

HLHS FORUM

HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES

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Kilpeck Castle & Church

Co-ordinators: Rhys Griffith (HARC), Barbara Ferris (Dinedor LHG), Valerie Goodbury (Friends of HRO), Rhianon Turrell (Yarpole Living HG), Peggy Platts (Dorstone Heritage G.)

*9 April – talk on Kilpeck Iconography
by Caroline Novak, Bristol University*

News Items: Annual Archeological Symposium 4 June, Colwall and District VCH History Fair – 18 June, Eaton Bishop History Group, Fownhope Local History Group, HARC exhibition and WW1 1917 Centenary events, Hereford Civic Society, 'Hereford History' books launch, History Open Days - 10 & 11 September, HLHS Workshop on Oral History – Oct 15 with Bill Laws, Kilpeck lecture, Kings Cagle Heritage Group – walk around Penault, Ludlow Conference on Stained Glass in St Laurence Church, Mortimer History Society – May 14 Hereford Academy conference on medieval pastimes plus visit to Moccas deer park on Sunday May 15. Mortimer History Trail launch of "On the Trail of the Mortimers", National Mills Weekend 14 & 15 May, Victoria County History of Herefordshire Minutes of the HLHS Forum meeting March 2016, Hereford City of Culture 2021 – notice of Meeting of Heritage and Architecture Group – steering committee

Herefordshire Local History Societies Forum

Notes of Meeting

held on 17 March 2016 at HARC Fir Tree Lane. Hereford HR2 6LA

Present: Margot Miller (Mortimer History Society/ Fownhope Local History Society), Barbara Ferris (Friends of Rotherwas Chapel), Chris Jennings (Weobley Local History Society), Jean O'Donnell (Woolhope Club), David Fowler (Herefordshire Civic Society/ Little Birch History Group), Patricia Lewis (Whitchurch and Ganarew History Society), Chris Over (Dinedor Heritage Group), Will Pridie (Leominster Historical Society, Barbara Andrew (Wellington Parish History Society), Jeff White (Cradley Heritage Group), Valerie Goodbury (Victoria County History), Richard Smith (Friends of Herefordshire Record Office), Charles Gordon Clarke (Bromyard and District Local History Society), Hannah McSherry, Sarah Chedzoy, Rhys Griffith (Herefordshire Council).

Apologies: Barry Lawrence (Much Cowarne History Group), Penny Platts (Dorstone History Society), Joan Grundy (Woolhope Club), Deborah Jarman (Leominster Museum) Nichola Geeson (Breinton History Group), Anne Abbotts (Wellington Heath History Society), Rhianon Turrell (Yarpole Living History).

1. Discussion on future of the Forum

There was a lively and constructive discussion about the alternative ways forward for a collective local history entity. It was universally agreed that a forum for local history societies in Herefordshire should continue as a place to share news and best practice with opportunities for training. Representatives of both new and experienced groups spoke of the need for support and a willingness to offer help. The bottom line was that the study of local history in Herefordshire should be fostered.

A working party had been established last year and a successful training day on parish records had been held. Although the advantages of formalising this arrangement within a constituted body were recognised, the meeting concluded that there was not an appetite to commit to an additional elected group. It was suggested that the Forum was beginning to work well as a remote network, informed by regular issues of the HLHS and meetings at HARC with occasional training events.

Options for dealing with the funds still held by the LHDS committee were considered. It was agreed that the monies could only be held by a constituted group and that the best course of action would be to close the account by distributing it. Jean O'Donnell offered to invite representatives of the local history groups who had hosted the day school to a meeting where the funds would be equally shared. It would be for each of the groups to decide how best to dispose of their portion.

It was agreed that the working party would meet again to consider further events, including an oral history workshop in October. Although no officers would be elected, there was still a need for individuals to keep the Forum as an active resource for local history.

Jean O'Donnell was thanked for her great contribution to local history in Herefordshire over many years, in particular by establishing and overseeing the Local History Day School.

