



# Pershire Civic Society

Spring Newsletter 2020  
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*In 1964 the Council for British Archaeology included Pershore in a list of 51 towns "so splendid and precious that ultimate responsibility for them should be a national concern".*

*Pershire Civic Society is here to protect that legacy and inspire a sense of civic pride and we welcome you to our Spring 2020 Newsletter.*

Our AGM, when committee members are elected, is being held on **Friday 6th March 7pm** in St. Andrew's Centre followed by light refreshments and a talk by Michael Hodges MRICS, "Breathing New Life into Old Buildings". All are welcome.



During the year talks are presented usually in St. Andrew's and February saw a fascinating talk by Dennis Williams entitled Pershore Airfield covering the years when both Defford and Pershore (known locally as Throckmorton) airfields were used by the Royal Radar Establishment for flight trials. Both having ceased operations by 1981.

Visits are mainly organized during early Spring/Summer the first one being a guided tour of Malvern at the invitation of Malvern Civic Society, followed later in the year by a trip to the Broadway Nuclear Bunker; then a demonstration by Steve Cooper, Pershore's own blacksmith, then a guided tour by Tim Bridges of Cotswold churches including Fairford. Not of course, forgetting a visit to Kevin O'Neills Organic Orchard in Drakes Broughton in September.



The Planning Committee work very hard during the year monitoring and commenting on local planning applications including the controversial South Worcestershire Development Plan which has recently been the subject of public consultation and is an ongoing scenario.



A meeting is also held every year with planning officers and other civic society groups to air concerns and discuss policy issues mainly relating to listed buildings within conservation areas – after all one of the reasons for our existence is to protect heritage assets. We do need another person to join the planning committee – interested?

*If so please contact chairman Judy Dale ([judy.dale@doctors.org.uk](mailto:judy.dale@doctors.org.uk)).*

Pershore Civic Society is a busy organization supporting local groups with advice and in some cases funding. Together with Pershore Rotary Club we sponsor the large hanging baskets on poles at the three entrances to Pershore. We also support Pershore's own Local Nature Reserve otherwise known as Avon Meadows, not forgetting the campaign to Protect Tiddesley Wood. Pershore High School is the recipient of an annual prize and this year a donation was made to Pershore United Charities which assists those in need and suffering hardship.

You may have noticed the appearance of four 20mph road markings in Bridge Street which were part funded by Pershore Town Council and Pershore Civic society in an effort to cut speeding in the street before new vehicular flashing lights are installed.



Photo Show 2019

**Saturday 6th June 10.30am** is the date of this year's Photo Show, again in St. Andrew's Centre. This gives both new and older residents an opportunity to see images of Pershore's past, including photos of the original Avon Mill in Bridge Street before it was burnt down in 1976.



Avon Mill

**If you would like to join us please complete the application form below.**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS**

NAME ..... NAME (2nd Member) .....

ADDRESS ..... Post Code .....

Email address ..... Tel. No. ....

**I/We\* wish to join the Pershore Civic Society and enclose the subscription fee of £10 / £15\***

*\*Delete as applicable*

I/We are particularly interested in:

- a) Old buildings
- b) Outside visits
- c) Historical aspects of Pershore
- d) Planning

*Please tick your interests and send this form together with your subscription to the Membership Secretary at the following address:*

**Debby Rowley , Manor Farm House, Pensham, Pershore WR10 3HB Tel: 01386 554019**

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