

# HLHS HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES

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*Re-Enactment of Battle of Mortimers Cross 1461  
9 and 10 September – Saturday & Sunday - Croft Castle NT*

## ***Closing day for news & events for January 2018 HLHS emailing - Friday 15 December 2017***

In this emailing: HARC events; Rotherwas Royal Ordnance Project & Kate Adie at the Courtyard Theatre; *River Voices* – oral history from the banks of the Wye; Shire Hall Centenary; Herefordshire Heritage Open Days; Rotherwas Chapel; Michaelchurch Court, St Owens Cross; Ashperton Heritage Trail; h.Art church exhibitions – Llangarron, Kings Cople & Hoarwithy; Mortimer History Society Symposium; Wigmore Centre public meeting; Re-Enactment of Battle of Mortimers Cross, Ross Walking Festival; WEA Autumn Courses, Hentland Conservation Project, Hereford Cathedral Library lectures and Cathedral Magna Carta exhibition; Woolhope Club visits; The Master's House, Ledbury; Autumn programmes from history group - Bromyard, Eaton Bishop, Fownhope, Garway, Leominster, Longtown, Ross-on-Wye; David Garrick Anniversary Study Day at Hereford Museum Resource & Learning Centre, Friar Street.

### **HARC EVENTS SEPTEMBER to NOVEMBER 2017**

HARC, Fir Tree Lane, HR2 6LA, archives@herefordshire.gov.uk 01432.260750

**Booking: to reserve a place, all bookings in advance by email, phone or post**

**Brochure of all upcoming events available by email or snail mail**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September:	Rhys Griffith on <i>Unearthing your Herefordshire Roots</i> - a beginners guide on how to research your family history. 10.30-11.30am £6
Friday 15 September:	Philip Bouchier – <i>Behind the Scenes</i> Tour 2-3pm £6
Monday 25 September:	Philip Bouchier – <i>Discovering the records of Hereford Diocese</i> 10.30am-12.30pm £9.60
Wednesday 27 September:	Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe - <i>Anno Domini: an instruction to dating systems in archival documents.</i> 10am-12pm £9.60
Saturday 14 October:	Frankie Farrell – <i>Dating Photographs</i> 2-4pm £9.60
Monday 16 October:	Philip Bouchier – <i>House History</i> 10-11am
Monday 23 October:	Marcus Buffey - <i>Getting Started with Ancestry Library Edition</i> 1-3pm
Tuesday 31 October:	Liz Bowerman – <i>Archive Conservation</i> at HARC 10am-12pm £9.60
Tuesday 31 October:	Liz Bowerman- <i>Tour of archive conservation facilities</i> 12.15-12.45pm £2.50
Monday 20 November:	Richard Wade - <i>Finding your way around Herefordshire maps</i> 10.30-12.30pm £9.60
Wednesday 22 November:	Philip Bouchier – <i>Behind the Scenes</i> Tour 2-3pm

# ROTHERWAS ROYAL ORDNANCE PROJECT

## Remembering, Researching, Recording

The RoF Project ends in September. The project was joined by BBC Hereford & Worcester's Campaign to gain national recognition for the forgotten people of World War One and Two – the munitions workers. In July a service of commemoration was held in Rotherwas to honour the dozens of people killed and injured 75 years ago when the munitions factory was bombed – the biggest loss of life in Herefordshire during the 2<sup>nd</sup> WW. The names of many women and men who worked at Rotherwas and were killed, injured and suffered ill health there, remain to be recorded. BBC Hereford & Worcester are asking for their names to be released. At the Herefordshire Country Fair, in August the surviving munitions workers were honoured and presented with a special medal.

Also - see below for details of Kate Adie on women in wartime at the Courtyard Theatre on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

On Saturday 9 September, the Rotherwas RoF officer will be leading two guided walks around the RoF munitions sites: Walk 1 meets at HARC at 10am, or Walk 2: meet at HARC 2pm. Free, but book a space – call 01432 260750 or email [archives@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:archives@herefordshire.gov.uk). Part of the Herefordshire Heritage Open Days programme – see below. Rotherwas Chapel and HARC will also be open during Saturday afternoon 9 September.

## **RIVER VOICES: oral history, stories of Herefordshire from the banks of the River Wye**

With a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Bill Laws has organised this project, and Marsha O'Mahony is interviewing local people and recording their stories of life on the river bank.

