



# The website of the Black Country Society



Established in 1967 to Support, Record, Preserve and Celebrate the distinct

Character and Nature of the West Midlands area known since the mid nineteenth century as 'The Black Country'



## BCS WALKS ARCHIVE

**Wednesday 9 May 2018**

**Blackheath.** Leader: David Granger.

Meet at Rowley Regis Station, Station Rd.. B65 0LJ.

A walk around this small Black Country Town.

Blackheath has been a town that has passed under the radar on our Black country walks. At last a chance to find out more about this interesting town.

**Wednesday 16 May 2018**

**Turl's Hill and Hurst Hill Woods.** Leader Ian Bott.

Meet Queens St , (Bilston Road end) roadside Parking DY3 1JE

Ian will be leading us around an area that lies between Sedgley, Coseley, and Tipton. Past the site of Turl's Hill House, through the green oasis of Hurstshill wood once used for coppicing looking out for the limestone deposits that lie within the area, eventually returning to our starting point.

**Wednesday 30 May 2018**

**Galton Valley and the Smethwick Summit.** Leader Wayne.

Meet Brasshouse Lane/ Great Arthur St. Carpark.

Last year we walked from the summit towards Birmingham. This year we will walk in the opposite direction towards Oldbury. Like Last year we will be looking at the improvements made to this waterway by the three great canal engineers, James Brindley, John Smeeton and Thomas Telford.

**Wednesday 6 June 2018.**

**Moxley and Moorcroft Wood.** Leader Keith Hodgkins.

Meet on the on the bridge over the Walsall canal in Bull Lane ,Moxley, Wednesbury .WS10 8 RW. Ample Street parking.

A Walk along the Walsall canal to visit the hamlet of Moxley which sat at the meeting point of three local authorities. Bilston, Darlaston and Wednesbury. Today it is part of the Borough of Walsall but has a Wednesbury postal address. Such is the endless complication of Black Country boundaries. The name Moxley will be familiar to many from its Isolation Hospital which closed in 1995 since when its wooded grounds became the Moorcroft wood Nature reserve which is also now a designated Geosite in the Black

## COACH EXCURSION

Not exclusively BCS

**Saturday 28 April 2018**

**Anderton Lift and Northwich.**

**Cost: £32.**

Includes a river trip and a ride on the Cathedral of canals which still does the job it was designed to do in 1875 lifting narrow boats and barges straight up 50 ft. from the river Weaver to the Trent and Mersey Canal . This trip can be booked through:

Phillips Int. Travel 01299 402989.

Arrange with them your pick up point. When booking mention The Black Country society.

## Groups

Black Country Society Main Programme

Unless stated otherwise meetings are held at The Dudley Canal Trust Portal DY1 4SB.

Meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

For details contact [bcountryinfo@gmail.com](mailto:bcountryinfo@gmail.com).

## Industrial Archaeology Group

The IA Group hold evening lectures at Mrs Pardoes (The Swan) Netherton.

Meetings held first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

For details contact

[iagroup@blackcountryandsociety.co.uk](mailto:iagroup@blackcountryandsociety.co.uk)

## Walks

Country Geopark Project. An ironworks occupied the site in the early 19th century and its surviving slag tips now form one of the most enigmatic of Black Country landscapes.

**Wednesday 27 June 2018**

**Gods offices, A "Downton Abbey" Family, and a Popular Princess. - All at Great Barr. Leader Robin Pearson.**

**Please note this walk will be starting at 7.15 pm (due to park gates Closing Times)**

A bishop's boyhood home, a park with bats and birds, a very unusual family with parakeets, and a memorial to the much admired princess Charlotte at whose funeral public grief similar to that for Princess Diana was expressed - had Charlotte survived in 1817 there would not have been a Victorian era ! Finish off with a drink at a rebuilt historic pub and then catch the No5 (at 29/59 past the hour - bus pass or £1.50) for a 4 minute journey back to the starting point or take a brisk 20+ minute walk. Meet outside The Scott Arms, corner of A34 and A4041 B43 6BN.

*Further Information on BCS Walks available from:*

*Mr D. Galley. 6 Southcott Avenue, Brierley Hill DY5 2SW (Tel: 01384 832517)*

Walks are restricted to members only to enable participants to hear the leader's commentary and maintain safety. Sensible footwear is advised. Every effort is made to ensure that the distance can be covered within a maximum of 2 hours, but every walk is different and each leader has his/her style of walking and talking.

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### Black Country Geological Society

The BCGS run a programme of monthly lectures and talks from September to April, meeting in Dudley Museum & Art Gallery, St. James's Road, Dudley, DY1 1HU, followed by a series of Field Trips to geological sites all over the Midlands. No qualifications are necessary to join - just a genuine interest. See the BCGS website for details.

[www.bcgs.info](http://www.bcgs.info)

email: [secretary@bcgs.info](mailto:secretary@bcgs.info)

### Mushroom Green Chainshop

See the Industrial Heritage Stronghold website for details.

[industrialheritagestronghold.com/mushroom-green](http://industrialheritagestronghold.com/mushroom-green)

Mushroom Green Chain Shop is opened by Industrial Heritage Stronghold on the second Sunday of the month from April to October 2:30 - 5pm. Admission is free.

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