

Welcome to our first edition

And do Englishmen so soon forget the ground where liberty was fought for?

John Adams
2nd US President
Worcester, April 1786

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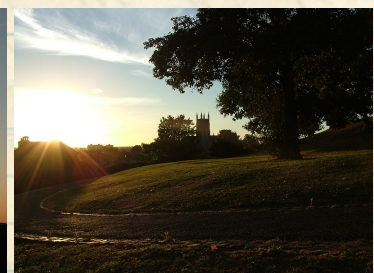
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*Andy Roberts, Mayor of Worcester & Lord Faulkner of Worcester
Unveiling of Ken Polts' (Sculptor & Member) maquette of the proposed monument.*

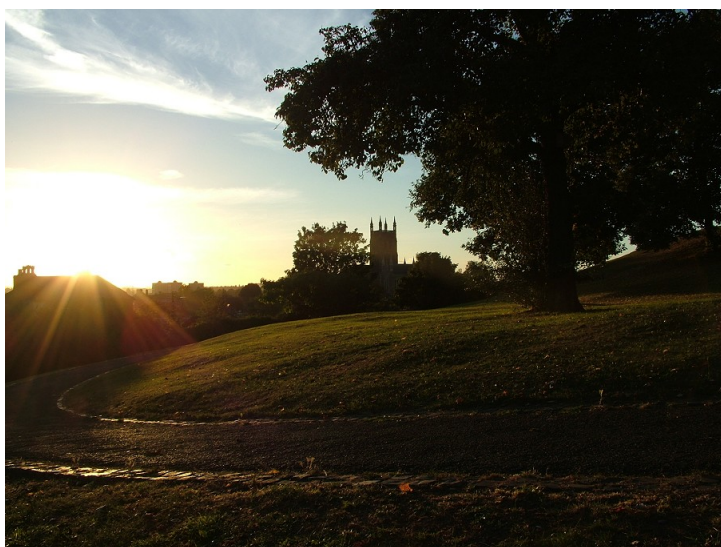


Worcester Re-enactors on Fort Royal Hill.



Worcester Cathedral as seen from Fort Royal Hill

A few pictures from the archives of the society.



Fort Royal Hill, Worcester, UK



The Duke of Hamilton's Tomb, Worcester Cathedral, UK

BEN HUMPHREY: CHAIRMAN

Worcester born Ben Humphrey attended King's Worcester from the age of 9 until leaving with A-Levels in English, Music, Drama & Classical Civilisations. He then went on to study Acting/Directing at the prestigious Bristol Old Vic Theatre School which was the platform for many iconic performers such as Patrick Stewart, Daniel Day-Lewis and Stephanie Cole. After completing seasons in London, Stratford-upon-Avon and tours of Europe, Ben moved back to Worcester to get back in touch with his roots. He is heavily involved with Worcester Live and is currently the Artistic Director of Youth Theatre for the Swan as well as Chairman of the Worcester Children's Literature Festival. Ben was voted in as the society's Chairman in November 2009.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

'It is a great honour to have been elected chairman of the society at such an exciting time. The monument campaign being launched, the application for HLF funding for the *Worcester: City of Liberty* project and a gradual increase in membership make the BoWS a very worthy society to be a part of. We are also lucky to have fine and active patrons who believe in our cause. Lord Faulkner of Worcester has been instrumental in setting up meetings with appropriate people and carrying our

message forward to the far reaches of his contacts. So what happens now? How do we become bigger and stronger? I believe that for a society in the current climate to have any chance of success it must be a society that 'does stuff.' We cannot afford to be a society that sits around and talks about 'how nice it would be to have a monument...a trail...educational workshops.' We *can* have all of these, and more. But we have to make it happen. You will see in this edition a host of prospective ideas for forthcoming events. When these events become realised I would urge each and every member to go along and support. Bring friends. Bring family. Tell people the story of the Battle of Worcester and how it changed the world. The key to our success over the next few years is to become high profile and involved. The society has made brilliant strides over the past few years. Let us now capitalise on this success and push forward with promoting a heritage that Worcester and its people should be proud of.'

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Hon. Life Members

Mr. Bob Jenkins

What events would you like the society to run?

