

What's On during

WORCESTER  
HISTORY MONTH  
1-30 September 2018

Worcester History Month is a brand-new, month long celebration of the rich and varied history of the city of Worcester and the world beyond.

Our festival of history and heritage will tell the stories which have shaped our city through an amazing range of history-themed activities.

**Events will take place throughout  
September and will include historical  
walking tours, informative talks, open  
weekends and exhibitions.**

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## **Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace 1418**

**Saturday 25 August – Sunday 30 September**

**Cathedral Square**

**FREE Exhibition**

A unique portrait of the First World War battlefields, this is a powerful outdoor photographic exhibition, by Michael St Maur Sheil, which tells of the healed scars of the First World War through our only remaining living witness: The fields of battle themselves... Since its conception in 2005, this exhibition has been displayed in cities including London, Liverpool, Dublin, Washington DC and New York and has been seen by millions of people worldwide.

[www.fieldsofbattle1418.org](http://www.fieldsofbattle1418.org)

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## **An Evening in Conversation with Mike Sheil**

**Wednesday 12 September, 6.30pm**

**The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester WR1 2EY**

International award-winning photojournalist, Mike Sheil, provides a fascinating insight to his contemporary photographs of the First World War battlefields revealing the stories and inspiration that lie behind the images. One man's passion and dedication over eight years work has resulted in the most-viewed exhibition of the 4-year centenary period. This invitation-only event at Worcester's Guildhall will offer an unparalleled opportunity to meet the photographer behind Fields of Battle – Lands of Peace: a world-class exhibition in Cathedral Square throughout September.

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## **The Battle of Worcester Commemorative Drumhead Ceremony**

**Saturday 1 September, 5.00pm**

**Meet at The Guildhall, parade to The Commandery and then to Fort Royal Park**

**FREE Event**

On this day 367 years ago, soldiers and civilians fell in the final battle of the English Civil War. Every year on the anniversary of the Battle, the Battle of Worcester Society holds a Drumhead Service of Remembrance to commemorate those that fought and died for their beliefs in and around this city during the English Civil Wars. All are welcome.

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## **Steward's Chemist Shop Open for Visitors**

**Tuesday 4 September, 11.00am-3.00pm**

**City Art Gallery and Museum**

**FREE Event**

Take a peek inside and hear the fascinating story of Steward's Chemist Shop. The display was set up after the closure of the shop at 27 High Street, when the entire shop along with the fixtures and fittings were purchased and transported to the museum to be redisplayed. Over the years the display has been a particular favourite for many visitors to the museum, including many who remember visiting the shop in its heyday.

## **WW1 Drumhead Ceremony**

**Saturday 15 September, assemble noon, ceremony 12.30**

**Gheluvelt Park**

**FREE Event**

A Drumhead Service in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, Lt Col Patrick Holcroft LVO, OBE and the suffragan Bishop of Dudley with the Band of the Grenadier Guards. Music, parade of standards and an Act of Commemoration. Join assorted civilian and uniformed organisations each representing the different aspects of commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War

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## **The Howard Robinson History Talks: King John and Magna Carta**

**Tuesday 18 September**

**Henry Sandon Hall, The Royal Porcelain Works, Severn Street, WR1 2NE**

**£7.50 to include a free drink**

The Howard Robinson History Talks, exploring our country's path to democracy. King John and Magna Carta in 1215... the first real major attempt to wrest power from the monarch (by the Barons) and in so doing recognise the need for everyone to be accountable under the law.

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## **The Howard Robinson History Talks: Where England's Sorrows Began (Powick 1642) and Where They Happily Ended (Worcester 1651)**

**Tuesday 25th September**

**Henry Sandon Hall, The Royal Porcelain Works, Severn Street, WR1 2NE**

**£7.50 to include a free drink**

A talk exploring our country's path to democracy. Powick Bridge near Worcester was where the first skirmish of the 'English' Civil War took place in 1642. The last and most decisive battle of the Civil War in 1651, when Parliamentary forces defeated Royalist forces at Worcester, finally established the supremacy of Parliament over the monarchy.

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## **Worcester Heritage Trails**

**Available all year round from the Tourist Information Centre**

**Various FREE trails to choose**

Enjoy a self-guided trail through the historic City of Worcester. Explore the unique and varied history of Worcester, as well as discovering nature on your doorstep with the many riverside and canal walks that the city offers.

