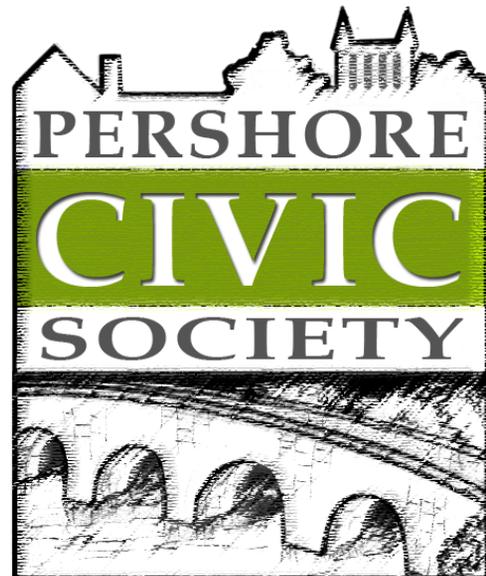


The lighter side of Civic Society life!

Whilst the substantive reason for the existence of a civic society is the wellbeing of the physical advancement of a town, Pershore Civic Society also likes to concern itself with the well being of its members.

Throughout the year there are talks and visits arranged to increase local knowledge or to enjoy the wider environment. Already this year, Henry Sandon has given a talk and Brian Draper, a colourful Worcestershire character, has taken members and friends on a tour of the black and white villages of Herefordshire. Still to come are visits to Arbury Hall in Nuneaton, The Other Place at Stratford and Spetchley Park Gardens. Forthcoming talks include 'How the Pershore Plum won the War' and 'Saving the Avon.'

Membership of the society brings with it the opportunity to have your say about all matters Pershore, but also to enjoy these events.



Visit of Henry Sandon

There was an extra large turnout for an evening with raconteur Henry Sandon in St Andrew's Centre. Well known to many, Henry considers Pershore his second home.

Once he was a music teacher at the Royal Grammar School Worcester and a lay clerk in the Worcester Cathedral choir, and was appointed curator of the Dyson Perrins Museum

at Royal Worcester. His main claim to fame is through the Antiques Roadshow, voted Antiques Personality of the Year and honoured with the MBE. A modest and entertaining man, he brought a collection of china that was passed around, some featuring plum designs and also two strange teapots. A return visit by Henry would be welcomed!

Val Wood

North, South, East West

Wherever you look as you leave Pershore, buildings are sprouting out of the erstwhile green and pleasant land, creating new conurbations that will undoubtedly have an effect on the delightful town in which we live. But will it be a good influence or an unwelcome intrusion?

There is no doubt a great need for additional housing across the whole country, and we must accept that whilst we may love our own view, people cannot live in a view. Whilst we are blessed with many independent shops on our High Street, let's hope the new houses give the opportunity of increasing the town's footfall - the success to any business.

The object of Pershore Civic Society is to act as 'watchdog' to maintain a town not set in aspic. The Society needs the support and the opinions of the townsfolk. If you are moving into one of the new houses, think about Pershore and what you can do to help maintain its individual character.

Sue Dolman

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Pershore Civic Society Membership Application

Name Name (2nd applicant)

Address Postcode

Email address Telephone

I/We wish to join Pershore Civic Society and enclose the subscription fee of £10 (£15 joint application)

I am particularly interested in (please tick): a) Old buildings b) Outside visits c) Historical aspects of Pershore d) Planning

Please return to: Membership Secretary Debby Rowley, Manor Farm House, Pensham, Pershore WR10 1HB