

# Redditch Local History Society

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## Newsletter...

### *Welcome and Happy New Year!*

We do not have a meeting in January and so there is no meeting report.

### *Presentations in the future and near future*

We continue with our last two presentations of our 2019/20 season and begin our 2020/21 season with our Annual General Meeting in April.



The Hive,  
Worcester

The first meeting presentation of the year, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, is provided by the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service which provides information and advice to support research through access to county resources held at the Hive, a resource created by the University of Worcester and Worcestershire County Council.

The presentation, given by a member of their team, is entitled 'Stories from the Archives' and is an introduction into the wide variety of historical sources they hold, and the stories they contain and tell about the people and places in the local region.

If you ever wondered what there is at the Hive which is of interest to the history of the local area, then this is an ideal opportunity to find out.

Our final meeting for our 2019/20 season is 'Off to the Workhouse - the poor are always with us' by Dr Richard Churchley, a Local and Family Historian. Richard is an experienced historian, specialising in areas of Worcestershire, Warwickshire and North Gloucestershire and since 2014 has edited a local history magazine "The Feckenham Forester" concerning local history in our local area.



We begin our activities year 2020/21 in April with our Annual General Meeting (AGM), when we elect our officers for the new year and decide on our activities and programme for the year ahead. We formed the Society in 2009 and over the years we have become the foremost advocate of supporting the history of the historic town of Redditch and the surrounding area.

The AGM is an important occasion for members and visitors to provide input to the direction of the Society. After the AGM business, we will have some interesting short film of local area history.

Our programme for 2020 can be found at <http://www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk/meetings.htm> where you can also download a pdf version.



We are now looking at our programme for 2021 and, as always, we would like to have a mix of outside speakers and members, ideally 4 of each, as well as our member's reading of local memories, short films after the AGM and our Christmas event (11 meetings)

We have currently 3 members who are happy to give a talk in 2021, Chris Jackson, David Morgan, and myself (just try to stop me!). If you are interested in being involved as a speaker or reader, or if you have recommendations for outside speakers, please contact me at [anthony.green@RLHS.org.uk](mailto:anthony.green@RLHS.org.uk).

The Society is very willing to support members who have local knowledge and wish to give a talk and will give help in producing a presentation.

*Exhibition 2020*

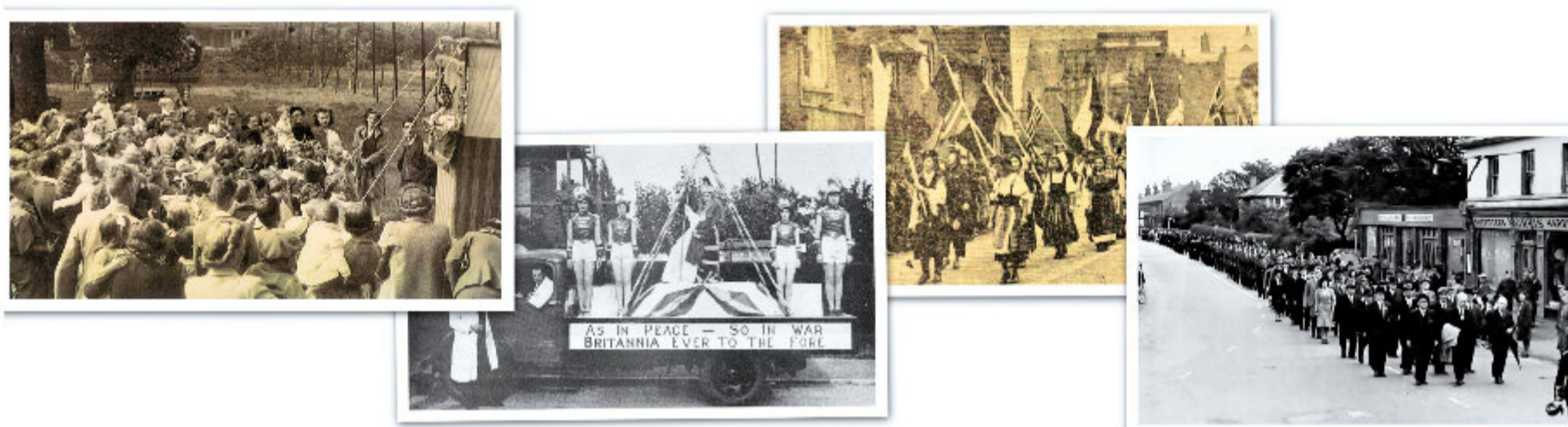


# Exhibition

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## 75 years ago: the end of WW2



In 1945 Redditch, along with communities throughout the world, heaved a sigh of relief after 6 years of war, and celebrated the end of the Second World War. This is, arguably, the most important event in the living history of Redditch and to mark this momentous time we look at this period and the part played by our town.

Our exhibition takes place at Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch in the Exhibition Gallery during normal opening times, Museum entry applies, and it runs from Wednesday October 28th to Sunday November 22nd, 2020.

More details of the exhibition can be found on our exhibition poster which can be downloaded from our activities page <http://www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk/activities.htm>

### *Exhibitions in Future Years*

This year, we did not really look at ideas for the 2020 exhibition until the end of 2019, so it was all rather a rush. However, we believe we have an excellent subject with opportunities for members to be involved. We will have details of how members can provide input later.

For future years we would like to have the following year's exhibition defined by the middle of the previous year, but not necessarily produced, so that we can publicise it in our annual programme leaflet which we issue in December.

So, we aim to begin this process early this year to establish potential topics for our exhibition in 2021, and possibly 2022.

In choosing a topic it is important not simply to have a nice idea but also to have a subject where we know we will have sufficient material to produce a satisfactory exhibition.

### *Contact*

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