Contact: Marsha on [rivervoices@gmail.com](mailto:rivervoices@gmail.com) For example .....

Picture right: Left, Joe Mote - *Aramstone* groom & gardener and right, Tom Galliers – *Aramstone* game keeper who both acted as gillies for John Wyndham Smith's and his daughter Barbara Williams' fishing adventures. Tom Galliers and his family lived in the cottage by Carey Railway Bridge on the Kings Caple side of the Wye. Tom's only son Charles was killed whilst serving in the Royal Navy in 1940. All through the war, Mrs Galliers worked in the Rotherwas munitions factory.

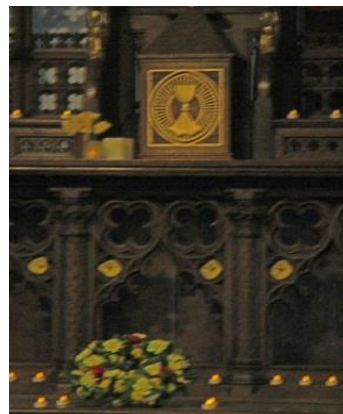
## Herefordshire Museum Support Group

[herefordmuseumgroup@gmail.com](mailto:herefordmuseumgroup@gmail.com)

[herefordmuseumservice@gmail.com](mailto:herefordmuseumservice@gmail.com)

[culturalvolunteering@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:culturalvolunteering@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Find out more about helping the Museums Service.



*Remembrance Day 2016  
at Rotherwas Chapel -  
remembering those  
who lost their lives  
at Rotherwas  
munitions factories*



## *ROTHERWAS Royal Ordnance Project*

KATE ADIE

### **'Rotherwas, Women and War'**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford

7.30pm

Tickets - £15 full price, £12 concession

We are privileged to host Kate Adie for an evening talking about women and war, from her publication *"Fighting on the Home Front, the legacy of women in WW1"*.

Kate will also be signing copies of her books.

This event is the culmination of a 2-year Heritage Lottery funded project honouring the contribution of the women who worked at the munitions factory in Rotherwas, Hereford. More details and booking:

01432.340555 or check

[www.courtyard.org.uk/rotherwasrofpject](http://www.courtyard.org.uk/rotherwasrofpject)



### ***Shire Hall Hereford – celebrations - part of the Herefordshire Heritage Open Days***

*David Henry Friston illustration of Trial by Jury 1865 Two performances of  
Gilbert & Sullivan's Trial by Jury will be performed at Shire Hall on Saturday 9 September, 5pm and 7pm*

## **HEREFORD SHIRE HALL - Saturday 9 September**

Celebrating 200 years of the Shire Hall and the first assize held there in August 1817 –

**a day of exhibitions, tours and talks** by Rhys Griffith, HARC senior archivist and Judge Pearce-Higgins QC.

Whilst the death penalty was passed long before Judge Pearce-Higgins began sitting as a judge, he has for the past 13 years sat frequently in the Crown Court, where the S-shaped hook for the 'Black Cap' is still in place next to the judge's chair.

As part of Heritage Open Days, the Black and White House Museum will also be opening up its basement containing the impressive room safe once used as a bank, on September 9 from 10am to 4pm.

At 4pm on 9 September, Lady Darnley Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire will unveil a plaque at Shire Hall to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. During the Saturday evening (9 Sep), the Hereford Gilbert & Sullivan Operatic Society will give two performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's ***Trial by Jury*** in the historic Crown Court of Shire Hall - at 5pm and 7pm. Tickets £5 from the Black & White Museum and from HARC, Rotherwas.



## **ROTHERWAS CHAPEL** - Chapel Road, Hereford HR2 6LD

In June the **Friends of Rotherwas Chapel** completed their first year of collaboration with *English Heritage*, successfully helping to care for the lovely chapel, and welcomed nearly 600 visitors and held several events - a service on Assumption Day, a requiem mass for Henry Bodenham killed at the battle of the Somme in September 1916, open afternoon for Heritage Days, Remembrance of munitions factory workers, Christmas carols and readings, and Spring open afternoon. This year a mass was held on the eve of Assumption Day, and the Chapel will again be open as part of the Heritage Days programme on



