



Essays in honour of Jim & Muriel Tonkin

The Woolhope Club of Herefordshire was established in 1851. In 2011 it published a special volume of essays in honour of Jim and Muriel Tonkin, who served as officers of the Club for more than 40 years.

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A biographical tribute to Jim and Muriel and their work in Herefordshire.

Jim Tonkin's War by Muriel Tonkin

Jim served in the Royal Corps of Signals in Burma during the period of fighting against the Japanese. His war diaries have been used to summarise the events around the time of the battle for Kohima.

The colour design for the Woolhope badge by John Eisel

Some letters and an original colour design from the 1860s for the Woolhope Club badge were recently discovered in a local charity shop.

Richard de Capella & Herefordshire's market towns by Joe Hillaby

The origins and inter-relationships of the shire's early marketing centres - Leominster, Hereford, Bromyard, Ledbury and Ross - are explored, together with their subsequent elevation to borough status under Bishop Richard de Capella, 1121-7.

Dendrochronology in Herefordshire by Duncan James

A review of the techniques of dendrochronology, the progress made in dating Herefordshire's timber-framed buildings and the conclusions that can be drawn from the results.

The Architectural and Garden History of Holme Lacy House by David Whitehead

This great mansion *has* survived, unlike many in Herefordshire. Its chequered history is traced, from the original Tudor house to the much-altered 18th-century building which retains many decorative features.

The Prices, Foxley and politics in the 1790s by Charles Watkins

Some insights in the concerns, national and personal, of Uvedale Price, his family and social set at the end of the eighteenth century.

James Thornhill, Thomas Foley and the decoration of Stoke Court, Herefordshire by Jeremy Barker

When the Foley's mansion was engulfed by flames in 1927, Thornhill's magnificent murals perished with it. Portable works were rescued but many were later sold. Jeremy Barker has tracked down 'lost' paintings, original designs, photographs and previously unseen watercolours. With 16 colour plates.

Commoners' cottages by Brian Smith

There are many settlements on Herefordshire's commons, typified by that at Vowchurch which is explored in this paper. The lives of the early settlers can be traced in many instances.

The buildings opposite Hereford cathedral by Ron Shoesmith and Frank Bennett

The familiar open view of the west side of Hereford cathedral dates only from 1935, as previously it was obscured by buildings in Broad Street. This paper traces the history of the cathedral's surroundings.

Barns in eastern Herefordshire by Edward Peters

The author has been recording barns in this area for many years. He charts the development of the different features to be found in the buildings which still exist there.

Hereford shop fronts by Derek Foxtan

Many of Hereford's shops have been recorded since the advent of photography, a few even earlier. The author's archive has been combined with research aided by Jean O'Donnell, a Hereford city guide.

Early Herefordshire Photographers 1846-70 by John Eisel

Professional photographers were quick to set up shop in Herefordshire towns. Within the period many had come (and gone) but fortunately they, and their successors in business, have been traced and examples of their work can be displayed.

The Historic Monuments survey of Herefordshire by Rosalind Lowe with David Lovelace

Herefordshire is fortunate that it was one of the earlier counties to be surveyed by the Royal Commission for Historic Monuments. The printed volumes of the survey do not do justice to the amount of information in the surveyors' notebooks, examples of which are given in this paper.