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*Dear Black Country Society Member,*

Welcome to May's *Black Country Bulletin*.

I hope this edition of our monthly newsletter includes something of interest. In particular, please note the BCS's annual programme of organised walks begins next week. Let's hope your broly isn't required - don't hold your breath! As always, I've also included details of presentations being held by other local organisations, along with information about future events requiring action now.

Finally, our recent live event attracted the largest attendance for several years, with more than 80 people in the audience. This reflects the upward trajectory in attendances since we moved to Bilston Town Hall - an excellent venue. I do hope to see you at a BCS event in the near future.

All the best,

Quintin Watt  
Secretary: *The Black Country Society*

### **Black Country Society Events**

#### **The May BCS Live Presentation**

*'Sandfields Pumping Station - The Past, Present & Future'*, by David Dimeloe.  
7.30pm, Wednesday, 22 May 2024, at Bilston Town Hall, WV14 0AP.  
*Admission:* Members Free - Visitors **£5**

#### **The BCS Virtual Heritage Group**

*'Black Country Memories'*  
7.30pm, Monday, 20 May 2024.  
*Admission* via Zoom: No charge for members or non-members.  
email: [societyblackcountry@gmail.com](mailto:societyblackcountry@gmail.com) for Zoom log-in details.

#### **BCS Walk No.1**

*'Wolverhampton's Great War Memorials'*, led by Quintin Watt.  
Meet at 1.45pm, Wednesday, 8 May 2024, at the Civic War Memorial, St. Peter's Sq., Wolverhampton, WV1 1TY.  
*Admission:* No charge for members or non members.

#### **BCS Walk No.2**

*'Willenhall Unlocked'*, led by Ian Bott.  
Meet at 7.15pm, Wednesday, 15 May 2024, at Hall St. Public Car Park, Willenhall, WV13 1PL.  
*Admission:* No charge for members or non members.

### **Black Country Noticeboard - Events arranged by other organisations**

#### **The Wolverhampton Society**

*'Local Connections to the Gunpowder Plotters'*, by Jennifer Davies.  
7.30pm, Thursday, 16 May 2024, at Penn Bowling Club, 10 Manor Rd., Penn, WV4 5PY.  
*Admission:* Members Free - Visitors **£5**

### **Codsall & Bilbrook History Society**

*'To the End of the Earth - Scott of the Antarctic'*, by Andrew Lound.

7.45pm, Tuesday, 21 May 2024, at Codsall Village Hall, 59 Wolverhampton Rd., Codsall, WV8 1PL.

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

### **Christian Heritage Centre Open Days**

11am-3pm, Saturday, 25 May and Monday, 27 May 2024.

Providence Chapel, Bell End, Rowley Regis, B65 9LU.

*Admission:* Free

### **The Museum of Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire**

*'Catherine Eddowes & the birth of Ripper Culture'*, by Dr Lucy Andrew.

7.30pm, Tuesday, 28 May 2024, at Penn Bowling Club, 10 Manor Rd., Penn, WV4 5PY.

*Admission:* Visitors **£5**

### **The Rotundas - Live at Ludlow Assembly Rooms**

*The Birmingham and Black Country Folk Music Band*

7.30pm, Friday, 31 May 2024, at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Castle St., Ludlow, SY8 1AZ. Phone: 01584 873229 for details.

*Admission:* **£15**, including a two-course meal.

### **'Babsolutely Fabulous!' - Three Black Country Women on a Mission!**

*A play by Adrian Johnson.*

Performances at: *West Bromwich Central Library*, 7pm, 6 June; *Thimblemill Library*, 7.30pm 7 June; *Walsall Leather Museum*, 2pm, 8 June; *Dudley Central Library*, 7.30pm, 13 June; *Wolverhampton Arena Theatre*, 7.30pm, 14 June; and *Wednesbury Museum*, 12 noon, 15 June.

*For more information contact the venues and @Adrian151513532*

### **J.L. Petit's Series of Pictures of Lichfield**

*A presentation by Philip Modiano - part of the Lichfield Festival.*

2.15pm, Sunday, 14 July 2024, at The Guildhall, Bore St., Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 6LU.

*Admission:* **£14** Tickets currently available via the Lichfield Festival website. <https://lichfieldfestival.org/>

### ***BCS Noticeboard - Volunteers Needed!***

The Black Country Society depends on a team of willing volunteers, who arrange and manage all our various events. If you have some spare time, and would welcome the chance to get involved in helping to run the BCS, please get in touch. This is a great chance to practise your event-management skills and make new friends.