Society run events vary greatly. Some societies have the funds and resources to stage elaborate masquerade balls with A-List guests of honour whereas others may take the humbler (though no less fun) approach of a skittles evening. The Battle of Worcester Society would like to organise more events not only for its members but also for prospective members who may be thinking about joining. What events should we organise? Maybe a Roundheads - Cavaliers game of skittles would be a fun evening. Here are a few prospective events we would like to run in the near future. Your input would be much appreciated.

1) **Lectures** - With the right marketing and venue a lecture evening with people such as John Morrall or Richard Holmes would be an excellent event not only for members but for the general public.

2) **An Evening with Oliver Cromwell** - A play written by society member, Steve Newman where dinner and an evening with the soon-to-be Lord Protector of England is on the cards.

3) **BoW Drumhead Reception** - Last year's reception was a great success. Should we make this an annual event?

4) **Annual Fundraising Evening** - Introduction and progress reports from the committee and perhaps even an address from one of our Patrons. Maybe this could be followed with an auction of promises.

All of these events would be relatively simple to organise and great fun to attend. Let us know your thoughts by emailing info@thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk or by contacting a member of the committee.

NOTIFICATIONS

Information that may be of interest to members of the society.

Patrons

The committee meeting on the 10th March 2010 voted to offer patronage to the following persons;

Mr. Dilip Sarkar MBE

Dilip was a founding member of the Battle of Worcester Society and has been a vocal supporter of its aims and objectives. As well as being a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Dilip was awarded an MBE for his services to aviation history in 2004.

Prof. David Green

Prof. Green is Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of Worcester University. A professor of Economics specialising in international finance, Prof. Green was awarded the pride of Worcestershire award for his services to the county. He has been instrumental in securing Worcester's status as a University city and continues to be a driving force for progress throughout the county.

Hon. Life Membership

Mr. Andrew Guy

Born and bred in Worcester, Andrew has been a staunch supporter of the Battle of Worcester Society and its aims. Under his Chairmanship Andrew ensured a steady increase in membership as well as providing constant momentum for the society's goals. In recognition of his hard work and unfaltering support the committee feels it is only fitting to award Andrew with Hon. Life Membership.

Online and up-to-date!

Although we maybe a historical society we are determined not to be left back in the dark ages. Most of you will know about our website, www.thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk and our *Twitter* account but we now also have a Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account you can find us by typing Battle of Worcester Society into the search bar. We are sure that through social networking such as *Facebook* and *Twitter* we can make more people aware of the society and its aims.

Worcester: City of Liberty

WALKS - RADIO DOCUDRAMA - TIE TOUR - STREET THEATRE

Putting together an application for public funding is never an easy task. However, this application was made all the more easy due to the impressive nature of the history surrounding it. From the moment Andrew Guy told me of the presidential visits to Worcester and the reasoning behind them, I was hooked. This 'wow factor' infected every part of the application for £50,000 worth of funding for *Worcester Live* to produce the *Worcester: City of Liberty* project and when the time came for me to talk through the proposed project with HLF representatives the story I had to tell was universally met with astonished

faces and the utterance of the words 'wow'. *Worcester Live's* successful bid goes a long way to ensuring this history is not forgotten and informing countless numbers of people of the significance of the Battle of Worcester. One of the pre-requisites of the funding is working with volunteer organisations such as The Battle of Worcester Society to ensure that the history is accurate and depicted in an accurate and informative way. There will be a huge amount of work to do and a delivery strategy is already being formed. The Battle of Worcester Society was responsible for the inspiration of the project, it was partly responsible for the success of the

bid and it will be instrumental in the delivery of the project. This is a huge success story for the society and we will look forward to seeing the fruits of *Worcester Live's* work come to fruition.

Ben Humphrey

If any members would like detailed breakdown of the project please email benjamin.humphrey@ymail.com

What would you like to see in _____?

ARTICLES - REPORTS - NEWS - EVENTS

What would you like to see in the _____? We would love to have your suggestions for articles, news items or reports. Perhaps some of you would like to share your opinions with other members. If so, this is the place to do it. All contributions welcome. Please contact Kim Lannie with any submissions. kim.lannie@sky.co.uk

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