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Welcome to the 4th Edition of *The Black Pear Journal*. This edition is packed with information regarding the BoW 360 celebrations as well as updates from various corners of the society. In this edition we have also published the official notification of the society's AGM. Remember that all members of the public are welcome to the AGM and the meeting provides a great opportunity for members and non-members to get to know more about the society's work.

With the 360th Anniversary fast approaching, various members of the society are hard at work preparing for all the events that will be taking place.

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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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS New Website now Online!

Please visit the Society's Brand New Website and let us know what you think!

www.thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk



AN EVENING WITH OLIVER CROMWELL

Friday 2nd September
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!
See page 5 for more details.



Ongoing Updates

The Battle of Worcester Partnership

The Battle of Worcester Partnership continues to provide a good point of contact for all parties in the city and beyond who are all focused on the protection, promotion & preservation of the heritage surrounding the Battle of Worcester. The society is consistently well represented at the meetings and continues to find the partnership a useful sounding board for all of its workings. The Society has also been thrilled with the Partnership's support for the BoW 360 initiative and would like to extend its thanks to the entire group for their contribution over the past 12 months.

Groups Represented in the Partnership: *Worcester Cathedral, Worcester Live, Worcester City Council, Worcester County Council, Visit Worcester, The Commandery, Discovery History, The Sealed Knot Society, Worcester Re-Enactors, English Civil War Society, Worcester Civic Society & The Battle of Worcester Society.*

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BATTLE OF WORCESTER
PARTNERSHIP

Worcester Live HLF Project

Walks - The City walks have been incredibly well received and have enjoyed the support of the Mayor, Robin Walker MP, the Chairman of the County Council and many other leading Worcester figures. The walks are completely free of charge to attend and places can be booked through Worcester Live's Box Office - **01905 611427**.

Worcester Live would like to extend its thanks to Georgia Smith and *Visit Worcester* for their support of the Walks especially over the course of the Worcester Festival.

Schools Tour - The Schools tour is continuing to book well and has already been performed to a great deal of the general public. The tour is well received at School Fetes, Village Events and School Assemblies. It is completely free of charge to book and is ideally aimed at 9 - 11 year olds (although it is great fun for all the family) The show lasts approximately 30mins along with a 15min interactive question and answer session.

Street Theatre - John Adams and Thomas Jefferson will be taking to the streets of Worcester to make sure that its people have not forgotten their history. The short performances are designed to engage members of the public with the far reaching significance of the Battle and examine its impact across the globe.

Battle of Worcester Society - Fundraising Committee

The Society's Executive Body has been working on building a strong and effective strategy with which to move forward. We have taken steps to ensure that the 'mammoth task' before us does not interfere with the day to day running of the society and have constructed 'Terms of Reference' for the Fundraising Sub-committee. These Terms of Reference will be available to peruse on the society's website as well as in hardcopy (by written request). We are now looking for willing volunteers to take up the challenge of joining the sub-committee and to offer their advice and opinions. If you would be interested please contact Ben Humphrey.

Email: benjamin.humphrey@ymail.com

Any comments regarding *The Black Pear Journal*?

We'd love to hear from you. Just email your suggestions, comments or articles to
mail@thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk



Sponsorship

The Battle of Worcester Society is thrilled to have the support of so many of the city's organisations and we are thrilled with some of the partnerships we have formed. This has included working relationships with *Worcester News*, *Worcester University* and *Worcester Live*. We are now thrilled to also be working with the *Bransford Trust*, whose sizable donation to the Society last year has helped us to kick start a fantastic array of events over the coming months. The trust makes contributions to many organisations throughout Worcester and we are thrilled to be including in their support.

The Society is also thrilled to be working with *Visit Worcester*, Worcester's Tourism powerhouse. The partnership between The Battle of Worcester Society and *Visit Worcester* will mean that all of the BoWS events are publicised to their maximum potential as well as providing logistical and practical support. The Society would like to extend its warmest thanks to Georgia Smith (*Visit Worcester's* Chief Executive) for all her support as well as everyone involved with *Visit Worcester*. For more information regarding *Visit Worcester* please visit www.visitworcester.com

The society would also like to thank *Worcester Bosch* for their donation to the BoWS 360 Initiative. Donations such as this really do make an impact on the society's workings and we are grateful to any organisation wishing to support us in this way.

THANK YOU



We would also like to thank our long standing supporters.

THE COMMANDERY
Peeling back the layers of history

Worcester News 



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AGM Notification

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All members are hereby notified of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Battle of Worcester Society.

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

10:00am at *The Commandery*

Refreshments will be served. Donations welcome. Members of the Public are also most welcome.

