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Dear Black Country Society Member,

A warm welcome to November's edition of the *Black Country Bulletin*. I do hope you will be able get to an event hosted by the BCS, or one arranged by another organisation, listed below.

Last month I reminded you that local folk music band, *The Rotundas*, had been re-booked for Wednesday, 11 December 2024. Tickets for this important fund-raiser are now being sold at a cost of **£10**, for everyone. These tickets are now selling well - please don't miss out on the chance to see this band, who specialise in singing about the history and culture of our amazing region. You will be able to buy tickets at all BCS events, and where the society is exhibiting. However, if you can't attend on any of these occasions, but would still like to buy some tickets, please make direct contact with me via this email.

I always end the Bulletin with an appeal for helpers to run the BCS. Many of you, who completed the recent membership survey, said you would like to volunteer your services. Unfortunately, as this was an anonymous survey, we have no way of knowing who you are! If you would still like to help, can you please get in touch with me? Thank you.

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

All the best,

Quintin Watt
Secretary: *The Black Country Society*

Black Country Society Events

The November BCS Live Presentation

'*A Black Country Christmas*', by Ian Bott.
7.30pm, Wednesday, 27 November 2024, at Bilston Town Hall, WV14 0AP.
Admission: Members **Free** - Visitors **£5**

The BCS Virtual Heritage Group

'*Crooked Britain - The Crooked House at Himley and some other crooked survivors.*' by Steve Roughton.
7.30pm, Monday, 18 November 2024.
Admission via Zoom: No charge for members or non-members.
email: societyblackcountry@gmail.com for Zoom log-in details.

Black Country History Day - '*Buildings, Heritage & the Built Environment*'.

10am-4.30pm, Saturday, 9 November 2024, at the Black Country Living Museum, DY1 4AL
Admission: **£30** for everyone. Details and booking at: <https://tickets.bclm.com/103715>

Noticeboard - Events arranged by other organisations

The Friends of Tipton Library

'*Musical Nostalgia - from George Formby to the swinging 60s*', with Joe James Thomas.

10.30am, Saturday, 16 November 2024, at Tipton Library - Carnegie Building, Mayfair Gardens/Victoria Road, Tipton, DY4 8SR
Admission: Free

Codsall & Bilbrook History Society

'Iron-mad John Wilkinson - the pioneering Black Country Ironmaster', by Richard Sells.

7.45pm, Tuesday, 19 November 2024, at Codsall Village Hall, 59 Wolverhampton Rd., Codsall, WV8 1PL.

Admission: Members Free - Visitors £4

The Museum of Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire

'The Forgotten Staffordshire Workhouse', by Andy Sloane.

7.30pm, Tuesday, 26 November 2024, at Penn Bowling Club, 10 Manor Rd., Penn, WV4 5PY.

Admission: Visitors £5

The Christian Heritage Centre

'Christian Heritage Exhibition'

11am-3pm, Saturday, 2 November 2024, at Christian Heritage Centre, Bell End, Rowley Regis, B65 9LU.

Admission: Free (collection taken) More details: <http://www.christianheritagecentre.org.uk>

Royal Aeronautical Society

'Fit for the Future - Harnessing technology to enable the future of flight', by Jon Wright.

7.00pm, Thursday, 21 November 2024, at the National Cold War Exhibition, RAF Museum, Cosford, TF11 8UP.

Admission: Members Free - Visitors Donations welcome

Reminder...

Wolverhampton Archives - Local History Fair 2024

A full range of local organisations will be exhibiting - including the *Black Country Society*. The Friends of Wolverhampton Archives will also be running the Wrekin View Tea Room - with hot drinks, filled rolls and sumptuous home-made cakes!

10am-4pm, Saturday, 23 November 2024, at Molineux Hotel Building, Whitmore Hill, Wolverhampton, WV1 1SF.

Admission: Small charge.

BCS Noticeboard - Volunteers Needed!

The Black Country Society cannot function without a team of committed volunteers, who arrange and manage our various events: people like you. Here is a great chance to develop your event-management skills and make lots of new friends. If you have some spare time, and would welcome the chance to get involved in helping to run the BCS, please get in touch with me. Thank you.