Diary of Events
2017

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Elmslie House, see AGM, 10th November 2017

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January

Friday 13  Talk: Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
The Trust owns or manages over seventy-five nature reserves. Hannah Thomas will explain how, working with other landowners, managers and communities, it aims to restore, recreate and connect natural habitats to achieve a landscape where wildlife can flourish and people lead happier and healthier lives.

February

Friday 10  Talk: Worcester to Hereford Railway

Peter Clement will tell us about the Worcester to Hereford Railway which was first mooted in the early 1850s when the need to link the industries of Birmingham and the Black Country with the coal fields of South Wales became clear. The first stage was opened between Henwick and Malvern Link on 25th July 1859.

March

Friday 10  Talk: Stanbrook Abbey

Pamela Hurle will talk to us about Stanbrook Abbey which was founded in 1625 in Flanders as a contemplative house for Benedictine nuns. When the nuns were deprived of their Abbey during the French Revolution, they fled to England in 1838 and settled in Worcestershire.

Saturday 18  Country Walk

Wednesday 29  Coach excursion: Fire! Fire!
This ‘immersive’ exhibition at the Museum of London marks the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London. There will be ample opportunity to see the rest of the museum which tells the story of London’s growth and its social and cultural life or to explore the surrounding area.
**April**

**Tuesday 11  Local visit: Clencher’s Mill**
Travelling by car to Eastnor Castle, we have the opportunity to visit this 18th century timber-framed watermill. The water supply has recently been reinstated and the machinery overhauled — we hope that conditions will allow us to see it in action!

**Friday 14  Talk: Chedworth Roman Villa**

Dr Nick Humphris will tell us about the Roman villa located in Chedworth in the Cotswolds. It was built in phases from the second to the fourth century and acquired in 1924 by the National Trust who have conducted a long-term conservation programme.

**May**

**Thursday 4  Local visit: St Martin’s in the Cornmarket, Worcester, and Greyfriars**

Old St Martin's is a Georgian church in the heart of Worcester, built in the 1770s and internally similar to a smaller version of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London. Greyfriars, close by, is a late mediaeval merchant’s house and garden. Travel by car or rail.

**Friday 12  Talk: Haile Selassie in Malvern**
Keith Bowers will tell us the story of the exile of Haile Selassie who came to Britain in the 1930s after fleeing his country to escape the armies of Benito Mussolini and took refuge in Bath and Malvern.
Saturday 20  Country Walk
Sunday 21  Coach excursion: Berkeley Castle and Dr Jenner’s House

This day out gives us the chance to visit both the third oldest continuously-occupied castle in England (after the royal fortresses in London and Windsor) and the home of a doctor who changed the world thanks to his discovery of vaccination.

**JUNE**

**Friday 9**  Talk: Philip Clissett, a Victorian chair-maker
Mike Abbott, himself a chair-maker, will talk about Philip Clissett, who influenced and inspired the English Arts and Crafts movement. The Clissett family’s chair-making tradition dates back to well before the 1770s.

**Saturday 10**  Local visit: Malvern St James School

Standing opposite Great Malvern Station and a significant landmark in the town, the main building of MSJ was once the Imperial Hotel. After a presentation about the school’s history we shall have the opportunity to tour round the buildings with the Archivist.

**Saturday 17**  Midsummer Malvern begins
Please see the separate brochure available nearer the time for details of the week’s community activities.

**JULY**

**Saturday 1**  Country Walk

**Friday 14**  Talk: Alex Coppock
Alex Coppock is an award-winning architect whose portfolio includes nationally important church re-orderings, for example All Saints in Hereford. He has also done barn conversions turning them into comfortable and beautiful buildings to live in.
Saturday 15  Coach excursion: A Day in the Cotswolds

A day of contrasts: a chance to tour Hook Norton Brewery, its history stretching back to 1849, and then a visit to St Mary’s, Chipping Norton, one of the largest of the Cotswold churches financed by the proceeds of the medieval wool trade.

**AUGUST**

**Wednesday 30 Local visit: A Day in Edgbaston**

We visit two gems of the University of Birmingham, the Barber Institute — one of the UK’s finest small European art collections — and the Arts and Crafts Winterbourne House with its seven-acre garden. Travel by car or train (University station is just a few minutes’ walk away).

**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 8  Talk: Croome Court**

Dr Eric Jones will talk about Croome Court, owned by the National Trust and the former home of the 6th Earl of Coventry. Its parkland estate created by Capability Brown contains temples, follies and statues.
Saturday 16  Country Walk
Wednesday 20  Coach visit: 78 Derngate

This journey to Northampton will give us the chance to tour the only house in England designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. There will be time to visit other places of interest in the town such as the Guildhall and Museum.

OCTOBER
Friday 13  Talk: Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings

Andy Cameron will talk to us about the open-air museum of rescued buildings which have been relocated to its site in Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove. It has a collection of thirty historic buildings in gardens and a cider orchard.

Thursday 19  Local visit: Avoncroft

Following our talk about the Museum of Historic Buildings, this is an opportunity to see for ourselves what has been achieved. Travel by car.

Saturday 21  Country Walk

NOVEMBER
Friday 10  Annual General Meeting

The formal business will be followed by a talk from Anna and Bernard Taylor on their renovation of Elmslie House, winner of the 2016 Civic Society Award, pictured on the front cover.

Saturday 18  Worcestershire Local History Forum Day School

The Society will be hosting this event in the Eden Centre. Full details will be available nearer the time.

- Our Monthly Talks are held in the Eden Centre, Grovewood Road, WR14 1GD (off Townsend Way), close to the Malvern Hotel and Premier Inn, beginning at 7.30pm. Refreshments are available after the meeting and there is an inclusive charge of £2.

- Monthly Country Walks take place on Saturday mornings, starting at 10am, usually with a suitable place suggested for lunch afterwards. Details will be announced in Bandstand and on the Society’s website.

- Weekly Town Walks, from Easter to Autumn, start from the Tourist Information Centre at 10.30am on Saturday and Sunday mornings. For groups of more than 10 people, please book beforehand at the TIC.

- Excursion and visits Final details of excursions and visits will be sent, wherever possible by email, to those who book. Please send completed forms, at least three weeks before the event, to Ann Bartlett, 15 Pickersleigh Road, Malvern WR14 2RP, enclosing a separate cheque for each trip. For terms and conditions, please see the Society’s website.
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• **The aims of the Civic Society are**
  — to conserve and protect the best elements of Malvern’s heritage in the built and natural environment
  — to encourage and promote high standards of planning and architectural design for the enhancement, general improvement and appearance of Great Malvern and the surrounding area.

• **Planning and awards**
  Throughout the year our planning sub-committee regularly meets and keeps a watchful eye on all new planning applications and tries to ensure that over-development does not occur, opposing proposals that are considered insensitive or inappropriate in relation to the existing built environment. To further this aim, the Society has an annual Award Scheme to promote good-quality design of buildings in the Malvern area.

• **Plaques**
  The Society is responsible for researching and displaying blue plaques to commemorate the historic associations of famous people who, in the past, lived in Malvern. The green plaques to be seen around town are dedicated to those associated with the 19th century Water Cure.

• **Membership**
  The Malvern Civic Society, founded in 1958, is a voluntary organisation and a registered charity. It is entirely independent, with members drawn from across the area and beyond, who all care about Malvern, value its past and wish to protect its future. There are over 400 members of the Society. If you would like to join, please follow the Join Us link on our website: [malverncivicsociety.org.uk](http://malverncivicsociety.org.uk)