2. Funding opportunities for local history groups in Herefordshire

Hannah McSherry, Project development officer. Hannah began by confirming that the group would not necessarily need a constitution in order to apply for funding. It would also be possible for a constituted society to make an application on behalf of the whole group if this were the case. Hannah is able to support local funding applications with her colleague Dave Tristram email: projectdevelopment@herefordshire.gov.uk

WWI funding – there are grants of up to £10,000 available from the Heritage Lottery Fund for group activities. The more unusual the proposal, the greater the likelihood of success. One project, for instance, involves working with children on a Blackberry picking day. The [First World War Commemoration Coordinating Committee](#) is organising an open day at HARC on 7 May to highlight current projects. In 2017 the role of home front in the conflict will be marked.

[Herefordshire Council's own HLF WWI project](#) has now finished. The Herefordshire History website www.herefordshirehistory.org, was established as part of this. It is a great free source of photographs, letters and other documents. It also includes a full run of *Hereford Times* and *Hereford Journal* editions from the First World War years.

[New Grove Trust](#) – grants of up to £2,000 for community projects

[Gillian Bulmer Fund \(Pippin Trust\)](#) – grants of £1,000 - £5,000 in the field of social and economic history.

A more detailed list of funding sources will be sent out to the Forum separately. Hannah's regular funding update will also in future be sent out by Rhys Griffith (HARC)

3. Heritage Open Days:

Sarah Chedgoy, Cultural Services Learning Officer. Herefordshire Council will be collaborating with the Hereford Civic Society and the Woolhope Club to oversee the county's [Heritage Open Days](#) on 8 – 11 September this year. The national website, www.heritageopendays.org.uk, will be open for registration until 1 May. Further information is available from Sarah at schedgoy@herefordshire.gov.uk. The Bromyard local history centre will be open to cover the four days and the Society will consider organising the opening of additional buildings as well.

4. What's going on? Your news

Bromyard and District Local History Society

The society is marking its 50th anniversary and this will be celebrated with a meal. The first of a series of 5 lectures up to September has just been given. There will also be courses on the archaeology of Herefordshire and the English Civil War. Monthly coffee mornings held at members' homes are proving to be very successful but minor repairs are needed to the history centre. The society is working with Herefordshire Wildlife Trust on a three year project to study the Bromyard Downs. An archaeological investigation has been held at the site of the rifle range. The bunker of the *Mercian Maquis* has been found. A bucket and an empty bottle of *Brylcreem* have been unearthed.

Friends of Herefordshire Record Office

Apart from arranging a programme of talks and visits, the Friends have been preoccupied with the recent cabinet paper concerning the [Archive and Museum](#) services. An external consultant's report had made a number of funding recommendations and many of these have been adopted by the cabinet. The savings that the Archive Service will need to make over the next 3 years are relatively modest despite fears of more substantial cuts. There will be a further review at the end of this period.

Victoria County History - Herefordshire

A history of *Bosbury* is ready in draft form. Research is progressing well with Colwall and this is being extended to incorporate Coddington, Cradley and Mathon. There will be a local history fair at Colwall on 18 June with local history stands and a book sale. The VCH has reached an agreement to be based at HARC.

Wellington Parish History Society

There is a varied programme of talks including the dovecots of Herefordshire, steam in Hereford, the stations of Dinmore and Ford, St John's Walk in the Cathedral and the Marden bell. A favourite event, a talk about some of his large collection of local photographs, will be given by a member of the society in May.

Dinedor Heritage Group

Heather Hurley will be giving a talk on the navigation of the Wye and Lugg. The group will be leading two walks around Rotherwas as part of the Herefordshire Walking Festival. Discussions are underway with landowners about the possibility of exploring the history of the Dinedor Ridge.

Whitchurch and Ganarew History Society

The society is now well established and is about to hold its AGM – all meetings are held in a local hotel. Speakers and visits have been arranged for the whole year and a calendar of *then and now* photographs has been produced. A village trail incorporating 3 red telephone boxes has been set up in collaboration with the parish council.

Cradley Heritage Group

The heritage centre is open on Thursdays from 2pm – 5pm. There are 5 or 6 active members who are currently engaged in digitising undeposited parish registers and transcribing the parish tithe map held in the heritage centre. The group also holds a collection of village newsletters dating back to the 1890s. The Heritage group is working with local artists on a project about hop picking.