All Agenda Items are to be submitted to the Society's secretary, Mr. Rob Leetham no later than the 18th October 2011.

Election of Executive Body

All Members of the Society are eligible for election to the Executive Body. Any nominations for the Executive Body must be proposed & seconded by 18th October 2011 and forwarded to the Society's secretary, Mr. Rob Leetham.

Posts and Current Occupants

Chairman

Mr. Benjamin Humphrey

Vice-Chairman

Vacant

Treasurer

Mr. Howard Robinson

Secretary

Mr. Rob Leetham

Membership Secretary

Mr. Howard Robinson

Committee Members

Mr. Matt Harris

Mr. Brian Bullock

Mr. Aubrey Tarbuck

Mr. Roger Fairman

Mr. Ken Potts

Voting

1 x Membership = 1 x Vote

Proxy Votes will be counted. Prior notification of intention to vote by proxy will be required. Voting papers will be distributed to the membership and must be returned to the Society's secretary no later than the 9th November 2011. Any proposed member who runs unopposed will be automatically charged with the respective position even if the AGM Quorum requirement is not met. Non-Members are not eligible to vote.

CONSTITUTION

As instructed by the membership 2010 AGM the Executive Body will be proposing the adoption of a new constitution at the 2011 AGM. The proposed constitution will be emailed/posted to all members prior to the AGM. Voting papers will be distributed prior to the AGM and must be returned to the Society's Secretary no later than the 9th November 2011.

Society Secretary

secretary@thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk



As you will see from our schedule there are many events that the Battle of Worcester Society are staging over the next few months. Please do your best to support these events. They are not only important fundraisers but also important public events that help to carry the Society's aims and objectives forward in to the public domain.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can now book for all the society promoted events online at our website as well as through the Worcester Tourist Information Office. Tel: 01905 726311

AN EVENING WITH OLIVER CROMWELL

Friday 2nd September 2011 at 7:30pm

The Commandery

Tickets: £35 - £45

Spend an evening with Oliver Cromwell and some very interesting colleagues of his as you enjoy a three course meal. A brilliant evening of dinner theatre in one of the country's most atmospheric and historically intriguing venues. A full three course meal and paying bar will be on hand to make the evening even more enjoyable.

CATHEDRAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday 3rd September 2011 at 12noon

Worcester Cathedral

Free

A service to commemorate the 360th Anniversary of the Battle of Worcester, September 3rd 1651. For information contact the Chapter office on 01905 732900 or visit www.worcestercathedral.co.uk. From 10am - 2pm there will also be The Cathedral Peal of Bells which will be heard throughout the City.

THE 360TH ANNIVERSARY RE-ENACTMENT

Provided by the Sealed Knot Society

Saturday and Sunday 3rd & 4th September

Site opens at 10am Reenactments Start at 2:00pm

Powick Fields

£3 per person (*Accompanied children under the age of 16 go free*)*

The Sealed Knot Society provide a weekend of family eventing on the Powick Fields which will include a 17th Century Reenactment on both the Saturday and the Sunday. There will be traders, food stalls, pike drill, musket firing demonstrations and much much more. Come along along and experience the Living History Camp. See how a 17th Century Solider lived, washed, cooked and dealt with life in the Civil War torn England. Experiences for all the family and a day to remember.

