

**Monthly Meetings are held third Tuesday of every month at 2pm
Baptist Church, Etnam Street (Doors open 1:30pm)**

June 16th
July 21st

Hereford Waterworks Museum
Wills and Related Topics

Speaker:
Bob Higgle
Jerry Carrington



Upcoming Events

A Day trip to Bath!

Thursday September 17th 2026. Leaving Leominster at 8.00am. £25per person.
Contact Lesley.ashby17@gmail.com



Quiz Night, Community Centre, 9th July, 7:15pm.

Contact Gisela Lehmann giselavernon2@gmail.com

Family History, 27th July, 2pm.

Contact Rachael Hellberg rachael.hellberg@gmail.com

July Garden Visit



6th July. Tower House, Bache, Craven Arms SY7 9LN. From Ludlow take B4365 towards Much Wenlock. Turn left after 3 miles (Bache, Burley) Garden at top of hill after 1.5 miles. Two Acres of garden, mixed borders. Panoramic views. £10 including tea.

All Visits start at 2.00pm. To attend put your name on the list at the monthly meeting or inform Mike Goodwin a week before the visit. Please indicate if you require transport.

mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com

Vikings at the Priory 27th May to 22nd June

A programme of Events & Free Exhibition at Leominster Priory, celebrating our Anglo-Saxon and Viking Heritage. Craft Workshops, Talks, Tours, Concerts, Walks, Drama and Viking Battle Re-Enactment. Programme from the TI Centre.

Or contact: www.prioryarts.org.uk

Viking theme choral concert 21st June, 7pm, The Priory. Free admission. 'Heirs of the Vikings' – featuring Border Voices choir accompanied by baroque strings.



National u3a Events

Listed below are just a few of the events on [u3a.org.uk](https://www.u3a.org.uk). Please visit the website for details and all events listings. There are many free events available covering numerous subjects, so please do visit [u3a.org.uk](https://www.u3a.org.uk).

- If Vikings at the Priory has whet your appetite for more Viking history, Wessex Versus the Vikings is a free online event via zoom on the 25th June at 2pm.
- Watercolours with Tony free interactive group online via zoom 6th July, 10am.
- 2026 Essay Competition is now open – details at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/learning/learning-activities/essay-competition-2026> Closing date is 31st July 2026, 12 noon.
- Technology Built In to Modern Cars and Trucks online via zoom, 1st July, 11:30am.
- Mrs Charles Dickens Tells Her Story online via zoom, 2nd July, 2pm.

Group Highlight

Arts and Crafts meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. It is a creative and friendly way to meet and share skills and knowledge with like-minded people. There is room for experiment and innovation as well as the opportunity to relax and enjoy a favourite pastime.

The artists work in a variety of mediums, including watercolour, coloured pencils and graphite and the crafters include embroidery, knitting, jewellery and card making, and patchwork and quilting. Some people do both!

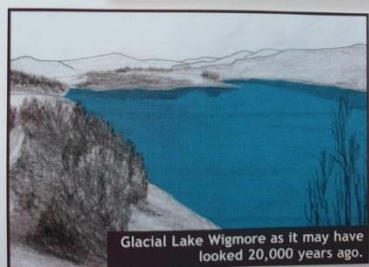
Help and advice are freely given and welcome refreshments arrive at half time. There is so much talent, enthusiasm and enjoyment with the group that two hours flies by in a moment.



Did you know?

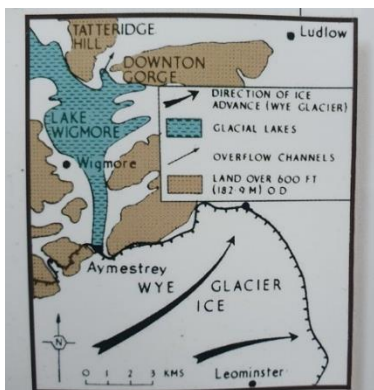
Wigmore Glacial Lake

The History of Herefordshire is written in the landscape we see today. The hills and Valleys so familiar to us consist of rocks formed over millions of years on coastal plains and deserts and tropical seas. These rocks have been eroded and shaped by the effects of water, wind and ice into the scenery we see today. The last ice sheet reached Herefordshire about 20,000 years ago.



Glacial Lake Wigmore as it may have looked 20,000 years ago.