Little Birch History Group

The committee of 10 is working on an appendix to the history of Little Birch. There are three meetings per year with income derived from admission charges for talks.

Hereford Civic Society

The built environment of Hereford is the society's primary concern built there are talks on a whole range of topics, including archaeology. The artist Jason Hodges will be giving a talk in May on his noted

exhibition based on a recreation of Hereford's gates.

Woolhope Club

With the closure of the Library, the club has been unable to use its premises since September last year. Currently, the regular meetings are held in the Shire Hall.

Friends of Rotherwas Chapel

A draft constitution is being drawn up for this new body and an inaugural meeting will be held at HARC on Monday 20 June. The chapel will be open for the Heritage Open Days in September and a cleaning rota has been established.

Fownhope History Society

This is a flourishing group with well attended monthly meetings, and visits to the [Museum Resource and Learning Centre](#) and HARC. There will be a walk up to Cherry Hill iron-age enclosure.

Mortimer History Society

The AGM, including a talk, was recently held at Cleobury Mortimer. A Mortimer trail, with associated booklet, will be opening soon. A number of local schools have included the Mortimer history in their curriculums. The Spring Conference on *medieval country life and pursuits* will be held at Hereford in May. It will feature talks on archery, *jousting* and a paper by Margot Miller on *Edward Mortimer*, and Tim Hoverd will be leading a walk to Moccas deer park.

Leominster Historical Society

All visits planned for the summer have been circulated to members. The 2017 programme of speakers have been fixed. Talks this year will include Sylvia Pinches on *rural life* in April, and Tony Crowe on *Thomas Telford* in May. A co-sponsored talk with the Civic Society in the Leominster Festival on 31 May with Archie Miles talking about *'The British Oak'* through history.

Robin Thorndyke has two talks on Herefordshire's celebrated artist [Brian Hatton](#).

Meetings are held at Grange Court with new members joining the committee.

The complete programme can be accessed by *Googling* Leominster Historical Society UK.

Annual Archeological Symposium at HARC

Saturday 4 June – 2 sessions – either am or pm.

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL £5 inc. coffee/tea
from Herefordshire Archeology (Herefordshire Council)

Colwall & District History Group and

Victoria County History for Herefordshire

Fair - 18 June including Book & Ephemera & Postcards sale in aid of VCH Trust for Herefordshire. If you have any books etc. you would like to give outright or donate 50% of sale to VCH research currently concentrated at Bosbury, Colwall and Cradley, please contact valerie.goodbury@btopenworld.com

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Eaton Bishop History Group

'The Archeology of Eaton Camp – the bigger picture'

Talk by Keith Ray Thursday 21 April

7.30 pm Eaton Bishop Village Hall HR2 9QN All welcome, £4 at door, free refreshments

Come and find out about how excavations at Eaton Camp Iron Age fort relate to discoveries elsewhere in the county and beyond. This illustrated talk will appeal to anyone with an interest in the history and archaeology of Herefordshire and is a chance to find out the latest information about local sites such as Dorstone Hill. Keith Ray is the author of the brand new book

Archeology of Herefordshire: An Exploration from Logaston Press.

The talk will start after a very brief AGM. Enquiries to Tim Coleman 01981 250111

Fownhope Local History Group: *from FLHG Spring newsletter –*

The recent FLHG trip to HARC was very interesting. It is good to see how well our history is looked after – the whold of Herfefordshire open to view and study four days a week. The school log books from 1871, minutes of the WI and Parochiial Church Council and some Stone Brothers' (local builders) ledgers have been deposited at HARC. We plan to pass on more fragile documents to HARC, but we want to keep a strong community archive in the village, with display material, photographs, maps and the digital archive.

Forthcoming FLHG event: **23 April** walk with Tim Hoverd to look at Cherry Hill iron-age enclosure, field systems, dyke and site of old lime kilns.