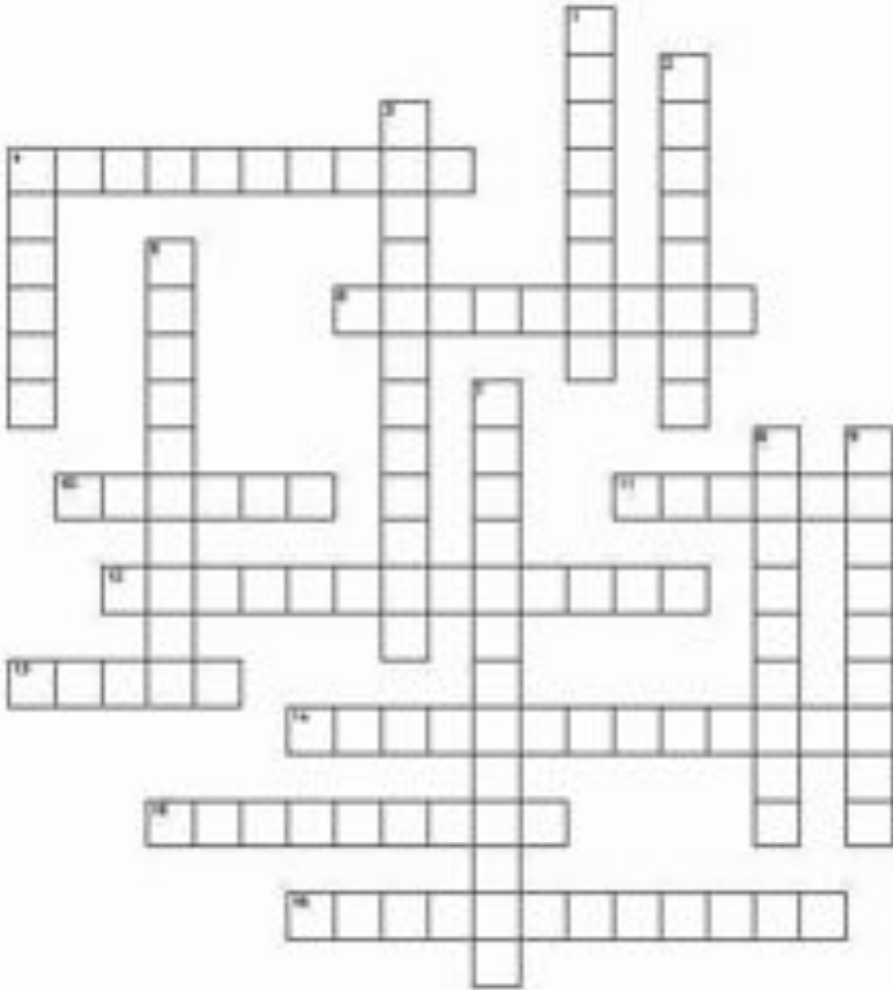
DRUMHEAD SERVICE

Saturday 3rd September 2011 at 7:00pm

Fort Royal Hill

Free

An annual service of remembrance on Fort Royal Hill that includes a musket salute as well as a short address. Look out over the city and help to remember the thousands who died that day. All members of the Society are welcome to attend the Drumhead Reception in The Commandery's Great Hall at 6:30pm.

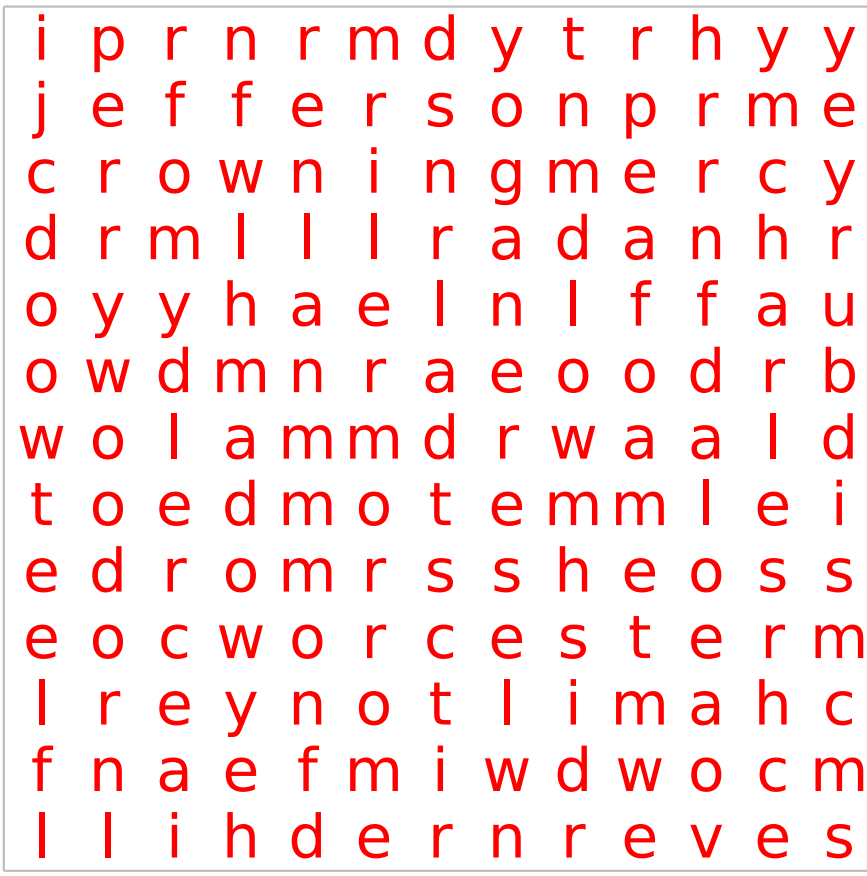


Across

- 4. Name of a well known cannon within the Parliamentary Arsenal.
- 6. Famous Fort where two American visitors stood
- 10. Battle fought a year previous to the Battle of Worcester 1651 and won by Cromwell
- 11. Royalist General Stationed on Pitchcroft
- 12. Sometime HQ of the Royalist Forces
- 13. 2nd President of the USA and visitor to Worcester
- 14. Method by which Cromwell crossed the Severn
- 15. Royalist General buried in St. Helen's Church
- 16. The sight of the first clashes between Royalist and Parliamentary Forces in 1642.

