

Tewkesburys Together 2021

Sharing experiences across the Atlantic



13 – 14 November 2021

Join us as we celebrate the history and heritage of:

Tewkesbury, UK

Tewksbury, Massachusetts

Stoneham et Tewkesbury, Quebec, Canada

This year three Tewkesburys from across the globe come together to celebrate and share their histories in a year that holds great significance for Tewkesbury UK with the 900th year anniversary of the consecration of its world-famous Abbey in 1121 and the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Tewkesbury.

Join us for four live events, along with a series of talks and films held during 13th and 14th November.

In The Footsteps Of Our Ancestors

Tewkesbury Library, UK | Sat 13 Nov 11am GMT

A reading by Danielle De Garie and Cliff Cocks from Arielle De Garie's book *Tewkesbury - In The Footsteps Of Our Ancestors*.

Seven characters from seven different decades and centuries will tell you, through their experiences, a part of the history of Tewkesbury. In this book you'll find stories and archive photos. You will read a tale of a raftman. You will understand why a teacher of the country school loves so much the children of Tewkesbury. You will share the agricultural miseries of a first inhabitant of the valley. You will revolt with an activist of the Jacques-Cartier Battle. You will want to taste a dish of eel with a hunter-trapper. Then, you will agree that, for a surveyor, playing cards is the best way to avoid divorce.

The Drum's Fox

The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury | Sat 13 Nov 7pm GMT

A dramatic virtual show about the history of Tewkesbury, Quebec. Shown in French with English subtitles

Through a family history spanning several generations, from 1853 to 1964, with music and songs of popular Quebec folklore, this historical fiction virtual show will take you from your home to discover the memory of the ancestors and the history that shaped the Jacques-Cartier region. The starting point: the discovery of her native origins by a young woman from Tewkesbury, who inherited a drum, and haunted in a dream by a magical fox with the power to tell the story of the ancestors of those he meets.

History of Tewkesbury for its Kin

Online | Sun 14 Nov 7pm GMT / 2pm EST

As Tewkesbury Celebrates in Lights, the 900th Anniversary of its unique Abbey, John Dixon, Life President of Tewkesbury Historical Society will present a Zoom Lecture, analysing the Historical Development of Tewkesbury via its religious affiliations, main buildings, transport changes, industry and links with America.

Explore the History of Tewksbury, Massachusetts

Online | Sun 14 Nov 8.30pm GMT / 3.30 pm EST

Doug Sears, President of the Tewksbury Historical Society, will discuss the history of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Located 21 miles north of Boston, Tewksbury has a rich colonial heritage dating from the earliest years of English colonization. Tewksbury was first settled in 1637 and was officially incorporated in 1734 from Billerica. Like Tewksbury Township, New Jersey, some believe it be named after the town of Tewkesbury, England. Doug will be live and looks forward to answering your questions after his presentation. Sears, a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Divinity School, and Suffolk University Law School, previously served as an elected official in Tewksbury - first as a School Committee member and then as a Selectman.

Pre-recorded presentations
(available on demand)

UK contributions

Life in 1471, Penelope Tubbs

Tewkesbury Town Council and the Town Hall: a virtual tour, Joanne Raywood

Un exposé sur l'histoire de Tewkesbury, Angleterre, by John Dixon

Restoring Tewkesbury's Past, The John Moore Museum

Tewkesbury Medieval Festival

Tewkesbury Festival of Lights

Massachusetts contributions

Explore The History Of The Tewksbury State Hospital, Ashlynn Rickford Werner

Explore The Works Of Tewksbury Sculptor Mico Kaufman, Marilu Swett & Caroline Bagenal

Canadian contributions

Interview on the history of Tewkesbury (Canada-Québec), Sherry Craig Tewkesbury Historical Society

Vent de Memoire (CCAP TV) with English subtitles

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