Heritage Open Days in Herefordshire

All groups are invited to take part, and have their own local venues listed on an A5 flyer, and to go on the national NT Open Days website

Saturday 10 September to Sunday 11 September 2016

Herefordshire Council has teamed up with Hereford Civic Society and The Woolhope Club to promote Herefordshire Open Days (HODs) in 2016.

HODs is a weekend to encourage the opening of sites of historical interest not usually open to the public and encouraging sites that are normally open to the public to put on special events or waive their usual entrance fee. Herefordshire Council's Cultural Services is acting as a point of contact for anyone wishing to publicise their venue and event.

- ☒ The Civic Society is contacting venues around Hereford City and its environs as well as getting in touch with other civic societies around the county in order to compile a list of participating venues

- ☐ A general A5 flyer will publicise the weekend and direct visitors to the national website for details of the Herefordshire venues that will be open
- ☐ Herefordshire venues that would like to be listed on the national website can either register as an organiser themselves and enter their own information **or** they can send all their details to Sarah Chedzoy at Herefordshire Council 01432 260731 (Wed-Fri)

schedgzoy@herefordshire.gov.uk

- ☐ and she will put them onto the national website on their behalf. Sarah has a copy of all the information required by HODs. The deadline for this is 4th May

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Kings Caple Heritage Group

Kings Caple Heritage Group organised a very successful *heritage walk* around the village on Sunday 3rd April, led by local historian Heather Hurley with over forty people from Kings Caple and surrounding area. We walked around Penault, the old *British Lion* pub, old Fawley railway station and the ruins of Strangford railway bridge over the river Wye (*see picture left*).

Heather explained that the *British Lion* was built to serve the newly-inaugurated Hereford to Gloucester railway line in 1855, and how the bridge over the River Wye collapsed in 1947 and disaster was only avoided by the prompt action of two residents on their way home from the pub! Both the railway line and bridge fell victim to the Beeching cuts of 1964. The enjoyable walk ended with tea back at the Old School. We raised over £130 for the newly-formed Heritage Group which will enable us to start work on producing a brochure of village history and kitting out the newly-adopted telephone kiosk as an Information hub. More heritage walks are planned – so that we can learn the history of various other parts of Kings Caple. For further information regarding the Heritage Group please contact the Secretary on 01432 840964.

Hereford Civic Society

HCS meet mostly on third Thursdays at 7.00 for 7.30 at the Kindle Centre, Asda, Hereford HR2 7JE:

21 April - **'Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Canal Trust'** talk by Dick Skeet. Impressive commercial

venture almost lost in history – a vision becoming reality thanks to the H&G Canal Trust
19 May – Presentation by **Jason Hodges – reconstructive artist**: including artistic reconstruction of Hereford Castle including references to the *Magna Carta Song Story*.
16 June – ‘The emerging picture of **medieval Hereford**’ talk by local archaeologist P.J. Pikes
16 July – summer **outing to Newtown Powys**, visiting the Robert Owen museum, contemporary Art Gallery and Gregynog.
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September – **Open Heritage Days**: in conjunction with Woolhope Club. Details of locations and opening times to be announced. Contact David Fowler 01981, djbfowler@btopenworld.com

**The Ludlow Palmers present -
Window on a Parish – The Stained Glass of St Laurence,
Ludlow** *One day Conference, Saturday 25 June at St Laurence’s Church*
Tickets £50 including refreshments & lunch
<http://ludlowglass.eventbrite.co.uk>
info@ludlowpalmers.uk

**HLHS Autumn Meeting
at HARC
+ WORKSHOP ON ORAL HISTORY
led by Bill Laws
Saturday 15 October 2016**

Mortimer History Society Spring Conference 2016

*“Sport, culture & intrigue –
glimpses into medieval life”*

Saturday 14 May 9.30am – 5 pm

Lectures by eminent historians from Hull, Cardiff and Swansea Universities;
Tim Hoverd on Herefordshire deer parks,
followed on Sunday morning with a
visit to Moccas deer park.

