

ALCESTER & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Alcester town centre has always been prone to flooding. Here are two images of Alcester's High Street under water: one taken on 1st June 1924 and the other on 20th July 2007. Work carried out since then by Severn Trent Water to capture flood water before it reaches the town should alleviate problems in the future.

([1] ADLHS Collection & [2] Alan Godfrey Collection)

PHOTO-SURVEY 2018

Our Photo-Survey 2018 has now come to an end. If you agreed to take part, please return your memory stick at the next meeting or to Steve Godfrey by the end of August. If you need help to download your photos or need further assistance, contact Steve on 07773-293968.

FULKE GREVILLE FESTIVAL

You may remember that last year we received a talk by Adam Busiakiewicz on the talented Elizabethan poet, dramatist and statesman, Sir Fulke Greville (1554-1628), who was a native of Alcester. He was also responsible for giving the town £300 to build a market hall in 1618. Now, in the Town Hall's 400th anniversary, there will shortly to be a festival to celebrate his life and work from 28th-30th September 2018. The Festival comprises a series of talks, lectures and walking tours in Alcester and Warwick. If you would like to find out more, see the website:

www.fulkefest.org.uk

We will also be including more information on the Festival in next month's newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: Our next talk will be on **Wednesday 8th AUGUST** the speakers for the evening will be Vince Williams & Jon Goodson. Their subject is **"IDLE WOMEN: the story of women working on the canals during WWII"**. These women were the equivalent of the land girls, but on the canals. The nickname 'idle women' was derived from the initials IW on their badges. This stood for Inland Waterways, but the territorially jealous boat people - born and bred to the canal system - called them 'idle women'. Meetings are held at St Benedict's RC High School Sixth Form Centre and commence at 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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