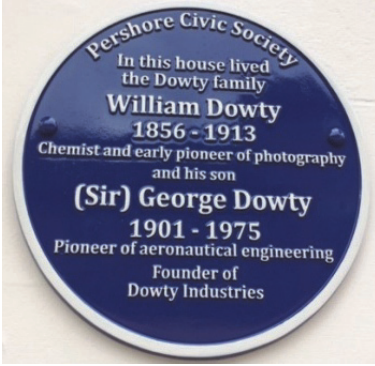


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Winter Newsletter

Blue plaque unveiling



William Dowty and his son who became Sir George Dowty, were honoured by Pershore Civic Society on Sun 19 November, when a blue plaque in their name was installed at No. 29 High Street (originally known as Rembrandt House) and today owned by Persora. William 1856-1913 was a chemist and early pioneer of photography, optician and dentist and his son George 1901-1975

was a pioneer of aeronautical engineering and the founder of Dowty Aviation formed in 1935 making aircraft equipment in Cheltenham, inventing the first internally sprung aircraft wheel and going on to make landing gear for Frank Whittle's jet-propelled Gloster aeroplane. The company was acquired by the TI group in 1992. Numerous members of the

Dowty family were present with the plaque unveiled by George Dowty jnr. Following the ceremony everyone adjourned to the Star Inn when many of the Dowty family met members of their extended family for the first time, and had an opportunity to view the photographic exhibition and help complete the family tree.



Beauchamp Community, Malvern

23 September saw a visit to the Beauchamp Community where our group was led into a spacious quadrangle to see the elegant Victorian almshouses which were dedicated in 1864 as homes for the retired workers from the Madresfield estate and

the poor of the parish. Both the Almshouses and St Leonards Church, a masterpiece of Victorian Gothic architecture, were designed by Philip Charles Hardwick, a member of the Oxford Movement.

Diary of Future Events 2018:

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

Thurs 25 January
Talk by Nicholas Coleridge
Chairman of Conde Nast
Publications and involved with
the Victoria and Albert Museum

Tues 6th February
Geology of Worcestershire
Talk to be given by Liz
Etheridge on what should be a
fascinating insight into the
history of the rocks that make up
our now familiar landscape.

Fri 2 March
Annual General Meeting with
guest speaker Jack Hegarty MD
of Wychavon District Council
speaking on conservation.

Sat 19 May
Tour of Droitwich by Civic
Society

Tues 12 June
Visit to Elgar's Birthplace

Wed 4 July
Bournville Village Trust with
Duncan Cadbury

20 September
Worcester Cathedral Library

**More talks are in the pipeline
so watch this space!**

**Wishing you
all a very happy
Christmas**

