

# WORCESTERSHIRE'S FIRST HISTORIAN? THOMAS HABINGTON (1560-1647) IN CONTEXT

Saturday 18 April 2015, 10am to 5.30pm

The Studio, The Hive, Sawmill Walk  
The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PB

## SPEAKERS:

**Jan Broadway**, Why wasn't Habington's Survey published?

**Wendy Brogden**, Catholicism in Context: Late Elizabethan and early Jacobean Catholicism in Herefordshire

**Don Gilbert**, Habington's Survey of Worcestershire: Its Composition and Scope

**Stephen Price**, The Habington Chest: re-assessment of an antiquary's relic

**Maggie Tohill**, The archives of the Lytteltons - History Makers and Empire Builders



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Thomas Habington was an antiquary and a Roman Catholic. These are the two facts of his long life that have interested historians most, and the aim of this event is to re-examine his life and work in the light of modern research. His house at Hindlip played a significant part in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, and he wrote a history of Worcestershire that in manuscript influenced many historians of the county in subsequent centuries. Not until 1893 was the first part of his history published by the newly-founded Worcestershire Historical Society, which had considered calling itself the Habington Society to acknowledge his importance in the county. In this conference there will be talks on Habington's 'Survey of Worcestershire', on new research on the Catholic background in a neighbouring county; on the archive collections which contain some of his writings, and on artefacts, portraits and a timber chest, that survive to provide a link between Habington's world and our own.

The day will be chaired by Stephen Roberts, Hon. General Editor of the Worcestershire Historical Society.

## Speakers:

JAN BROADWAY has written a biography of Warwickshire antiquary William Dugdale, as well as a book on Tudor and Stuart county historians, *'No historie so meete'* (2006)

WENDY BROGDEN is currently researching Herefordshire Catholicism for a PhD at Birmingham University

DON GILBERT has written extensively about various Worcestershire topics and is the author of 11 articles in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*

STEPHEN PRICE is honorary curator of the Worcestershire Archaeological Society collections

MAGGIE TOHILL is former Lyttelton Project Archivist, Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service