Also short presentations by local MHS members - Philip Hume on the new Mortimer History Trail - On the trail of the Mortimers, and Margot Miller on *Edmund Mortimer’s Gap Year 1413-1414*, (see below) and dancing demo by Passamezzo Early Dance
Tickets Inc. lunch: £30

Details & booking: www.mortimerhistorysociety.org.uk

ON THE TRAIL OF THE MORTIMERS

Work to develop the Mortimer History Trail and local community involvement has progressed rapidly over the last few months. Logaston Press has published the trail as a booklet of 60-70 pages which will interweave the history of the Mortimer family with the locations, buildings and artefacts that provide a touchstone and connection to their exciting history. The Trail book will be launched in Ludlow in May - details coming soon. The trail will include quizzes and I-Spy trails to engage children and families. A number (7-12) of local primary schools are committed to developing curriculum content on the Mortimers for their local history studies, which means that 200+ children (and their parents and families) each year will find out more about the Mortimers and engage with the Trail.

'Edmund Mortimer's Gap Year 1413-1414'

Paper by Margot Miller (Mortimer History Society) on the journeys & sojourning of Edmund Mortimer, 5th Earl of March during 1413-14: the year between his release from Windsor Castle 1413, after 13 years of 'castle arrest', until 1415 when he went off to war in Normandy. Aged 22, Edmund Mortimer set off to spend 8 months travelling around the Mortimer estates, visiting abbeys and gambling at cards and cock-fighting, hunting with Prince Harry at Kenilworth Castle, spending Christmas 1413 at Eltham Palace. Based on a transcription in Latin from the Egerton Roll of Household Accounts in the British Library Harley Collection: 52pp full colour booklet, £5 + p&p for more details/order, email - margotmiller@live.co.uk

NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND

HEREFORDSHIRE & NEIGHBOURING COUNTIES

Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 MAY

This year 6 mills will be grinding corn in this area,
2 in Herefordshire, 2 in Worcestershire,
1 in Shropshire & 1 in Powys.
16 waterwheels will be turning.

Mordiford Mill

HEREFORDSHIRE - OPEN ON SATURDAY ONLY

Pontynys Mill, Longtown HR2 0LU NGR: SO326288

10.00-4.30 Donations (*to British Heart Foundation*). Limited parking, 400 yards N of Crown Inn, Longtown, 1st turn left off road to Ewyas Harold; entrance on left. Extra parking on road near the bridge. A complete corn mill with large high-breast waterwheel and 4 pairs of stones, iron machinery with horizontal shaft.

Clenchers Mill, Eastnor HR8 1RR NGR: SO731351

10.30-12.30 Free entry. Limited parking at ford, 100 yards away. 1½ miles South of Eastnor church, own Clenchers Mill Lane. 18th century timber-framed mill of Eastnor Castle Estate with restored water supply and working 1820 iron overshot waterwheel - one of the oldest in the county. Machinery of wood & iron drives a pair of millstones. The mill will be working at 11.00-11.45

Rowlestone Mill, near Ewyas Harold HR2 0DP NGR: SO370270

10.00-6.00 Donations. Parking at village hall (by church) or in field near mill (weather permitting).

Refreshments. The external overshot waterwheel will be turning, driving a Victorian apple scatter. Dramatic leat to mill from waterfall.

Home Farm, Dulas HR2 OHJ NGR: SO377294

2.00-5.00 Donations. Parking, ¼ mile NW of Ewyas Harold, on road to Longtown. A complete farm waterwheel, with drive to barn machinery and millstones, dating from the 1860s. A rare survival.

Fair Oak Farm, Bacton HR2 OAT NGR: SO354321

2.00-6.00 Donations (to *Laurie Engel Fund for Birmingham Children's Hospital*) Limited parking. From Bacton church continue up hill for about a mile. At the T-junction the drive to the farm is straight ahead. Traditional horse-worked cider mill and press, still in original setting in barn, recently fully restored to working condition. In the autumn of 2014 and 2015 the mill was again worked by a horse, after a gap of a hundred years. The cider makers will be racking *Fair Oak* cider made last year, which will be available for tasting, and mature cider will be available to buy.

