



Persore Civic Society Summer Newsletter – 2022 Platinum Jubilee Edition

The 4-day Bank Holiday weekend in June allowed us all to pay tribute to our beloved Queen and to revel in activities that, for the past 2 years, have not been possible. We know that Corona Virus has not yet been defeated but, as a society, we are learning to live alongside it and to accept that, thanks to the NHS's vaccination programme, it no longer represents the threat that it once did. We may now choose to live in a more cautious and considerate fashion than pre pandemic – and that may be an entirely good thing to do. The Platinum Jubilee allowed Persore Abbey to show off its new multi coloured flood lights (donated by the Friends of Persore Abbey) for the first time – adding, as they did, a regal flourish to the town's dusk-scape!



Upcoming Events

Hook Norton Brewery – 1.45pm 13th September 2022 Visit

"Moats, Mills and Fishponds" – 7.30pm 4th October 2022 Talk by Deborah Overton at St Andrews Parish Centre

"The Earls of Coventry & History of Croome Court" – 7.30pm 1st November 2022 Talk by Catherine Gordon at St Andrews Parish Centre

Planning Matters

Almonry Close – Rooftop Housing's recent planning application to allow the demolition of the existing buildings before the pre-commencement conditions for the new development have been approved has been withdrawn. A new application is anticipated and will be scrutinised when it is published.

Persore Judo Club – The application by Mr. D Jeavons Fellows to build 8 apartments on top of the Judo Club in Priest Lane has been withdrawn.

Holloway Hill – Bromford's application for 24 new homes off Holloway Hill has been reviewed with comments submitted to Wychavon District Council.

However, Wychavon's Landscape and Ecology officer has raised queries and the Highways Authority (Worcestershire County Council) have also raised some highway objections which are currently being considered, with a current recommendation for deferral until matters can be clarified.

So far this year we have been able undertake the following visits:

Visit to Stanway House, a Jacobean Manor House – June 2022 The house has a long history having been owned by the same family for 500 years. The Earl of Wemyss is the current owner. 25 Members were treated to a fascinating tour of the house by Paul, our entertaining and thoroughly knowledgeable guide. There were many paintings, including 6 generations of the family in the drawing room – most of whom died young. Among other items of interest was an exceptionally long shuffle board table made from a single piece of timber, a Georgian exercise chair and two beautiful Chippendale day beds. After a splendid tea and cake we went into the extensive gardens and were amazed by a 300 ft gravity fed fountain – the tallest fountain in Britain. The weather stayed fine and a very enjoyable time was had by everyone.	 Stanway House Fountain
Visit to Worcester – May 2022 15 members were treated to a most interesting and enjoyable day in Worcester, hosted by Worcester Civic Society. We were welcomed to their newly opened History and Heritage Pod in the Crowngate Shopping Centre. This impressive space includes a Timeline covering Worcester's history in the context of national events since Roman times. After a welcome with refreshments, we were taken on a fascinating walking tour of 10 of Worcester's 14 Grade 1 listed buildings, conducted by John Wickson, ably assisted by artist David Birtwhistle. Some of the buildings such as the Cathedral or Guildhall are quite well known to many of us, but other jewels in the city centre are often passed by unnoticed and it was illuminating to hear more of their history. We saw several of the Blue Plaques installed by the Civic Society (recent Plaques include Sir Stirling Moss and another to commemorate the Jewish community in Worcester, which was based around Copenhagen Street).	
At the time of writing, Pershore Civic Society is due to pay a visit on 7th July 2022 to Woodchester Mansion Nymphsfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. Our visit will enable members to look carefully at the interior of a Victorian Cotswold Stone Manor House which has never been completed or lived in!	