**Saturday 9 September** 2 – 4pm, along with nearby HARC and the two RoF walks around the Rotherwas munitions factories. For more Rotherwas Chapel details see page on *English Heritage* website; Friends of Rotherwas Chapel email: rotherwaschapel@gmail.com

## **MORTIMER HISTORY SOCIETY** & OTHER 'MEDIEVAL' EVENTS

### **Saturday 7th October MHS AUTUMN SYMPOSIUM**

**In Oscars, Ludlow Assembly Rooms. 9.30-4.00 Members £12; Non-members £15**

Following last year's successful innovation we are again presenting a fascinating collection of talks on a wide range of subjects, both local and national but with a strong Mortimer and Marches flavour. This day of talks will be suitable for the anyone with an interest in medieval history. Lecture titles are:

Networking the March: A History of Hereford and its Region from 11th to 13th centuries

A Foreign Exchange: English Royal Marriage in the 12th Century

The Production of a Medieval Bestseller: The Prose Brut

Isabella of France: The Rebel Queen

Sir Thomas, the Mortimer Bastard

***See names of speakers and all details on MHS website:  
[mortimerhistorysociety.org.uk](http://mortimerhistorysociety.org.uk)***

### **Saturday 2nd September - Launch of the new Heritage Trail at Ashperton, Herefordshire**

Ashperton castle was the home of the Grandison family in the 13th century and Peter de Grandison was the husband of Blanche Mortimer, youngest daughter of Roger Mortimer, 1st Earl of March who is buried at Much Marcle nearby. Guided tours lasting about two hours will leave from Ashperton Church, where refreshments are available, at 10.30 am and 4.30 pm and include the site of the castle.

### **Saturday 9th September - Public Meeting about the Wigmore Centre Project**

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded the Wigmore Centre Community Interest Company an initial grant of £170,000 to prepare a detailed grant application to conserve and develop the use of the Mortimer church of St James, in Wigmore. This meeting is an opportunity to hear about the latest proposals and to learn of the progress made so far. For more information on website: [www.thewigmorecentre.org](http://www.thewigmorecentre.org)

**The meeting is at 12.00 in Wigmore Village Hall, Ford Street HR6 9UW.** It is free and everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be served including canapés and a glass of wine.

### **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September 2017 - Re-enactment of the Battle of Mortimer's Cross 1461**

Soon after the untimely death of Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York at the battle of Wakefield, his 18-year-old son Edward met and defeated a Welsh army under Jasper and Owen Tudor, who were moving east to support the Lancastrian king Henry VI. The battle of Mortimer's Cross proved a turning point in the Wars of the Roses and within a few weeks Edward was proclaimed king in London as Edward IV - thie first Yorkist king. The event takes place at Croft Castle, the National Trust property near Mortimer's Cross. It runs from 10.00 to 17.00 on both days. Normal National Trust entry fees apply. NT members free.



**9 – 17 September:**

**Exhibitions in local churches:**

**See the h.Art website**

No.70 Llangarron – **The Garron Centre**, 07429 059273

10 artists, demonstrations, Community C afe

No.72 **The St John's Five** – artists at St John the Baptist

No.77 **Artists at St Catherines** – all kinds of art works at  
St Catherine's Church, Hoarwithy, 01989 769591

## **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS IN HEREFORDSHIRE**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**See [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) for all details – times, days, directions ...**

Bartestree – on the edge of Hereford, Longworth Chapel HR1 4DX

Belmont Abbey, on the other edge of Hereford

Berrington Hall, nr. Leominster – home of Herefordshire's  
collection of 18<sup>th</sup> century dresses

Brinsop – St George's medieval church bells

Brockhampton Estate, Brigsty, Bromyard

Battle of Mortimers Cross at Croft Castle (National Trust) nr. Yarpole

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September 2017

Re-enactment of the Battle of Mortimer's Cross 1461

Clifford Castle – east of Hay-on-Wye

Clodock Mill, Longtown

Eastnor Castle, nr Ledbury

**HEREFORD:** Black & White House; Hereford Cider Museum; Hereford Guided Walking Tours from the Old House, High Town; Herefordshire Light Infantry Museum, Hanold Street, Hereford; Quaker Meeting House; Shire Hall, – bi-centenary and 1st assize, 2 performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's **Trial by Jury** on Saturday 9 September at 5pm and 7pm.

