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Nicholas Coleridge CBE gave a fascinating insight into his career starting between school and university as a cub reporter on the Falmouth Packet newspaper, progressing to working with such well known publications as Tatler and the Evening Standard, and receiving the British Press award for Young Journalist of the Year in 1982. This was followed by a distinguished career with Conde Nast and the V & A Museum. He is currently chairman of not only Conde Naste Britain but of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Prince of Wales Campaign for Wool and of the Gilbert Trust for

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Victoria & Albert Museum

the Arts to mention a few! Even with such a busy life he managed to find a 'cosy' home in Worcestershire namely Wolverton Hall where with his wife he raised a family of 4 sons and where he attempts to spend as many weekends as possible. His favourite place is the garden where he writes the odd novel or 2 in longhand, only fitting for a descendant of the brother of poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

The talk on the geology of Worcestershire by Liz Etheridge spanned 600m years in 90 minutes, providing members with a brief history of time when the word 'suddenly' means a couple of million years. Most of the information has been discovered via various rock formations around the world when our little island started somewhere around the South Pole. After moving north and colliding with what is now North America and merging with Scotland we joined what would eventually become known as Europe. The rock formations in this county, can to the expert eye, give timescales to the changes of not only climate but flora and fauna. During the Ice Age the Malverns could be seen peeking from a glacier until comparatively recently, i.e. 10,000 years ago when the ice

melted leaving valleys such as our own Vale of Evesham and rivers such as the Avon and Severn, not forgetting the creation of the English Channel. Liz concluded her fascinating presentation by saying that knowledge of the past, and awareness of the constantly changing climates, could help us plan for the future of our planet.



Liz Etheridge demonstrating an ice covered Earth



Silurian Limestone, full of fossils.



Litter Pickers Oct 2017

A reminder that the town's spring litter pick will start 10am Sat 24th March from Pershore Town Hall - all members and

friends are urged to join and help keep our town lovely for the summer.

Diary of Future Events 2018:

All talks are 7pm for 7.30pm in St. Andrews Hall, Pershore

Fri 2 March
Pershore Civic Society AGM after the official business and refreshments, Jack Hegarty MD of Wychavon District Council will be giving a talk entitled: *Conservation and Growth - An Uncomfortable Combination?* All welcome!

Tues 10 April
Talk by Antiques Road Show expert Henry Sandon

Wed 23 May
Tour of Droitwich by Droitwich Civic Society

Tues 12 June
Visit to Elgar's Birthplace

Sat 30th June
St. Andrews Hall 10.30am - 1pm.

Photos of Pershore old and new with tips on preserving them by Robin Whittaker.

Wed 4 July
Bournville Village Trust with Duncan Cadbury

20 September
Visit to Worcester Cathedral Library

9 October
Talk by Robin Whittaker: *History of Worcestershire Archaeological Society with a Pershore Twist.*

13 November
Talk by Duncan Cadbury: *The life of George Cadbury.*

More talks are in the pipeline so watch this space!