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Dear Black Country Society Member,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Black Country Bulletin. We hope you will find something of interest in our monthly newsletter, which contains details of this society's events along with those arranged by other local organisations - see below.

Reminder: the BCS Annual General Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 26th March, at 7.30pm. This will be a "hybrid" meeting based at Bilston Town Hall, but also streamed live on zoom Details of how to obtain log-in details will appear in the March Bulletin.

I look forward to seeing you at a BCS event in the near future.

We're also delighted to announce that the BCS online shop is re-opening on Friday 31st January, with all your favourite titles and a host of special offers and bargains to boot! We now have someone in post to process orders speedily and securely, and will aim to send books on their way within 24 hours.

Visit <https://www.blackcountryociety.com/shop> and pick up the perfect gift for family, friends, and neighbours. Or treat yourself!

All the best,

Michael Thompson

Programme Secretary: The Black Country Society

### The BCS Virtual Heritage Group

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

VIRTUAL: James Keir (1785-1820): Innovation, the Lunar Society and inventing the Black Country - A talk by Malcolm Dick at 7.30pm via Zoom

email [societyblackcountry@gmail.com](mailto:societyblackcountry@gmail.com) for link

## The February BCS Live Presentation

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

TALK: 'A Cause of Immense Benefit' – Episodes from Black Country Canal History - a talk by Phil Clayton  
(Free for member and £5 non-members)

## Black Country Noticeboard

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| Event Subject | "Birmingham: The Power of Balance – – W&T Avery in the First World War"; Kingsley Norris Memorial lecture presented by Andrew Lound  |
| Host          | Midland Ancestors  |
| Location      | Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, Birmingham, West Midlands B3 3BS  |
| Date/ Time    | February 1 <sup>st</sup> ; 14.00 – 16.00 hrs   |
| Admission     | FREE   |
| Requirements  |  |
| Source        | <a href="https://midland-ancestors.uk/events/category/public/2025-02/">https://midland-ancestors.uk/events/category/public/2025-02/</a>  |
| Event Subject | "A Virtual Tour of 17c West Bromwich" presented by Frank Caldwell  |
| Host          | West Bromwich Local History Society  |
| Location      | All Saints Church All Saints Way, West Bromwich, West Midlands, United Kingdom   |
| Date/ Time    | February 7 <sup>th</sup> ; 19.30 – 21.30 hrs   |
| Admission     | Visitors are welcome to the monthly presentations at £2.50 per person which includes refreshments  |
| Requirements  |  |
| Source        | <a href="https://www.westbromwichhistory.com/event/a-virtual-tour-of-17c-west-bromwich-with-frank-caldwell/">https://www.westbromwichhistory.com/event/a-virtual-tour-of-17c-west-bromwich-with-frank-caldwell/</a>                                    |
| Event Subject | Annual General Meeting and announcement of the winner of the 2024 Conservation Award, sponsored by Hortons Estates. Includes a presentation by Ken Moth a National Trustee of The Victorian Society and a conservation architect (after AGM business). |
| Host          | The Victorian Society – Birmingham and West Midlands Region  |
| Location      | Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, Birmingham, West Midlands B3 3BS  |
| Date/ Time    | February 8 <sup>th</sup> ; 10.30 hrs   |
| Admission     | FREE   |
| Requirements  |  |
| Source        | <a href="https://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/regional-group-events/2025-regional-agm/">https://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/regional-group-events/2025-regional-agm/</a>  |
| Event Subject | "A Whippet tank named Musical Box - 1918 to 2024" presented by Andrew Moody  |
| Host          | The Western Front Association (Wolverhampton Branch)   |
| Location      | St Peter's Collegiate School, Compton Park, Compton Rd. West, Wolverhampton WV3 9DU  |
| Date/ Time    | February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 14.00 hrs   |