Judge's Lodging, Presteigne

Ledbury - Market House; The Master's House ([ledburylibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ledburylibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk))

**LEOMINSTER:** Leominster Priory; Leominster Museum, Etnam Street; The 12<sup>th</sup> century Forbury Chapel, Church Street; Grange Court; Stretford, Leominster – talks, tours, music at the St Cosmos & St Damian churches.

## Heritage Open Day at **Michaelchurch Court**

St Owens Cross, Hereford HR2 8LD  
John & Kathy Handby  
with help from Ross Civic Society  
Sunday 10 September 2-5pm



Michaelchurch Court is a former farmhouse dating from the early 17<sup>th</sup> century which was once the centre of a thriving farm and local community as part of the Guy's Hospital estate. Visitors will be able to access the ground floor of the house and 2 acres of gardens. There will be a small exhibition in the granary highlighting the history of the farm with archive maps, plans & photographs. The nearby church of St Michael is also available to view. Nearly 1,000 years old and said to be founded by Bishop Herwald of Llandaff in 1056. The church has a Roman altar built into a blocked doorway and 13<sup>th</sup> century wall paintings.

## **WEA Hereford Branch - Autumn 2017 courses**

Contact: Rosemary Athay 17 Worcester Road, Ledbury HR8 1PL 01531 634460

Email: herefordbranch@wea.org.uk

### ***Turning Memories into Memoirs:*** with Gill Powell

Short Course of 2 sessions, **Wednesday 18 October and Wednesday 1 November**

10:00-12:30pm £22.00 for the 2 sessions

Venue: Herefordshire Archives and Records Centre (HARC), Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas, Hereford, HR2 6LA. Your memories are a precious part of your life. Learn how to transform them onto the page for the enjoyment (and possibly enlightenment!) of your friends and family. This course is suitable for beginners, or for those who attended the previous course and wish to be reminded of tips in memoir writing. Be prepared to write and share your stories. Numbers are limited so advance booking is essential.

### ***North American Art of the Native Indians and Afro-Americans:*** with Jill Salmons

From Monday 2 October 10.30 - 12.30pm £60.00 8 weekly sessions

Venue: Saxon Hall, Hoarwithy Road, Hereford, HR2 6HE

***The Other American Dream:*** This course will highlight the art of other Americans – the exciting diversity of Afro American, Native Indian and Hispanic artists whose work from the eighteenth century to the present day reflects their religious, political and cultural identity in powerful and often surprising ways.

### ***Paintings in 17th Century Europe: Narrative and Domestic:*** with Allen Fisher

**From** Tuesday 3 October 10.30 - 12.30pm £52.50 7 weekly sessions

Venue: Kindle Centre, ASDA, Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7JE

This course makes close-views of 17th Century paintings by Rubens, Poussin, Velazquez, Rembrandt, Vermeer and Ruysch.

### ***The Development of Standard Gauge Railways in South Wales & The Borders:***

with Gareth Calan Davies Tues 31/10/17 10.30 - 12.30pm £37.50 5 weekly sessions

Venue: Kindle Centre, ASDA, Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7JE

This course will follow the Development of South Wales' railways from the early tramways to the 1920s. We will examine the railways of Newport, Monmouthshire Valleys and South Borders, Cardiff and the mid-Glamorgan Valleys, of Port Talbot, Neath, Swansea and West Glamorgan Valleys.

## Hereford WEA Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 18th October 2017, 7.00 pm.

at The Kindle Centre, ASDA, Belmont Road, Hereford, HR2 7JE

Guest Speaker: **Samantha Craig**

### **'The Marden Bell'**

Samantha who, until recently, worked as a collections officer in Herefordshire Museums Service at Friar Street will talk about the Marden Bell. She was involved in the Herefordshire "Take One Object" project inspired by Neil McGregor's radio talks about 100 objects from the British Museum. The Marden Bell leads us into the early history of Herefordshire. No charge, all welcome. There will be light refreshments

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## WEA Ledbury Branch – Autumn Term 2017

Contact Wendy Hill, Vine House, 16 New Street, Ledbury HR82DX 01531 634333 [ledburywea@gmail.com](mailto:ledburywea@gmail.com)

Study Days and Term Visits:

**Abbeys and Priors of the Welsh Border** - with Tim Bridges

Monday 16 October, and Saturday 21 October (2<sup>nd</sup> visit to be confirmed) 7.30pm - 1 session + 2 visits £30

