

Redditch Local History Society

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Newsletter...

Latest meeting

The first meeting in 2020 of the Redditch Local History Society was held on Monday 10th February 2020 at the Oasis Christian Centre, Plymouth Road.

We had an attendance of 36 members and 4 visitors at the meeting, a total of 40. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was opened by the Secretary who welcomed members and visitors.

Presentation

Our presentation today was by the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service and given by Paul Hudson, the Learning & Outreach Manager. It was entitled 'Stories from the Archives'.

In his wide ranging and informative talk, Paul gave an overview of the extensive variety of historical sources they hold, the stories they contain about the people and places in the local region and how these can be accessed. The resources of the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service is very much like the 'Tardis' with 12 miles of shelving containing paper documents, microfilm/fiche and digital records.

In terms of documents in the archives there are the Quarter Sessions, Trade Directories from c1800 onward, Parish registers, wills and similar such as deposits of collections from Churches, Organisations, Societies, Families, Businesses and other sources.

There are also the records from the census, which takes place every 10 years, and the county records have these from 1841 to 1911.

Also, there are copies, paper, digital or microfilm/fiche of County newspapers from 1713.

WEBB James.

Personal Estate £2,273 4s. 7d.

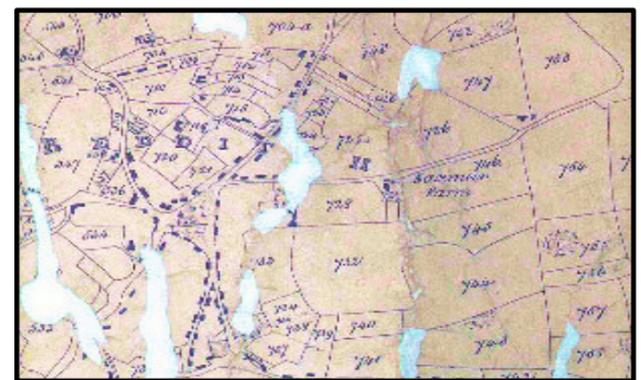
Typical record for a
Redditch family

17 September. The Will of James Webb late of the "Red Lion" Inn Redditch in the County of Worcester Licensed Victualler who died 19 August 1886 at the "Red Lion" was proved at Worcester by William Webb of Bresham-street Redditch James Fourt of Henley-street Alcester in the County of Warwick Bakers and Corn Dealers and Mary Webb of the "Red Lion" Widow the Relict the Executors.

The Historic Environment Record is a database of 80,000 archaeology sites which is part of the geographic information which allows users to look at archaeology features within a particular area.

The Worcestershire photographic survey has 80,000 images and there are more in the local studies collection. There is an online index, but the images have not been digitised.

There many maps including OS maps from 1880, tithe maps from 1840 and many earlier manuscript estate maps.



Early field plan for Redditch



Early image of Redditch Railway Station

There is so much to explore and see at the Hive, which is open 8.30 am-10 pm every day, Monday-Sunday. It offers a varied events programme for everyone to enjoy, from music, drama and art to learning opportunities, workshops, book clubs and lectures. There are also informative tours of the Hive for individuals and groups which can be found on their website.

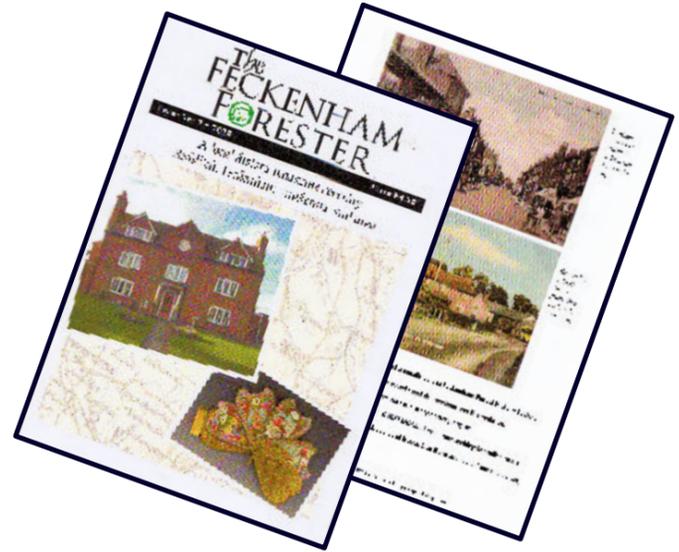
Resources and information on the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service can be found at

<http://www.thehiveworcester.org/research-collections.html>

Next meeting

Our next Meeting at the Oasis Christian Centre is on Monday 9th March 2020 and 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 the local history magazine "The Feckenham Forester" concerning local history in our local area.



Exhibition at Forge Mill Needle Museum 2020

Our exhibition for 2020 commemorates 75 years since the end of WW2.

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

Details of the Forge Mill Needle Museum opening times and their range of exhibitions can be found at

<http://www.forgemill.org.uk/web/exhibitions/>

For more details of our exhibition please visit: <http://www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk/activities.htm>



Our Meetings 2020

The Redditch Local History Society meets, from February to December, on the 2nd Monday of the month (except our Annual General Meeting 2020, which is on the 20th April, due to Easter weekend). Meetings begin at 2.00 pm and last for approximately 2 hours, it begins with a presentation, which lasts about one hour, and this is followed by refreshments and society business, event news and project reports.

Our meetings programme can be found at <http://www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk/meetings.htm>, where you can also download the leaflet in pdf format.

Non-members are welcome for whom there will be a £3 entrance charge. This is refundable against membership fee if subsequently joining the society the same day.

Monthly Meetings	
Dates and Talk Topics 2020	
February 16th	Stories from the Archives
March 9th	Off to the workhouse - the poor are always with us
April 20th	AGM followed by Short Films - West Midlands History
May 11th	Tracing the history of heavy and some associated local life
June 8th	Read All About It
July 27th	The Where Next Association
August 17th	Redditch Memories
September 14th	A Short History of the Windsons of Havel Grange
October 12th	Redditch - its heritage heritage
November 23rd	Redditch between the Wars
December 14th	Seasonal Events and Refreshments

Our venue is the Oasis Christian Centre, 4 Plymouth Road, Redditch, B97 4QB
 (Please see Page 2 for more details of times etc.)

For details of how to join the Redditch Local History Society or to contact us please:
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 visit: www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk
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Please remember beyond our control there may be charges to the programme. Please check our web site, www.redditchhistorysociety.org.uk, our Facebook page, or our monthly Newsletter for meeting details if planning to attend a specific event.

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