i> |
| 11 April | Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Dr Sylvia Pinches on <i>A Tale of Two Castles: Warwick & Kenilworth.</i> |
| 19 April | Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Mike Buxton & Robert Caldicott on <i>The Milestone Society.</i> |
| 20 April | Bidford & District History Society, Church Hall, Church Street, Bidford, 7.30pm: Gay Hill on <i>West Midlands' struggle for the Vote.</i> |

20 April Kineton & District Local History Group, Kineton Village Hall, 7.30pm: Angie Bolton on *The Portable Antiquities Scheme: 20 years of treasure*.

23 April Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: David Morse on *St Paul's Cathedral in Wartime*.

24 April Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Dixie Atkins on *The History of Witchcraft*.

24 April Lapworth Local History Group, Lapworth Village Hall, 7.30pm: Stephen Barker on *The Battle of Edgehill, 1642*.

25 April Wellesbourne Local History Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm: AGM followed by Clive Radford on *Past & present lives on the canals*.

9 May Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Mairi Macdonald on *Medieval Women*.

11 May Lighthorne History Society, Lighthorne Village Hall, 7.30pm: Colin Such on *The important stained glass windows of Lighthorne Church*.

14 May Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens' Club, Abbey End, 7.45pm: Dr Roy Smart on *Another Icarus: the rise and fall of Percy Pilcher... and the art of flight*.

17 May Warmington Heritage Group, Warmington Village Hall, 7.30pm: Stephen Wass on *William Castle, a memorable Banbury character of the 19th century*.

18 May Bidford & District History Society, Church Hall, Church Street, Bidford, 7.30pm: Spencer Jones on *"With our backs to the wall": Victory and Defeat in 1918*.

18 May Kineton & District Local History Group, Kineton Village Hall, 7.30pm: Sheila Woolf on *Cordelia Leigh of Stoneleigh Abbey- a strange time 1914-1918*.

28 May Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Jaqui Kirk on *Sir David Lodge, my Shropshire-born ancestor, and Lord Mayor of London in the plague year of 1563*.

11 June Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society, Senior Citizens' Club, Abbey End, 7.45pm: Dr Maureen Harris on *The 'debauched parson' and the 'wit-already-expired-rogue': Warwickshire parish politics, 1660-1720*.

13 June Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Christine Penney on *Bishop Hurd and his Library*.

15 June Bidford & District History Society, Church Hall, Church Street, Bidford, 7.30pm: Jan Long on *Gertrude Bell – unsung heroine of Iraq*.

25 June Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Kay Bugg on *The lost churches of Leamington Spa*.

26 June Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Christine Smees on *Medieval Herbal Medicine*.

23 July Leamington History Group, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place, 7.30pm: Alex Darkes & Nick Baker on *Peeps at Princethorpe*.

24 July Brandon, Bretford & Wolston History Group, Brandon Club, 7.30pm: Roy Smart on *The Last Naval Hero*.

25 July Wellesbourne Local History Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm: Margaret Rushton or Alan Griffiths on *Jephson Gardens, Leamington*.

8 August Alcester & District Local History Society, Sixth Form Centre, St. Benedict's RC High School, 8pm: Vince Williams & Jon Goodson on *Idle Women: women working on the canals during WWII*.

Warwickshire bibliography, 1994-2016

This invaluable bibliography has been revised and extended both backwards and forwards in time. A vital research tool for anyone interested in Warwickshire history, it is available on the Society's website. The Editors ask that any additions or corrections be sent to them at h.woodland@ntlworld.com

Request for help

Robert Mulraine has emailed to ask if any members can help him in tracking down information on Henry Wallis who bought many of the paintings of Thomas Baker of Leamington. Baker flourished between the 1840s and 1860s, and his diaries have recently been put online with help from Birmingham Museums & Art Gallery (www.thomasbakerofleamington.com). If anyone can help, please contact Mr Mulraine at robert.mulraine@gmail.com 978-0-85220-103-9.

Local courses

Portcullis History have sent details of courses which may be of interest to members. Fuller details at www.portcullishistory.com.
Village Churches & their communities: church and village society in mediaeval England, 6 February for 5 weeks, 2-4pm, St Laurence's Church, Ansley
'When Christ and His Saints Slept': the Anarchy in the West Midlands, 16 March, 10am-4pm, Hatton village Hall

Recent Publications

Spinks, Julie & Philip, *First World War Military Service Tribunals: Warwick District Appeal Tribunal, 1916-1918* (Dugdale Society, 2017), £30, ISBN 978-0-85220-103-9. In 1921 the government ordered the destruction of the records of tribunals set up to deal with appeals against conscription. Fortunately, those for south Warwickshire survived and are here fully catalogued, and show the wide variety of grounds for appeal, and the classes from which they came. An important work for social and military historians of the early 20th century.

Taylor, Barry, *The Stratford-upon-Avon & Midland Junction Railway... the years before the S&MJR 1866-1901: the constituent companies* (Lightmoor, 2017), £25, ISBN 13-978-1911903-825-2. A comprehensive history of the Northampton & Banbury Junction Railway, The East & West Junction Railway, The Evesham, Redditch & Stratford Junction Railway, and the Stratford-upon-Avon, Towcester & Midland Junction Railway.

Trinder, Barrie, *Junctions at Banbury: a town and its railways since 1850*, (Banbury Historical Society, 2017), n.p., ISBN 978-1-899246-61-8. A work of both railway and local history, this book details the growth of the railway network in the south Midlands and analyses the services, both local and national, offered by the railway companies.

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