Venue: Trinity Parish Room, 20 New Street, Ledbury HR8 2EE

**Barons, Knights and Peasants: Herefordshire in the Early Middle Ages from 1100-1300AD**

with David Whitehead. Tuesday 10 October 2-4pm 7 sessions £52.50

Venue: Trinity Parish Room, 20 New Street, Ledbury HR8 2EE

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## RE-IMAGINING THE LAWS OF ENGLAND

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## EXHIBITION AT HARC

Magna Carta through bookarts, textiles and paintings - in conjunction with the Sidney Nolan Trust, Apple Store Gallery and textile groups across the country

**5 September to 24 November**

(See workshops below)

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## Hereford Cathedral Lecture

**12 September 7pm**

**Dr John Langton, University of Oxford**

**1217 and All That: The Forest Charter & the Landscape**

Details on Hereford Cathedral Library website



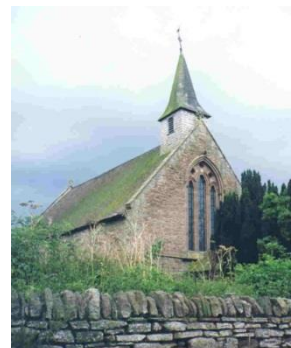
## WOOLHOPE CLUB

**Monday 4 September** Visit to the great *Benedictine Monasteries at Evesham & Pershore* led by Janet Cooper. Details and bookings: Sue Olver 01432 761693

### **June Visit to Aconbury Church with Woolhope Club**

Aconbury Church has been bought by the Duchy of Cornwall and added to HRH Prince Charles' Herefordshire estates which stretch from Harewood to the south of Hereford, which includes the Guy's estate bought in 2000 (previously owned by the shoe magnate Charles Clore). The Duchy has bought the church, and ultimately intend to conserve the remains of this very broken-down historic church, and create a building that will allow visitors as well as being let to arts and crafts people. Some excavation work will be done when drainage and dampness are examined, and perhaps one day, there will be further archeological work to learn more about the buildings of the medieval priory which stood beside the church for two centuries.

*If you would like to have a copy of a 3 page report of the visit to Aconbury Church in June, please email [margotmiller@live.co.uk](mailto:margotmiller@live.co.uk)*



## BROMYARD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**Wednesday 13 September** at the Conquest Theatre, Bromyard 7.30pm

Talk by Justin Soper - *The Battle of Worcester 1651*

Join King Charles II on his march south to try to reclaim his kingdom, relive the battle at Worcester and the king's ultimate flight north through Shropshire to that famous oak tree at Boscomb House.

**Wednesday 11 October** 7.30pm Conquest Theatre David Vaughan talk on *Interesting Herefordshire Buildings*. Visitors £3 Details: [bromyardhistory@btconnect.com](mailto:bromyardhistory@btconnect.com) or website

**Wednesday 18 October** AGM 7.30 at Bromyard Local & Family History Centre, 5 Sherford St.

**Wednesday 8 November** 7.30pm Conquest Theatre, Amanda Huntley with archive films of Herefordshire.

## LEOMINSTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Thursday 7th September** - All Day Coach Visit to **Gloucester Docks**

**Wednesday 18th October** - *Victorian Portents of Death*

**Wednesday 15th November** - AGM and **Hereford and Gloucester Canal** history

All talks start at 7.30 pm and are held at Grange Court Leominster (above), LHS Members free and visitors welcome at £3 on the door. All visits must be pre-booked with payment as numbers are restricted. Members from other Historical Societies are very welcome at our meetings.



## CONSERVATION PROJECT

### ST DUBRICIUS' CHURCH, HENTLAND

There will be a coffee morning held at Dason Court, Hentland HR9 6LW at 10.30am on **Thursday 14 September** to hear about the *conservation project at St Dubricius Church, Hentland*, asking for volunteer help.