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## **The Worcester Story**

**A Walking Tour led by Discover History**

**Departing from the Guildhall at 6pm each day**

**Available all year round**

**£7.50 per person**

An overview of the fascinating history of Worcester. Join your guide as they talk you through the Worcester Story and the making of a Cathedral and University City. Hear about the Romans, the devastating Viking raids, Elizabeth I and her visit to the city in 1575 and the bloody battle of Worcester that took place in 1651.



## **A Walking Tour led by Worcester Walks**

**Departing from the Guildhall at 6pm each day**

**Available from April to September**

**£5.00 per person**

Worcester Walks are qualified green and blue badge guides who love the city and are keen to share their local knowledge with you. The tours include a regular tour with tales of Kings and Vikings, triumphs and tragedies, or you can book a themed tour about the Worcester Waterways, Pubs, Worcester Past and Passion, the Civil War, Sir Edward Elgar and Industrial Heritage.

## **A Woman's Vision Exhibition**

**Tuesday – Saturday 1pm – 4pm**

**Greyfriars, Friar Street**

Normal Admission to the House applies

'A person of contrasts - charming in some ways, difficult in others' Join us as we explore through an exhibition, one of our most prominent female stories, that of Elsie Moore. A woman who expressed her aspiration and forged her own path in the heritage sector.

## **'Coming Home'**

**Friday 14 September, 7.30pm**

**Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**

**Tickets from Worcester Live 01905 611427**

A commemorative concert by the band of the Grenadier Guards to mark Worcestershire World War 100, not to be missed.

## **Turn up for a Tour of the Cathedral**

**Monday to Saturday 11am and 2.30pm,**

**Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**

**£5.00 per person, children under 16 accompanied by an adult are free.**

Join one of the Cathedral guides for a historic tour, lasting approximately 1 hour.

## **Climb the Cathedral Tower**

**Saturday's 11am - 5pm and Sunday's 12.30pm - 3.30pm**

**Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**

**£5.00 per adult, Children under 16 accompanied by an adult are free.**

See spectacular views of the city and countryside beyond. See how many giraffes you can spot!

## **Safari Trail**

**Daily, 9am – 5pm**

**Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**

Borrow a Safari Back pack (including binoculars, spy glass and torch) or pick up a Safari trail leaflet and seek out the pink giraffe and other animals around the Cathedral.

This is a fun and free activity for young children (accompanied by an adult) and for families. Back packs and trail leaflets are at the Welcome desk at the main Cathedral entrance.

## **Photographic Competition Exhibition**

**8 – 23 September, 9am – 5.00pm**

**Deans Chapel, Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**

See the winning entries of our photographic competition on the theme Aspects of Worcester Cathedral.

## **Creative Garden Exhibition**

**Throughout September 9am -5pm**

**South Cloister, Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**

See our knitted garden in the South Cloister. Come along to one of our knit and natter sessions and make some flowers for the garden. All donations gratefully accepted. In aid of the Cathedral Undercroft Learning Centre join in the big knit and help the Creative Garden grow.

## **Spot the Giraffes!**

**Up until the 16 September**

**Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, WR1 2LA**

As part of Worcester Stands Tall Wild in Art exhibition of giraffes around the city, in Aid of St Richards Hospice's Build 2020 Appeal. Come and see Angelica and Lily the Pink giraffe outside the Cathedral in the spectacular grounds.

## **Pears and apples – guided walk on the St John's Arts and Heritage Trail**

**Tuesday 11 September & Monday 24th September, 5.00pm**

**Meet next to the pear sculpture in Cripplegate Park WR2 5BA**

**FREE Event**

Join City Archaeologist James Dinn on a guided walk visiting the two sculptures and six history plaques which make up the St John's Arts and Heritage Trail. The artworks were made by sculptors Planet Art and installed in 2017-18 and form a 1 mile trail leading from Cripplegate Park through St John's to Pitmaston Park.

