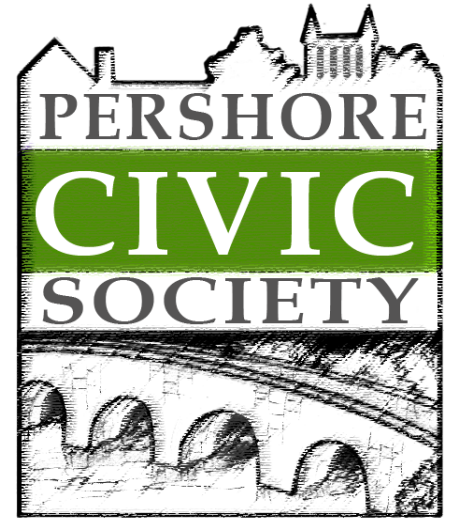


Planning for the future

Pershore Civic Society wears many hats. An important one of which is having a planning committee that meets regularly to inspect and comment on local planning applications. In addition, meetings are held with representatives of both Evesham and Droitwich Civic Societies and Wychavon conservation and planning officers to discuss and highlight various issues of concern.

The society is also involved in the Town Plan, alongside many other organisations, with the aim of compiling a vision for the future of the town and its growing population. When completed, it is hoped that this will feed into a Neighbourhood Plan which will carry weight with planning inspectors.

The society also enjoys cultural and social activities and has, for some years, sponsored and presented achievement awards for some very talented art students at Pershore High School. Read on to discover more society news....



Cork trees, pixies and cream teas

Summer is the time for outings and following a successful tour of Herefordshire's black and white villages in May, July saw another outing - a visit to Spetchley Park Gardens, which are undergoing significant refurbishment with the help of a lottery grant. A guided tour was taken around the beautiful 30-acre park with its amazing variety of trees, including Cedars of Lebanon and Portuguese Cork, whilst boasting an enormous range of flowering plants. And did you know pixies live in the park? We were shown doors to their houses, although obviously we mere mortals were unable to enter! The visit concluded, of course, with a cream tea in the Old Laundry Room Teashop.

From PODS to Plums

Early July saw the society hosting a meeting for representatives from various civic societies, from as far afield as Sutton Coldfield. A fascinating presentation was given by Keith Goddard about the history and renovation of Number 8, illustrating a development that has added so much to the community life of Pershore - not only providing a home for Pershore Operatic and Dramatic Society but a theatre, cinema, art gallery and coffee bar. A discussion was then held regarding national issues involving heritage and planning and the effects of Brexit on available funding.

Looking forward to autumn

On 4th October there will be a talk

entitled 'How the Pershore Plum won the Great War' at St Andrew's Centre. Did you know that during WW1 daily doses of Pershore Plum jam enabled soldiers to consume sufficient calories to survive? Maggie Andrews and Jenni Waugh will present the results of their research, carried out in conjunction with members of Pershore WI and Heritage and History Society and supported by the Civic Society. On 1st November Clive Matthews from Avon Navigation Trust will talk about the river and how the use of what was once a main transport artery has evolved.

Heather Greenhalgh and Val Wood

For more details or to join, visit www.pershorecivicsociety.org.uk or call Debby Rowley on 01386 554019



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