

Longtown & District Historical Society

Local historical events from 2nd January, 2019

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Wednesday 2nd January, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm

Bob Steele: *Golden Valley Railway: The Great Western Era*

A photographic journey on the Golden Valley Branch of the Great Western Railway between Pontilas and Hay in the early parts of the 20th century, followed by a hunt for some lingering ghosts from the railway's past.

Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)

Further info: Diana Maslin: maslin38@hotmail.co.uk

Monday 7th January, 2019

Longtown & District Historical Society at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall

MEMBERS' EVENING: *a miscellany*

short contributions on diverse subjects to include Trewyn Mill, Craswall Pilgrimage, R C B Partridge of Abbeydore and the Mametz Engagement

Members and concessions free, visitors £3

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Tuesday 15th January, 2019

Garway Heritage Group at Garway Community Centre 7.30pm

Douglas Wright: *Down from the Black Hill*

An eclectic collection of documentary film excerpts from the Black Mountains border area over the last 3-4 decades: people, places, and changes.

Free to members. Visitors £5 including refreshments. All welcome

Further info: 01981 580002 or www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

Tuesday 15th January, 2019

Dinedor Heritage Group, at Dinedor Village Hall, 7.30pm

Dr Keith Ray: *Mercian Period archaeology in the Hereford area*

Members £3, visitors £5 including refreshments

Wednesday 16th January, 2019

Llanthony Valley History Group at 7.00pm, Cwmyoy Village Hall, NP7 7NF

Justine Wheatley: *Romans in the Black Mountains Area*

Members free – visitors welcome £4 (membership £10 household, £7 individual)

Further information from Rosemary Russell, Events Secretary, rosiearussell@btinternet.com Tel 01873 890787

Wednesday 16th January, 2019

Imogen Sambrook: *The Restoration of Fishpool Valley, Croft Castle*

About the National Trust's research and restoration of this watery Georgian dingle

Leitwardine Village Hall, High Street, Leintwardine, SY7 0LB 7.30pm

Further info: Jonathan Hopkinson 01547 540422

Thursday 17th January, 2019

Hereford Civic Society at The Kindle Centre, Asda, HR2 7JE at 7.30pm

Dr Howard Tomlinson: *100 Years Ago: A Cathedral School Boy's Diary of 1919*

Illustrated talk by former headmaster of Hereford Cathedral School

Members Free. Visitors welcome £3

Friday 25th January, 2019

Hereford Historical Association

Dr Neil Fleming: *British Empire pros & cons*

6.15pm in the Cathedral Schol Library, Castle Street, Herefordshire

Monday 4th February, 2019

Longtown & District Historical Society at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall

Dr Ian Bass: *Miracles in the Marches: St Thomas Cantilupe of Hereford*

(NB in place of advertised talk by Dr Simon Taylor who has sadly passed away)

Members free, otherwise £3

Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Wednesday 6th February, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm

John Simons: *Biography of Ella Leather* (collector of Herefordshire Folklore and songs)

Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)

Further info: Diana Maslin: maslin38@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 13th February, 2019

Ewyas Harold U3A at the Memorial Hall, 7.30

Mike Watkins: *War Diary* – the fascinating story of a WWI soldier in the trenches who started as a private and ended as a lieutenant with an MC and a German wife

Tuesday 19th February, 2019

Garway Heritage Group at Garway Community Centre 7.30pm

David Whitehead: *Alfred Watkins: Herefordshire Polymath*

Watkins—successful businessman, pioneering photographer and antiquarian, founded the movement relating ley-lines and ‘the old straight track’.

Free to members. Visitors £5 including refreshments. All welcome

Further info: www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

Wednesday 20th February, 2019

Llanthony Valley History Group at 7.00pm, Cwmyoy Village Hall, NP7 7NF

Panel discussion: *Changes in our local natural environment past, present and future*

Members free – visitors welcome £4 (membership £10 household, £7 individual)

Further information from Rosemary Russell, Events Secretary, rosiearusell@btinternet.com Tel 01873 890787

Monday 4th March, 2019

Longtown & District Historical Society at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall

Professor Helen Nicholson (UC, Cardiff): *Templars and Hospitallers in the Marches*

Members free, otherwise £3

Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Wednesday 6th March, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm

Duncan James: *The 12th century Herefordshire School of Romanesque Sculpture*

Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)

Further info: Diana Maslin: maslin38@hotmail.co.uk

Monday 11th March, 2019

HARC, Rotherwas

Angela Williams: *A Munitioneer's View*

Dangers, dramas and day-to-day routine in the Royal Ordnance factories during WWI and WWII

10.30 – 12.30. Cost £9.60

Further info and to book: tel 01432 260750. e-mail: archives@herefordshire.gov.uk

Wednesday 20th March, 2019

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Rita Tait: *Recusancy and the Gunter Mansion Project*

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Further information from Rosemary Russell, Events Secretary, rosiearusell@btinternet.com Tel 01873 890787

Monday 1st April, 2019

Longtown & District Historical Society at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall
Peter Reavill: (Portable Antiquities Scheme)
Herefordshire Hoards: what recent local finds are telling us about our past
Bring your discoveries for identification
Members free, otherwise £3
Further info: jeremy.milln@gmail.com