Admission Requirements	Non-members are made most welcome and encourage their attendance. A small voluntary donation towards the expenses of the speaker and the venue would be appreciated.
Source	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/WolverhamptonWFA">https://www.facebook.com/WolverhamptonWFA</a>
Event Subject	Lunar Lecture – Joseph Wright’s portraits of Two English Businesswomen: Sarah Clayton of Liverpool and Ellen Morewood of Derbyshire presented by Dr Peter Collinge
Host	Erasmus Darwin House
Location	Erasmus Darwin House Museum, Beacon St, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 7AD
Date/ Time	February 12 <sup>th</sup> ; 19.00 – 20.00 hrs
Admission	£10 Payment; Pre-booking essential
Requirements	
Source	<a href="https://www.erasmusdarwin.org/events/">https://www.erasmusdarwin.org/events/</a>
Event Subject	“Midlands Mystery Tour - Buildings and sites in Worcestershire and the West Midlands” presented by Ian Bott
Host	Stourport Civic Society
Location	Elizabeth Mills Centre in New Street, Stourport
Date/ Time	February 13 <sup>th</sup> ; 19.30 hrs
Admission	Everybody is welcome – Admission £4.00. Members £2.50. Light refreshments included.
Requirements	
Source	<a href="https://stourporttown.co.uk/organisation/stourport-civic-society/">https://stourporttown.co.uk/organisation/stourport-civic-society/</a>
Event Subject	“Origin of Place Names” presented by David Butler-Hollington
Host	Smethwick Local History Association
Location	Lightwoods House, Lightwoods Park, B67 5DP, just off the A456 near the Kings Head crossroads
Date/ Time	February 13 <sup>th</sup> ; 14.00 hrs for a 14.30 start
Admission	A cover charge of £3 per head is made at meetings to cover the cost of room hire and speaker charges
Requirements	
Source	<a href="https://smethwicklocalhistory.co.uk/?page_id=22">https://smethwicklocalhistory.co.uk/?page_id=22</a>
Event Subject	Beatrice Warde – A Pioneer in the Creative and Printing Industries presented by Jessica Glaser
Host	Kidderminster Historical Society
Location	The Museum of Carpet, Stour Vale Mill, Green Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AZ (adjacent to Morrisons Supermarket)
Date/ Time	February 13 <sup>th</sup> ; 14.30 hrs start
Admission	£4 per person per meeting
Requirements	
Source	<a href="https://www.kdahs.org/talks/Programme_2024-2025.pdf">https://www.kdahs.org/talks/Programme_2024-2025.pdf</a>
Event Subject	“Abraham Darby the First”
Host	Sedgley Local History Society
Location	St. Andrew's Church on Bilston Street in Sedgley
Date/ Time	February 13 <sup>th</sup> ; 19.30 hrs start
Admission	£2.00 charge
Requirements	

Source <http://www.sedgleylocalhistory.org.uk/>

Event Subject "The Road to Baghdad" presented by Jonathan Dale  
 Host The Western Front Association  
 Location 12 Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7A  
 Date/ Time February 15th, 14.00 hrs  
 Admission Non-members are made most welcome and we encourage their  
 Requirements attendance. A small voluntary donation towards the expenses of  
 the speaker and the venue would be appreciated.

Source <https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/branches/united-kingdom/birmingham/events/the-road-to-baghdad-jonathan-dale/>

Event Subject "Red flowers and a bag of old bones" presented by Barry Picken  
 Host Codsall & Bilbrook History Society  
 Location Codsall Village Hall, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall  
 Date/ Time February 18th; 19.45 – 21.15 hrs  
 Admission Admission is £4 on the night for non-members and free for  
 Requirements members

Source

Event Subject "The Restoration of Hagley Park" presented by Joe Hawkins  
 Host Stourbridge Historical Society  
 Location Wollaston Room, Stourbridge Town Hall, Crown Centre,  
 Stourbridge, DY8 1YE  
 Date/ Time February 20<sup>th</sup>; 19.30 hrs  
 Admission Membership is £15 for 12 months and visitors are welcome to  
 Requirements attend for £5.

Source <https://stourbridgehistoricalsociety.com/meetings-2025/>

Event Subject "The Black Country Miners. A Struggle for Justice 1850-1926"  
 presented by Keith Robinson  
 Host Midland Ancestors – The Stourbridge Group  
 Location St. Peter's Church Hall, Pedmore, West Midlands DY9 OSW  
 Date/ Time February 22nd; 13.30 – 16.30 hrs  
 Admission Please refer to organiser.  
 Requirements

Source <https://midland-ancestors.uk/events/category/public/2025-02/>

Event Subject "A Field Somewhere near Broseley ... Cropmarks and Geophysics"  
 presented by Alan Smith  
 Host Friends of the Ironbridge Gorge Museums  
 Location Glass Classroom at Coalbrookdale  
 Date/ Time February 26<sup>th</sup>; 14.30 hrs  
 Admission £1 for non-members  
 Requirements

Source <https://www.ironbridge.org.uk/about-us/friends-of-igmt/>

Event Subject "Wall Museum and the arrival and departure of the Romans"  
 presented by Andy Stackhouse and Julie Moulds  
 Host Stonnall Conservation Society  
 Location Youth and Community Centre, Stonnall at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Date/ Time	February 26 <sup>th</sup> ; 19.00 for 19.30 hrs
Admission	£2.50 for non-members
Requirements	
Source	<a href="https://www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk/scs/programme/">https://www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk/scs/programme/</a>
Event Subject	Richard Cadbury: the man, his mission and his legacy presented by Tim Onions & Rob Shipley
Host	Kidderminster Historical Society
Location	The Museum of Carpet, Stour Vale Mill, Green Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1AZ (adjacent to Morrisons Supermarket)
Date/ Time	February 27th; 14.30 hrs start
Admission	£4 per person per meeting
Requirements	
Source	<a href="https://www.kdahs.org/talks/Programme_2024-2025.pdf">https://www.kdahs.org/talks/Programme_2024-2025.pdf</a>