

Pershore Civic Society Summer 2023 Newsletter

Dear Civic Society Member,

Since my last Newsletter much has happened in the town and beyond. The King has been crowned, the Carnival has taken place and now the Summer festivals are well underway.

The Coronation

In preparation for the Coronation of King Charles III & at the request of the Pershore Place Board, members of the Civic Society assembled a list of over 40 properties in Bridge Street, Broad Street and High Street where flag brackets could be suitable for erection. Money was made available by the Board for the manufacture by local blacksmith Steve Cooper, erection & maintenance by Wychavon to achieve an affect for the Coronation inspired by previous similar occasions:

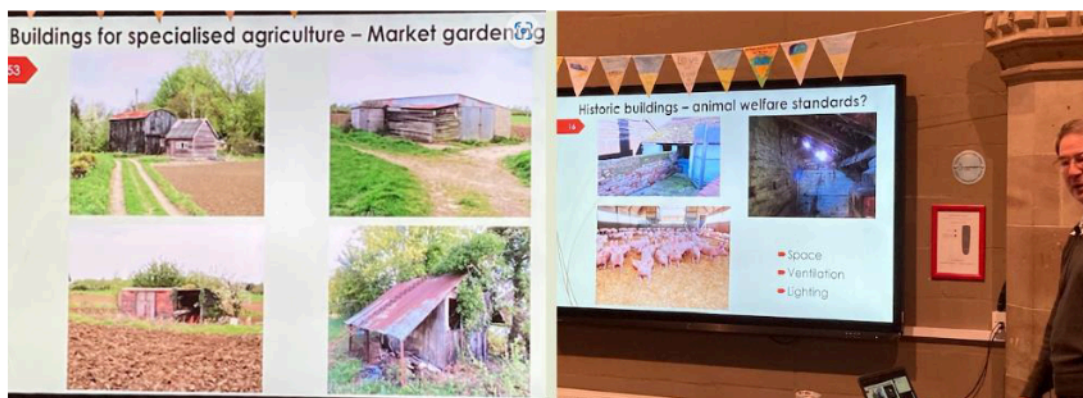


The brackets will now remain in place to be used not just for flags and bunting but also for Christmas Trees when the season arrives!

Talks & Visits

Victorian Farm Buildings

Our last Winter Talk on Victorian Farm Buildings by Alan Wadsworth took place on Tuesday 25th April at St Andrews. This event was really well attended and those who came were surprised to learn so much about the simple and familiar agricultural buildings we so often take for granted.



Alan Wadsworth – Victorian Farm Buildings

Severn Waster Services (Envirosort)

Our first visit of 2023 was to Envirosort in Norton. Perhaps not the most glamorous destination in Worcestershire but behind the non-descript façade of the industrial unit something close to magic is performed daily as new life is squeezed from discarded packaging of all kinds!



Envirosort – Something of a crush!

Jenny Hope, the public face of Envirosort, gave us an insight into the challenges and opportunities we face as a country.



Severn Waste Services (Envirosort)'s base at Norton

Hellen's Manor – Much Marcle

Our next 2023 visit was of the more traditional kind. A visit to Hellen's Manor in Much Marcle provided an opportunity to see a home that has been part of the Herefordshire landscape since 1057. Elizabeth Mullenger, our guide for the day, transported the large group of Pershore Civic Society members through the house and through the ages.



Hellen's Manor

Much of the house is Tudor. Hogarths, Reynolds, Van Dycks and Burne-Jones paintings adorn the walls. The house (still a home) has been owned by the same family since 1930 and is currently owned by the Pennington-Mellor-Munthe Charity Trust. The Trust supports the distinguished Ledbury Poetry Festival, as well as Hellens May Music where musicians of international reputation come to play, relax, and teach talented young students.



Hellen's Manor

Our programme for the balance of the year has now been released and looks like this:

Visits 2023	
12 th July	Arley Arboretum
5 th September	Shelsley Walsh Water Mill and Hill Climb
Talks 2023/2024	
26 th September	7 Towns in Worcestershire – Graham Gooderham
31 st October	The Conservation of Churches – Lianne Beattie (Churches Conservation Trust)
24 th November	Annual Dinner
6 th February 2024	Moats, Mills and Fish Ponds – Deborah Overton

Town Planning Notes

Visitors to the Pershore Civic Society Website will have noticed that an important consultation is just about to take place. On 11th July 2023, ALDI UK will be asking for feedback on their plans for the redevelopment of part of the Pershore Indoor Market site.

It's not every day that a market town loses a market and gains a supermarket – so please either visit the consultation website at [Aldi – Pershore \(aldiconsultation.co.uk\)](https://aldiconsultation.co.uk) or visit the Market to see the proposals between 1 and 7pm on July 11th. Your opinion matters!



Award-winning discount food retailer Aldi is proceeding with community engagement ahead of an application for a new Aldi food store on the site of Pershore Market.