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Dear Black Country Society Member,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024's first edition of the Black Country Bulletin. We hope our monthly newsletter will continue to keep you informed about this society's events, along with those arranged by other local organisations. A complete list of this year's Black Country Society presentations - held at Bilston Town Hall - is attached below.

The 2024 Annual General Meeting has also been arranged for Monday, 18 March, at 7.30pm. This will be a zoom meeting - log-in details to follow.

You may be aware we are up-dating our Membership Subscriptions procedures. Those members whose annual subs were due this quarter - December to February - should have received a reminder (letter or email), kindly requesting they arrange payment by 27 January. Throughout 2024 all other members will likewise receive a payment reminder, in the quarter their subs are due. Unfortunately, the escalating costs of producing our flagship publication - *The Blackcountryman* - means the society cannot afford to despatch copies of the magazine to people whose membership has lapsed. If you have any queries about this, please get in touch.

In the meantime, I hope you find something of interest among the items publicised below, and I look forward to seeing you at a BCS event in the near future.

All the best for 2024,

Quintin Watt
Secretary: *The Black Country Society*

- **The January BCS Live Presentation**

'The Brunels, the Great Western and the Black Country', by Felix Schmid.
7.30pm, Wednesday, 24 January 2024, at Bilston Town Hall, WV14 0AP.
Admission: Members **Free** - Visitors **£4**.

- **The BCS Virtual Heritage Group**

'Two Centuries of Boat Building', by Geoff Taylor.
7.30pm, Monday, 15 January 2024.
Admission via Zoom: No charge for members or non-members.
email: societyblackcountry@gmail.com for Zoom log in details.

- **The BCS Blog - Recent Interesting Posts Include:**

The Carnegie Library Legacy in the Black Country, an advertisement for the position of BCS Membership Secretary, and a Christmas Message from society President, Graham Worton. These can be accessed via: <https://www.blackcountryrsociety.com/blog>

- **BCS Noticeboard - Events hosted by other local organisations**

Codsall & Bilbrook History Society

'Winning the Vote and was it worth it?', by Mike Haynes

7.45pm, Tuesday, 16 January, at Codsall Village Hall, 59 Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton, WV8 1PL.

Admission: Members **Free** - Visitors **£3**.

The Museum of Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire

'A History of All Saints', by Professor Clive Holes and Derek Mills.

7.30pm, Tuesday, 23 January, at Penn Bowling Club, 10 Manor Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 5PY.

Admission: **£5**

- **BCS Noticeboard - Opportunities**

Churchill Forge Trust

The Churchill Forge Trust, near Blakedown, Kidderminster, is looking to appoint a new Chair of Trustees. If you have previous senior leadership or Board experience and a keen interest in preserving our industrial heritage, please see the document attached - below.

The Black Country Society

Volunteers needed!

The society is keen to recruit members to join the committee, or to help out at our presentations and public events. Please get in touch with myself, if you would like join our friendly team.