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Dear Black Country Society Member,

Welcome to the *Black Country Bulletin* for October 2024.

As summer appears to be well-and-truly over, I hope this edition of our monthly newsletter contains something to encourage you to attend a BCS event, or one hosted by another local organisation.

Please note the advanced notice of this year's **Black Country History Day**, at the Black Country Living Museum. A team of six guest speakers will be delivering presentations about conserving the built environment - partly prompted by the sad loss of the Crooked House, last year. If you are interested in attending this event, please see the details about how to obtain a ticket.

Some of you may also notice this month's BCS presentation at BTH is a replacement to the one originally advertised. I will now be giving my talk about how local people responded to the start of the Great War. All I can say is, I predict a riot! Once I've finished preparing that, I'll resume construction of my ark!

Last month, it was announced 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. The first tickets for *The Rotundas* went on sale at last week's presentation at BTH, but they will be available at all forthcoming BCS events. If you are unable to attend any of these occasions, but would still like to buy some tickets, please make direct contact with me via this email.

Looking 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 October BCS Live Presentation

'Over By Christmas? - How Black Country civilians reacted to the start of the Great War', by Quintin Watt.

7.30pm, Wednesday, 23 October 2024, at Bilston Town Hall, WV14 0AP.

Admission: Members **Free** - Visitors **£5**

The BCS Virtual Heritage Group

'The Life and Legacy of Eliza Tinsley - Black Country Nail Mistress, 1813-1882', by Rebecca Wilton.

7.30pm, Monday, 21 October 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

'Titanic', by Andrew Lound.

10.30am, Saturday, 19 October 2024, at Tipton Library - Carnegie Building, Mayfair Gardens/Victoria Road, Tipton, DY4 8SR

Admission: **Free**

Codsall & Bilbrook History Society

'Wolverhampton's Great War - an Underwhelming Response?', by Quintin Watt.

7.45pm, Tuesday, 15 October 2024, at Codsall Village Hall, 59 Wolverhampton Rd., Codsall, WV8 1PL.

Admission: Members **Free** - Visitors **£4**

The Museum of Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire

'The Midlands Connection to the Gunpowder Plot', by David Cox.

7.30pm, Tuesday, 22 October 2024, at Penn Bowling Club, 10 Manor Rd., Penn, WV4 5PY.

Admission: Visitors **£5**

The Christian Heritage Centre

'Early Christianity in Britain - from the First Century.', by Peter Green.

2pm, Saturday, 5 October 2024, at Christian Heritage Centre, Bell End, Rowley Regis, B65 9LU.

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

Advance Notice

Wolverhampton Archives - Local History Fair 2024

A full range of local organisations will be exhibiting.

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.