Wednesday 3rd April, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm
Tony Usher: *Ridgeways to Railways: connecting people in Herefordshire*
Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)
Further info: Diana Maslin: maslin38@hotmail.co.uk

Monday 8th April, 2019

HARC, Rotherwas
Finding your way round Herefordshire maps
A workshop bringing to life maps of the County from all periods
10.30 – 12.30. Cost £9.60
Further info and to book: tel 01432 260750. e-mail: archives@herefordshire.gov.uk

Tuesday 16th April, 2019

Garway Heritage Group at Garway Community Centre 7.30pm
Dr Ruth Richardson: *History of Herefordshire Field Names*
Follows a very short AGM
Free to members. Visitors £5 including refreshments. All welcome
Further info: www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

Wednesday 17th April, 2019

Llanthony Valley History Group at 7.00pm, Cwmyoy Village Hall, NP7 7NF
Clive Williams: *The History and local influence of Brecon Beacons National Park*
Members free – visitors welcome £4 (membership £10 household, £7 individual)
Further information from Pip Bevan: pbevan@mokoro.co.uk

Wednesday 24th April, 2019

Eaton Camp Historical Society at Eaton Bishop Village Hall 7.30pm (follows short AGM)
Chris Lloyd: *The Black Book of Lower Eaton*
About the keeping of Hereford Cattle and racehorses by the Pulley Family during the Edwardian period
Members of Eaton Camp Historical Society free, otherwise £4. All welcome
Further info: Andrew Lively tel 01981 250231 e-mail: vanessapomeroy@aol.com

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Wednesday 1st May, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm
Philip Hulme: *The History of the Mortimer Family*
Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)
Further info: Diana Maslin: maslin38@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 8th May, 2019

Ewyas Harold U3A at the Memorial Hall, 7.30
Don Balkwill: *Forgotten Gadgets*
Don gives a unique presentation that has evolved from regular articles called “Grandma’s Gadgets” which have appeared in the local Abergavenny newspaper for the last 5 years.

Monday 13th May, 2019

Longtown & District Historical Society at 7.30pm, Longtown Village Hall

New speaker and subject to be announced

Members free, otherwise £3

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Wednesday 5th June, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm

Alan Nicholls: *A History of Hay*

Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)

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Wednesday 12th June 2019

Ewyas Harold U3A at the Memorial Hall, 7.30

Dean Powell: *The Incredible Life of Dr William Price*

Chartist, surgeon, heretic, Archdruid and pioneer in the legalisation of cremation in the British Isles, Dr William Price was one of the most flamboyant, romantic and eccentric characters in Welsh history. Famed healer, crusader of reform, exiled political activist and a sparkling, dynamic, eloquent man who blazed progress and controversy by outraging a conventional society, there was much more to Price than his radical attitudes to cremation. Poverty-stricken in his youth, his father was an insane priest, although Price remarkably became a surgeon by the age of just twenty-one. He created an embryonic national health service, masterminded the first Museum of Welsh Life, launched Wales's first cooperative society, had visions of a new massed druidic rising and was exiled to France as a Chartist leader. Calling his first son Iesu Grist (Jesus Christ) Price, claiming he was a druidic Messiah, he cremated the child after its death aged just five months. The landmark court case led to the passing of the Cremation Act in 1902. He fathered illegitimate children with a housekeeper sixty years his junior and died sipping a glass of champagne at the age of ninety-two.

Monday 13th May, 2019

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The Parish and The Poor

Workshop to explore the lives of unfortunate ancestors and their harrowing stories

10.30 – 12.30. Cost £9.60

Further info and to book: tel 01432 260750. e-mail: archives@herefordshire.gov.uk

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Llanthony Valley History Group

Walk led by Professor David Austin to Ffwyddog

Monday 3rd June, 2019

HARC, Rotherwas

A Introduction to Family History

Workshop to help those keen to start exploring their family's past and need guidance

10.30 – 12.30. Cost £9.60

Further info and to book: tel 01432 260750. e-mail: archives@herefordshire.gov.uk

Monday 24th June, 2019

HARC, Rotherwas

David Whitehead: *James Wathen: A Herefordshire Artist*

Life and work of prolific artist who embodied the Picturesque movement in the Wye Valley at the turn of the C18th

10.30 – 12.30. Cost £9.60

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Wednesday 4th September, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm

Peter Ford: *Herbert Rowse Armstrong – Murder or Miscarriage?*

Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)

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Wednesday 2nd October, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm

Ruth Richardson: *What can (local) field names tell us?*

Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)

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Wednesday 4th December, 2019

Dorstone History Society at Dorstone Village Hall, 7.30pm

Tim Hoverd: *Local finds roadshow - dating local artefacts and putting them into context*

Members free. Visitors £4 (Annual membership Jan – Dec £12)

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Dorstone History Society is looking for a new Hon Secretary from Dec 2018.

Di Maslin would love to hear from you if you are interested. E-mail: maslin38@hotmail.co.uk or tel 01497 831308

Longtown History Society will be looking for a new Membership Secretary from June 2019. If interested please contact Jeremy Milln, jeremy.milln@gmail.com or mob 07779 034457

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