Heather Hurley & Robin Symonds [heather.hurley@btconnect.com](mailto:heather.hurley@btconnect.com)



**The church of Saint Dubricius, Hentland**, in common with many Anglican churches with medieval origins, had fallen into disrepair at the end of the C18th, but by the middle of the C19th, the happy combination of a revival of belief and the presence of a wealthy incumbent brought about the complete redecoration of the interior. The most spectacular element of this redecoration was the scheme of painted plaster in the chancel, now much faded, and fragile to the point where it is starting to crumble and fall off. The timing of the work is dictated by the presence of three species of bat roosting and perhaps breeding in the church, and as bats are a protected species under European law, we can carry out



the external work in September and October this year, but can only work on the interior from Spring next year. To allow the decorated plaster to be worked on in the chancel, it will be necessary to remove the fine two-manual J W Walker organ, installed in 1869 which will provide an opportunity to restore the instrument to full working order. The cost of the project, now fully funded, will be something over £200,000, 67% of which has been accepted by the Heritage Lottery Fund, with the balance found from other sources. It is a requirement of Heritage Lottery that there should be community involvement and that the church and the project should be publicised to the wider public by a range of planned activities. It is not difficult to understand this requirement when the number of those actually worshipping in the church on a regular basis is only sixteen, but it is for us to secure the church for future generations to enjoy. We are inviting you in the hope that you will be interested in helping to realise this aim by volunteering to take part in one of the topics we have identified, including social media, oral history, research, graphics and training as guides.

## FOWNHOPE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**Friday, 15 September** 7.30pm at Fownhope Memorial Hall

Duncan James will talk on ***"Timber-framed Buildings: Recent discoveries in and around Herefordshire"***.

**Friday 17 November** 7.30pm Fownhope Memorial Hall

Liz Bowerman (HARC) on ***Holding back the Years*** – document conservation.

Members free, visitors welcome £2 Tea & coffee available



*Much Cowarne*

Copies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> volume of local story ***Fownhope Beyond Memory*** will be on sale - price £12

Further information from Chris Lansberry 01432 860 733 or christopher-j-lansberry@hotmail.co.uk

## LONGTOWN & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Monday 4 September** ***Rowland Vaughan of Turnastone, the man who drowned the meadows***

– talk by Professor Steven Edwards 7.30 Longtown Village Hall

**Saturday 16 September** ..... **CASTLES PROJECT CELEBRATION** - Pageant, music and re-enactment on the Castle Green, Longtown

**Saturday 23 September** ..... **VISIT AND TALK** by Pat Griffiths and Rev Dr Jean Prosser MBE

***White Castle & Cross Ash area – Rescuing curious and ancient places in SE Monmouthshire: the work of the Village Alive Trust.***

1.30pm Talk in Croft Barn followed by afternoon of visits to historic buildings.

**Monday 2 October**, at Longtown Village Hall 7.30pm Talk by James Bisset on ***Apple and Orchard History in Herefordshire*** and the part played by our unsung horticultural hero Thomas Andrew Knight (1769-1838) author of the *Pomona Herefordiensis*.

**Monday 6 November** talk by Tim Bridges ***The Glory of our local churches in art and architecture.*** 7.30pm at Longworth Village Hall Contact for details: Jeremy Milln, Secretary of L&DHS Jeremy.milln@gmail.com

## GARWAY HERITAGE GROUP

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from September to April 7.30pm at Garway Village Hall, free to members, £4 to visitors including refreshments at the end of meeting.

Contact: Sue Hughes on appleton.hughes@waitrose.com or GHG website

www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

**Tuesday 19 September**, 7.30pm Talk by Christopher Over on ***Rotherwas House, Park & Chapel***

**Tuesday 17 October** 7.30pm David Vaughan on ***'The Little Book of Hereford'***

published by the History Press 2016, ISBN 978 0 7509 6628 3

**Tuesday 21 November** 7.30pm Tim Ryan on ***'The Severn Ferry Crossing at Aust'***

## EATON BISHOP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

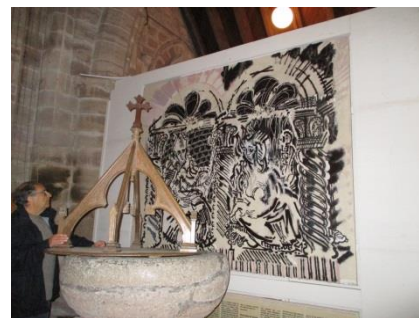
**Thursday 21 September** at Eaton Bishop Village Hall 7.30pm

Talk by Margot Miller on ***St Dubricius – Celtic Saint of Herefordshire***

Free to members, visitors £4 to include refreshments. All welcome.