The ice in the Wigmore Basin came from the Wye Valley Glacier through the gap at Aymestrey gradually filling the basin. As temperatures rose the ice began to melt, however the gap at Aymestrey remained blocked with ice and the water level in the Basin continued to rise. The water found a way out to the north through a gap in the hills at Tatteridge Hill. The water flowed east towards Ludlow, creating a new course for the River Teme Through the Lime stone of Downton Gorge. The Wigmore Basin can be viewed from Wigmore Castle, which is managed by English Heritage and well worth a visit. The Downton George is managed by English Nature who arrange guided walks from time to time.



Wigmore Castle



Downton Gorge



Former Glacial Lake Wigmore as it looks today.

Note: Both Wigmore Castle and Downton Gorge are at present not open to the public

Summer Solstice and Midsummer's Day



Flaming June by Sir Frederic Leighton painted in 1895.

June brings the summer solstice when the northern hemisphere is tilted towards the sun at its maximum tilt. This year the solstice will take place at 0924hrs (BST), 21st June. Midsummer's day is on the 24th June and is a quarter day in the UK Legal Calendar.

A Night in June

The sun has long been set,
The stars are out by twos and threes,
The little birds are piping yet
Among the bushes and the trees:
There's a cuckoo, and one or two thrushes,
And a far-off wind that rushes,
And a sound of water that gushes,
And the cuckoo's sovereign cry
Fills all the hollow of the sky.

William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

Do you have a funny story or anecdote you would like to share? Do you have a particular hobby or interest that you could tell us about. It's your newssheet, let's see more member contributions please. Send to the Email address at the bottom of the page, or give a copy to a member of the committee.

Deadline for all submissions is 2nd Wednesday of the month, 10:00am.

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| <p>Architectural Heritage Meet on 2nd Monday am, of the month. Contact Diana Emes dphemes@aol.co.uk</p> | <p>German Meet on 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoon. Contact: Ursula Merchant shortpimple@yahoo.co.uk</p> | <p>Reading Group: ABC. Meet second Monday afternoon of the month. Contact Jen Atkins jenatkins@btinternet.com</p> |
| <p>Art and Crafts Meet on 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2pm. Contact Hilary Tuite hilaryatc@btinternet.com</p> | <p>History Meet 3rd Thurs of the month 2pm. Topics chosen by group members. Contact Jenny Holliday jbhxl@yahoo.co.uk</p> | <p>Reading Group: Great Escapes Meet 1st Monday of the month at 2.00pm. Contact Adrian Garai adrian.garai53@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>Book of the month Meet 4th Friday of the month at 11am. Either ebook or audio book. Contact David Stacey davidrstacey@gmail.com</p> | <p>Family History 4th Monday of the month 2pm in Shobdon. Contact Rachael Hellberg rachael.hellberg@gmail.com</p> | <p>Sewing Bee 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2pm - 4pm. Contact Sue McGough suemcgough99@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>Bridge Improvers Tuesday am, in the Community Centre. Contact Mike Goodwin mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com</p> | <p>Italian Meet 1st Weds each month at 2pm. Contact Ursula Merchant. shortpimple@yahoo.co.uk</p> | <p>Twice around the Grange Walk and coffee Fridays Meet at 10.00 am on the Grange. Contact Gisela Lehmann giselavernon2@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>Current Affairs Meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Joan Liddle joangliddle@talktalk.net</p> | <p>Mah-jong & Scrabble Meet Fridays fortnightly 10.00 am at the Community Centre. Contact Joan Liddle joangliddle@talktalk.net</p> | <p>Walking First and third Thursday in the month. Please check website for details.</p> |
| <p>French Conversation Meet fortnightly on Wednesday am. Contact Hilary Currie. hilaryalice@gmail.com</p> | <p>Men's discussion group. Leominster Lads. 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon. Contact. Dave McGough David.mcgough99@gmail.com</p> | <p>Welsh Beginners 2nd & 4th Mon afternoon of month. Contact: Sandra Gulley sandra.gulley1@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>French Intermediate Meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month. Working through a French text book. Details from David Stacey davidrstacey@gmail.com</p> | <p>Modern Technology Help with IT, tablet and phone issues and usage. Our meetings will be on the 2nd Wed. of the month at 2pm. Contact David Stacey davidrstacey@gmail.com</p> | |
| <p>Garden Visits Start in Spring 2026. Contact. Mike Goodwin mikegoodwinle1@gmail.com</p> | <p>Pub Lunches Sign up at the Monthly meeting or Contact Eileen Garvey eileengarveybramley@gmail.com or Jen Atkins jenatkins@btinternet.com</p> | |

Note: Telephone numbers can be obtained from the Yearbook