

# Programme of events



Friends of  
Worcestershire  
Archives

2019

**MAY**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm

Social

## Annual General Meeting

Our year starts with our **Annual General Meeting**, and this year is a very special one as we're celebrating 40 years of the Friends of Worcestershire Archives. Business will be brief and will be followed by a **social evening**, with cake and drinks, and the opportunity to view a series of archive films.

**OCTOBER**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm

Talk

## The Finest Solar in Worcestershire

Discover 600 fascinating years of history about 31 High Street, Droitwich when local historian Lyn Blewitt delivers her illustrated talk on 'The Finest Solar in Worcestershire'. Dating from 1420, this part of the property is being restored to its medieval appearance. Based on recording during the restoration, together with documentary research, this talk brings to life the story of the building, its owners and occupants.

**NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
2.00pm

Talk

## Heavy Metal: The Sounds & Craftsmanship of Worcestershire's Church Bells

The bells will soon sound out tunefully across the county to announce Christmas. In this preview historian and Archivist Chris Pickford will draw upon archive evidence, images and sound recordings to tell the story of '**Heavy Metal: the Sounds and Craftsmanship of Worcestershire's Church Bells**'

2020

**FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm

Talk

## Worcester in 50 buildings

Join us for a revealing talk on some of our City's greatest architectural treasures. Archaeological Officer for Worcester City James Dinn will guide us through the history of some of the many fine buildings that have shaped the city, from its early origins and medieval buildings to more recent additions such as The Hive. The talk is based on his recently-published book, **Worcester in 50 Buildings**, copies of which will be available for sale at the discounted price of £13 (usually £15)

**MARCH**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
2.00pm

Talk

## Growing the Vale: memories & buildings of market gardening

Find out more about the 2 year Heritage Lottery Funded **Market Gardening Heritage Project**. Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service's Nina O'Hare will tell us more about the exciting work to re-discover the market gardeners' sheds (or 'hovels!') in the Vale of Evesham.



## Who are the Friends?

We are people who have found the Archive Service facilities useful and wish to show our gratitude in a practical way.

## What the Friends do?

We support the Archive Service in every way that we can, for example:

- Campaigning on its behalf
- Using our funds to help buy items such as equipment and archives that would otherwise go into private collections
- Helping to pay for repairs and conservation of fragile items to ensure their long-term use and preservation
- Providing a pool of potential volunteers to help with projects
- Hosting lectures and events throughout the year, highlighting the use of archives held in the Worcestershire collections

Find out more about the Friends with [our guide](#).

## Where?

All talks take place at The Hive, and light refreshments will be available. Booking is not essential, but please feel free to **contact us** if you would like to attend one of the talks or to find out more about **joining us**.

## How to get there?

**Getting to The Hive** is easy and well served by **public transport**. It is next to Worcester's main bus station (Crowngate), very close to Worcester's Foregate Street train station, and a short walk from Shrub Hill station. There are also a number of adjacent **car parks**.

The  
Hive