HEREFORDSHIRE OPEN ON SUNDAY ONLY

Arrow Mill, Kingsland HR6 9AT NGR: SO437587

10.00-3.00 Free entry. Parking. At Arrow Green, 1½ miles S of Kingsland; entrance on W side of A4110 road, just N of bridge over River Arrow. A large 17th century building with a low breast-shot waterwheel – which will be turning. 19th cent. machinery, mostly of iron, and 3 pairs of stones. Special features are a machine for beating out clover seeds, and the drive to it, the original beaten-earth ground floor, old flour dresser, and an internal hop kiln. A very special mill - the waterwheel will be turning.

Hergest Mill, Kington HR5 3EL NGR: SO288561

10.00-6.00 Free entry. Limited parking. ½ mile down Hergest Road from Kington church. 18th cent. building on ancient site with some later iron machinery to 4 pairs of stones. The two overshot wheels, the water supply, and the ancillary machines have all gone. Two sets of impressive machinery.

Olchon House Farm Mill, Llanveynoe, nr. Longtown HR2 ONT NGR: SO307299

11.00-5.00 Donations (to *Llanveynoe church*) Parking. Tea available. Take the Craswall road from Longtown and turn left into the Olchon valley. After crossing the Olchon Brook, turn right. The mill is the first building on the right. Farm mill with overshot waterwheel and ring gear for millstones and barn machinery. Recently restored, mill will be grinding corn at intervals during the afternoon.

The Corn Mill, Michaelchurch Escley HR2 OJS NGR: SO315345

12.00-5.00. Donations (*Save the Children*). Limited parking, ¼ mile NW of Michaelchurch Escley church; where the Vowchurch road crosses the Escley Brook. A house conversion, but the main, mostly iron, machinery on the ground floor has been restored. The interior iron overshot waterwheel will be turning.

Crowards Mill, Eyton HR6 0AD NGR: SO487604

2.00-5.00 Donations. Limited parking outside property. From Leominster take B4361 road towards Ludlow. Within ¼ mile turn left towards Eyton. Crowards Mill is the 1st building on left. Take track on left before mill. Park neatly along side of track. Converted mill with outside waterwheel; attractive garden. Accompanied access to internal machinery by request.

Yarpole Mill_HR6 0BB NGR: SO470649

2.00-5.00 Free entry. Limited parking. In Yarpole village, NE of church, access via drive to Church House. Wellington boots required for crossing stream. Disused corn mill, stripped of waterwheel and much of machinery but otherwise unaltered. Impressive earthworks of former millpond and some 18th century gear in mill.

Archer's Mill (Beanhouse Mill), now The Clover Mill Spa Retreat, Cradley

WR13 5NR NGR: SO732488

2.00-6.00 Free entry. Parking. Refreshments & cakes available. Take the northward turning of the A4103 (Hereford-Worcester road), half a mile E of Stony Cross. After half a mile bear left, cross the stream, and turn left again along a track to the mill.

Late 19th cent corn mill, complete with waterwheel & 3 pairs of stones. Older generation of mill alongside is now house. Impressive building with waterwheel & machinery.

Newchurch Mill, Kinnersley HR3 6QQ NGR: SO353506, 3.00 Guided walk across fields from Newchurch Farm by owner (approx. 500yds. each way). Free entry. Parking. From Kinnersley take the A4112 road towards Leominster for 1 mile. Turn left towards Logaston and Woonton and the yard of Newchurch Farm is within ½ mile on the right hand side. Ruins of mill with millstones and fine early Kington-made overshot waterwheel formerly fed by large pond. Guided walk at 3.00pm only

HEREFORDSHIRE OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Court of Noke Mill, nr. Staunton on Arrow HR6 9HW NGR: SO372595

10.00.-4.00 Donations (*Staunton church*). Parking. N side of road, halfway between Shobdon and Lyonshall. Turn into lane on W side of house. Large car park within 50 yards on r.h.s. Visitors may also walk round the water gardens. These fed the waterwheel, which ground corn for prize Hereford cattle. The 19th century low breast-shot waterwheel and complex iron gear drove barn machinery and a pair of millstones. The waterwheel is being restored.

