



# Fauld 75 20<sup>th</sup> October

Hanbury Memorial Hall  
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This year on November 11<sup>th</sup> it will be 75 years since the explosion at the Fauld munitions storage depot, so Burton Civic Society is going to hold an event at Hanbury Memorial Hall. The aim of the event is to help bring a better understanding as to why the depot was at Fauld, the operation to supply bombs from the munitions factories to the Surface Forward Depots (Air Ammunition Parks) for onward transmission to the airfields, as well as trying to explain the other operations that were taking place at Fauld.

The day will start with a walk, led by the well-known local historian Richard Stone from the Memorial Hall to the nearby crater, which was a result of the explosion. The walk will be followed by a buffet lunch.

After lunch a member from the RAF Air Historical Branch will talk to us about the manufacture and supply of bombs to the World War II Airfields and how the supply depots, such as Fauld, fitted into the picture.

The final talk will be given by Nick McCamley, author of several books, two of which 'Disasters Underground' and 'The Fauld Disaster : 27<sup>th</sup> November 1944' outline the realisation of the need for Maintenance Units by the Air Ministry in the period between the Great War and WWII. This culminated in the purchase of five major sites across England and Wales. The disused area of the Gypsum mine at Fauld was the first to be started. Nick will outline the disasters that occurred at these Maintenance Units and describe how the use of decoys and camouflage was implemented to disguise the surface of the depots from aerial and ground level surveillance.

The event will take place on **Sunday 20th October 2019** from **10:00 am** at a cost of **£24.50** inclusive of the buffet lunch..

We are hoping to have artefacts and other items relating to the event on display, so should you feel that the walk is not for you, you are welcome to stay in the Hall.

For details of how to attend this event or if you should have any queries or questions about the day please contact us at [fauld@burtoncivicsociety.org.uk](mailto:fauld@burtoncivicsociety.org.uk).