Contact: Caroline Hanks 01981 250239

*Right picture: Ed Kelly's painting of the legendary birth of St Dyfrig/Dubricius at Madley Church*



## MAGNA CARTA BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP AT HARC

**Friday 29 September** 9.30am – 4.00pm **Bookmaking Workshop** at HARC with Emily England

Make your own little concertina book about the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charter of the Forest and the Magna Carta, and see the Re-imagining exhibition. £50 including materials

**FELT MAKING AROUND AN OBJECT WORKSHOP AT HARC** with Mary Roberts

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** £18 including materials Booking: HARC 01432 260750 or website

## ROSS-ON-WYE & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

**Wednesday 11 October** at Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye, 7.30pm

Talk by Andrew Nixon of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust on ***the Lugg Meadows***

**Wednesday 8 November** at Larruperz Centre, 7.30pm AGM

and talk by Margot Miller on ***Medieval Life at Goodrich Castle***.

Contact: [secretary@rosscivic.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rosscivic.org.uk) or website



## ROSS WALKING FESTIVAL

[www.rosswalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.rosswalkingfestival.co.uk)

**Friday 22 September – Sunday 24 September**

Eleven guided walks - 3 miles to 12 miles around Ross-on-Wye, up the river to Fownhope and Capler, down river to the Monnow valley and the Forest of Dean.



## DISCOVERING DAVID GARRICK with Dr Sylvia Pinches

Celebrating the 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF David Garrick's birth in Hereford

**Thursday 12 October** 10.30am – 1pm Study Day at Museum Resource

& Learning Centre, 58 Friar Street, Hereford HR4 01432 383383

[herefordmuseums@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:herefordmuseums@herefordshire.gov.uk) £8

Explore the Museum's collection of original David Garrick letters, ephemera and pictures with interpretation and presentation by Dr Pinches. Gain a fascinating insight into the public and private life of David Garrick, actor, producer, dilettante and family man.

## HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Magna Carta Exhibition until December 2017

**Saturday 11 November Day Conference**

**£25 [library@herefordcathedral.org](mailto:library@herefordcathedral.org)**



Hereford Cathedral has put its 1217 Magna Carta on display in a special exhibition now open and running to 31 December. 'Law, Life and Landscape' celebrates the 800th anniversary of the document, which forms the centre piece of the presentation in the cathedral library's exhibition gallery.

The 1217 Charter brought to an end a civil war in England that the more famous 1215 Charter had failed to conclude. It was the first to be called 'Magna' (Great), to distinguish it from the smaller Forest Charter published alongside it. The cathedral possesses one of only four surviving official copies of the 1217 Magna Carta. It is too fragile to be on permanent display, although it did go on a 37,000-mile world tour in 2015, when it was seen by 25,000 people. The Forest Charter which would have accompanied it is lost, but the cathedral is displaying a late 13th-century copy in the register of Bishop Richard Swinfield, kindly loaned by the Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre (HARC). The Charter of Liberties focused principally on the concerns of people of wealth, influence and power, but the Forest Charter touched the daily lives of ordinary people much more directly, reflecting their closeness to nature and the rhythms of the seasons.

Visitors to the 'Law, Life and Landscape' exhibition have the opportunity to sign the 2017 Charter for Trees, Woods and People, spearheaded by the Woodland Trust on behalf of more than 70 organisations, which will be officially launched on 6 November, to mark the 800th anniversary to the day of the 1217 Forest Charter.

In association with the exhibition there is a series of six evening lectures with outside speakers and on Saturday 11 November a conference, 'Hereford and the Magna Carta, 1217–2017' will be held at the cathedral. The set of calligraphic 'Flags of Freedom' banners, commissioned in 2015 from local artist Chris White to mark the 800th anniversary of the 1215 charter, have been rehung in the cathedral nave. They incorporate important clauses from the charter.

'Law, Life and Landscape' is shown within the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library exhibition space, from Monday 24 July to Saturday 30 December 2017, 10 am to 5 pm (last admission 4.30 pm). From 30 October it will close at 4 pm (last admission 3.30 pm). Normal admission charges apply.



## **HEREFORD CATHEDRAL LECTURE**

### ***'The Slow Journey on Women's Rights from Magna Carta to President Trump'***

**By Helena Kennedy, Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws QC**

**(organised with Amnesty International)**

**Tuesday 23 November – Hereford Cathedral 7pm**

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