

Good Old Days – Home Guard

In April 2018 the Events team organised a talk by Paul Harding from Discover History (<http://www.discover-history.co.uk/>) to give a talk on the Home Guard during World War 2.

We were treated to a wonderfully animated and humorous talk by Paul, otherwise known as the History Man. Over 20 people, including 9 not seen before at our events, were enthralled by Paul's description of the Home Guard and how they would have defended Worcester from an invasion through Wales from Ireland by Germany, you had to be there to understand the full implications why that may have happened.

Paul explained how the Home Guard, not 'Dad's Army' as that name did not appear until the TV Series, came about and how from the start of the war they were clothed and armed and dispelled some of the myths about the type of people who signed up, not the Cpl Jones' but in the main people in their 30s and 40s who were in protected jobs. As usual he brought along a range of props to help bring things to life, including a fake Molotov Cocktail bomb, at least I hope it was fake!