Staunton Mill, Staunton on Arrow HR6 9HR NGR: SO369599

10.00-5.00 Donations (*Staunton church repairs*). Limited parking. Down hill from church. Once part of scheme of corn milling & irrigation. 18th century mill with mostly iron machinery. Two overshot waterwheels, each drove two pairs of stones. A fine mill with two sets of interesting machinery.

Mordiford Mill HR1 4LW NGR: SO572372 (*see picture above*)

10.00-5.00 Free entry (*Donations welcome towards restoration*). Parking at rear. Do not park in yard in front of mill. Access is off B4224, 100 yards S of mill, on S side of Mordiford village. A tall stone corn mill on a steep site. The large overshot waterwheel drove iron machinery & 2 pairs of stones. Being restored to working condition. At present, no water supply; waterwheel under restoration.

Clodock Mill, near Longtown HR2 0PD NGR: SO326273

Sat. 10.30-5.00; Sun. 2.00-5.00 Donations (*Air Ambulance*). Parking. Snacks available on Sat. & tea/coffee on Sun. Entrance by W side of bridge over River Monnow near Clodock church. Corn mill in lovely situation with mostly iron machinery; two pairs of stones. Nearby is a separate turbine, formerly generating electricity. The large breast-shot waterwheel has been repaired recently, and mill will be grinding during the weekend.

SHROPSHIRE OPEN ON SUNDAY ONLY

Rockhill Mill Greete SY8 3BT NGR: SO571721 .

Charlcombe Iron Furnace, Neenton WV16 6RR NGR: SO639861

Wrickton Mill, Neenton WV16 6RS NGR: SO642858

Clun Youth Hostel, Clun SY7 8NY NGR: SO304813

SHROPSHIRE OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

The Mill on the Green, Ludlow SY8 1EG NGR: SO507745

Daniel's Mill, Bridgnorth WV16 5JL NGR: SO718918

POWYS OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Talgarth Mill LD3 0BW NGR: SO155537

Consortium to prepare Hereford's bid to be City of Culture 2021 –

a year-long festival and programme to celebrate all aspects of culture and life across the county. Nine working groups are planned to prepare particular strands of the programme, including one concentrating on **Heritage & Architecture**. The Heritage & Architecture Working Group is being chaired by the Dean Michael Tavinor and Dave Marshall, (Cider Museum). Representatives from all groups are invited to a meeting to set up a steering committee - 1830 to 2030 at College Hall, Cathedral Cloisters. Contact: Dave Marshall on damagelimited@btinternet.com

Canary Girls

First World War Commemoration - the Home Front

The Herefordshire First World War Commemoration Committee was established to encourage and coordinate projects across the County to remember the conflict and its consequences. In each year up to 2019 the Committee is encouraging events to recognise some of the momentous events in every year

You may know that 2017 been designated nationally as the year in which to commemorate the commitment, hard work and sacrifices of the civilian population of the United Kingdom which contributed substantially to the eventual victory of the First World War in 1918.

In Herefordshire the First World War Commemoration Coordination Committee, has decided to highlight the mainly unrecognised but vital role played by the family between 1914 and 1918 and particularly in 1917 when conscription, rationing and many shortages called for extraordinary efforts to be made by everyone. Now, a small Working Group has been formed to coordinate, publicise and encourage local events and involve communities and groups across the County to become involved in 2017 and commemorate events

under the title of "The Family at War".

As a first step the Working Group intends to hold an open day at the Hereford Archive and Record Centre at Rotherwas on Saturday 7th May between 11am and 4pm. At this event it is proposed to have a programme of presentations, displays and also information to help everyone with developing their own events. A wealth of material, records and resources are available locally to help everyone and the members of the Working Group will be present to assist with advice on how to get started. Advice around possible sources of funding for community projects will also be available on the day.

It would be valuable if the contributions of the whole "Family at War" became better known and understood and to remember how much was done by so many people away from the high seas, the battlefields and in the air to win the First World War. Also, to recognise the lasting impact this has had right down to the present day. The Committee considers it is an important opportunity to be part of a project to recognise the values of family and community.

Yours sincerely,

Lady Darnley Councillor B. Wilcox
Lord Lieutenant/Chairman of Herefordshire Council

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