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Dear Black Country Society Member,

Welcome to the fifth edition of our monthly email newsletter.

The Black Country Bulletin

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Please see below for details of our forthcoming events and details of those hosted by other local organisations. Please get in touch if you would like your society's programme included in the next *Black Country Bulletin*.

All the best,

Quintin Watt

Secretary: *The Black Country Society*



Our Next Live Event

'Faith in the Black Country' by the Rt. Revd. Martin Gorick – Bishop of Dudley

The Court House, Tower St, Dudley, DY1 1LP - 7.30pm, Wednesday 24 May.

The Bishop's talk will draw on his experience as Vicar of Smethwick, at the turn of the century, and more recently, as Bishop of Dudley.

More details at <https://www.blackcountryandsociety.com/talks202223>

Non-members are always welcome – Admission £3.

BCS Guided Walks and Visits

The Restoration of the Bradley Canal led by Gavin Hawkins and Rod Griffin

7.15pm, Wednesday 31 May - Details at <https://www.blackcountryociety.com/walks-and-visits-2023>

Meet at the Canal & River Trust Workshop, Bradley Lane, WV14 8DW. This walk will follow the route of the infilled Bradley Canal and Moorcroft Junction. The Bradley Canal Restoration Society will share the history of the canal, the work underway to clear vegetation, the remaining navigable section and plans for the restoration of the canal and locks. During the walk the benefits to the local economy and environment will be discussed.

The Black Country Society is on the move!

The monthly meetings of the Black Country Society are moving to a new venue: ***Bilston Town Hall***. On Wednesday, 28 June 2023, our first presentation at BTH will be given by Victoria Allnatt. Her talk is about the work of the Portable Antiquities Scheme and the many interesting archaeological discoveries made locally by members of the public.

To mark this important occasion all attendees will be entitled to a complimentary drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Black Country Society Chairman, Malcolm Dick, said, ***“This move gives us a great opportunity to accommodate our members and visitors in comfort.”***

The Black Country Society was founded in 1967, to promote and stimulate interest in the past, present and future of the region. It currently has over 1,200 members and meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm. As well as hosting talks, the BCS arranges guided walks and visits in the locality and holds virtual meetings for those who live further afield.

For information on how to join go to www.blackcountryociety.com



The BCS Notice Board

Thursday, 8 June, 7.30pm, *Wordsley Local History Society* – Wordsley Community Centre, DY8 5BN

‘The Life of Barry Jackson and the Birmingham Rep’

Visitors are most welcome - admission £4 - or become a member.