## **'The Black Death and beyond - discoveries from archaeological test pits'**

**Archaeology talk by Carenza Lewis**

**Monday 17 September, 7.30pm**

**Perrins Hall, Royal Grammar School Worcester WR1 1HP  
£2 (FREE for members of Worcestershire Archaeological Society)**

Carenza Lewis is well known from her appearances on the long-running Channel 4 series Time Team and many other TV shows. She is Professor of Public Understanding of Research at the University of Lincoln. Her specialism in medieval archaeology led her to develop projects investigating the origins of medieval settlements in East Anglia by excavating test pits in villages. These have given over 10,000 young people the opportunity to participate. More recently Carenza has been advising the 'Small Pits, Big Ideas' project, run by Worcestershire Archaeological Society and the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service.

## **Parks and recreation in Victorian and Edwardian Worcester – a guided walk to some historic sporting and leisure sites**

**Sunday 23 September, 2.30pm**

**Meet by the bandstand in Gheluvelt Park WR3 7AA**

**FREE Event**

City Archaeologist James Dinn will lead a walk taking in parks, sites and buildings representing early sport and leisure provision in Worcester, some well-known, others not. The walk will start in Gheluvelt Park and head towards the city centre.

## The Worcestershire Soldier Gallery

From Wednesday 12 September

Worcester Art Gallery and Museum, Foregate Street, Worcester, WR1 1DT

'Highlights from the Regimental Silver Collection'  
The Worcestershire Soldier exhibition tells the story of the men of Worcestershire's Regiments from 1694 to the present. Using archive film, memories and the unique collections of The Worcestershire Regiment and Worcestershire Yeomanry, this display brings over 300 years of military history to life.

## The Worcestershire Soldier Gallery

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Worcester, WR1 1DT

11.30am – 12.15pm,

Free Event

6 Sept Medals on display in the Worcestershire Soldier Gallery

13 Sept Silver on display in the Worcestershire Soldier Gallery

20 Sept Medals on display in the Worcestershire Soldier Gallery

27 Sept Silver on display in the Worcestershire Soldier Gallery

Join us for four talks throughout September at the Worcestershire Soldier Gallery, Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum and 'Learn more about the Regimental treasures from Colonel John Lowles CBE, former Commanding Officer of 1WFR, and leading authority on the Regimental Silver Collection'.

## Bite-size talk – Rare and beautiful butterflies in Worcester's antiquarian collections

Tuesday 11 September, 1pm – 1.30pm

Worcester Art Gallery and Museum, Foregate Street, Worcester, WR1 1DT

£3 entry, to book call 01905 25371 or call into the Gallery  
Talk attendees receive 10% discount in Balcony Café.

## Ice Age Exhibition

On until 8 September, Monday – Saturday,

10.30am – 4.30pm

Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum, Foregate Street, Worcester, WR1 1DT

Free Entry

Celebrating half a million years of Worcestershire's history, from the time our ancestors arrived until the end of the last Ice Age 10,000 years ago.

## The War To End All Wars Exhibition

Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum, Foregate Street, Worcester, WR1 1DT

On until 10 November

Monday – Saturday, 10.30am – 4.30pm

World War One had an impact on British society that continues into the 21st century. This exhibition explores how Worcestershire people's lives changed in the years following the war; from women's rights to social housing, mental health to mourning.

## What Do We Want? Exhibition

Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum, Foregate Street, Worcester, WR1 1DT

22 September – 24 November

Monday – Saturday, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Artworks by contemporary artists Gillian Wearing and Mark Titchner sit alongside the Museum's historic collections of satire and political prints to illustrate ordinary people's voices against a world of corporate and political messages.

## Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service

Before Cathedral Square – Dig Lich Street

Cathedral Square, Worcester

Saturday 29 September, 12noon - 3pm

Drop by to find out more about the archaeological dig that took place before the new square was built, see some of the finds and hear what we discovered now all analysis is done. Talks will also take place at regular intervals – run by Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service.

## The Charles Legacy – guided walk on timber-framed buildings around Worcester City Centre

Meet outside The Guildhall

Sunday 30 September, 2.30pm

FREE Event

Sheena Payne-Lunn, City Historic Environment Record Officer, will lead a walk around a number of the historic buildings restored by the renowned timber-framed building specialists FWB 'Freddie' and Mary Charles. Perhaps most famous in Worcester City for their restoration of the Commandery in the 1980s, their practice worked on many of the surviving buildings that we see in Worcester today, many of which are open to the public as coffee houses or pubs.



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