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Dear Black Country Society Member,

Welcome to the first edition of our new, monthly, email newsletter:

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In the Bulletin we will provide details of up-coming BCS events you can attend in-person, as well as online presentations hosted by our new Virtual Heritage Group. We also hope to promote events run by other like-minded organisations in the region. So, if you're involved in a local group that might benefit from wider publicity, please get in touch with details of your future plans.

We hope the Black Country Bulletin will help you keep in touch with the BCS, and encourage you to become more involved in our activities.

All the very best,

Quintin Watt
Secretary: *The Black Country Society*



Our Forthcoming Black Country Society Attraction!



A Black Country Society Event

From Kate's Hill to California James Whale - "*The Father of Frankenstein*"

A Presentation by
Craig Denston



Non-members £2 –

7.30pm, Wednesday, 25 January 2023

At The Court House, New Street, Dudley, I

Black Country Society Virtual Heritage Group

During the pandemic, the 2021 ~Society AGM was held on line via Zoom. This was very much appreciated, particularly by those Society members that live at a distance and cannot easily get to face to face meetings. To follow up on this, the Society has formed a "Virtual Heritage Group", again using Zoom as the platform, which we hope many of our more distant or house bound members will be able to attend. In the first instance, while the capabilities of the technology are explored, we will be holding five meetings at roughly monthly intervals between February and June 2023.

The first event will be held on Wednesday February 8th at 7.30pm and is a talk by Chris Baker entitled *An Ecclesiastical Affair*. This presentation tells the story of events in the Black Country village of Pensnett in the 1860s and 1870s centred around the activities of its Anglican clergy, that caused a considerable scandal in the locality and led to a nationally reported libel trial.

Information on further events can be found on the website at <https://www.blackcountryrsociety.com/virtual-heritage-group> and will be advertised in this newsletter. The events will of course be free to all Society members who can register by sending a request for the Zoom link to societyblackcountry@gmail.com. **Please also include your address in the email.** Non-members will be able to register via the Society shop (for a small fee!) if there is sufficient Zoom capacity (we have a limit of 100 connections).

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