Down

- 1. Royalist Duke now Buried in Worcester Cathedral
- 2. Parliamentary Alderman buried in St. Helen's Church
- 3. Cromwell's Force
- 4. Prince who won the first clash between Royalist and Parliamentary Forces.
- 5. Duke who escaped with Charles Stewart from the Battle.
- 7. Cromwell described Worcester as a
- 8. Royalist Earl who led the cavalry charge along Sidbury Street
- 9. 3rd President of the USA and visitor to Worcester



WORD SEARCH

- Leslie ~ Charles ~ Cromwell ~ Worcester
- CrowningMercy ~ Cathedral
- Commandery ~ FortRoyal ~ PerryWood
- RedHill ~ Sidbury ~ Jefferson ~ Adams
- NewModelArmy ~ Hamilton ~ Fleetwood
- Deane ~ Severn

THE BATTLE OF WORCESTER

360TH ANNIVERSARY

Monday 29th Aug - Sunday 4th Sep
2011

A week of events dedicated to remembering the Battle of Worcester 1651 and celebrating Worcester's heritage.

The Battle of Worcester 1651

The Battle of Worcester 1651 was the last battle of the English Civil Wars and as a result of that battle the social, political and historical landscape of not only this country but many other countries changed forever. Approximately 3000 men died on the 3rd September 1651 and the ramifications of the battle can be felt throughout the world to this day. The *Battle of Worcester Society* has kick started the BoW360 initiative and events are taking place all over the city and organised by various different organisations including members of the *Battle of Worcester Partnership*. We are thrilled to be working in partnership with *Visit Worcester* and *The Bransford Trust* who have very kindly sponsored this year's events from *The Battle of Worcester Society*. We would also like to thank the *Battle of Worcester Partners* for all their assistance and of course for putting on events during the week.

EVENTS

Reenactments, Guided Walks, Living History and much more....

The events in this flyer are just a few that are taking place during the week. For further updates please visit www.thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Funded Guided City Walks

29th August, 1st & 2nd September | 11am & 2:15pm
Meeting Outside the Guildhall | FREE

These walks are completely free of charge to attend, last approximately 1 hour and leave from the Guildhall Worcester. Each walk is guided by a professional guide and takes you on a tour of some of the key locations in the city. It is advisable to book for the walks and you can do so by ringing Worcester Live's Box Office on 01905 611427.



Living History Weekend

2nd, 3rd & 4th September | All Weekend at The Commandery | £2.50 - £5.40 (Family Discounts Available)
Come along and meet some of the cavaliers and roundheads fighting in the battle. Learn about the weaponry and the strategies involved with one of the most important battles in history. A brilliant weekend for children of all ages 3 - 103!!! Fun for all the family.

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BoW Cathedral Tower Tour

3rd September | 12:30pm at Worcester Cathedral | £4
(Students under 16 £2 and must be accompanied by an adult)
Climb the Cathedral Tower and hear from our Cathedral guide the story of the Battle of Worcester, see the fantastic views of the city and beyond and imagine the battle scenes of 1651. Turn up on the day, pay at the Cathedral gift shop in the cloister.

Civil War Day VII Presented by Discover History

3rd September | 9:30am - 4:30pm | Guildhall | FREE
An exhibition of clubs societies and attractions linked to the Civil Wars in the County of Worcestershire. Talks, walks, archaeology identification, children's activities, handling session and much more. For more information please visit www.discover-history.co.uk



The Faithful Story Walking Tour

Presented by Discover History
3rd September | 10:30am & 2:00pm | Meet at the Guildhall | £5 per person
A 90 minute historical walking tour discovering the history of Worcester during the English Civil War with Historian, Paul Harding. For more information and booking please visit www.discover-history.co.uk

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The Battle of Worcester Society

The society does not exist as a reenactment society nor does it exist as a solely academic one. It believes that both are an integral part of protecting, preserving and promoting the heritage of this hugely significant battle. The Battle of Worcester Society is a membership society that relies entirely on subscriptions and donations to continue its work. If you would like to join the society or find out more about its workings please visit our website. If you would like more information regarding any of the events in BoW 360 Initiative then please get in touch via email: info@thebattleofworcestersociety.org.uk



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