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**Sir Fulke Greville (1554-1628)**

An illustrated talk to be given by Adam Busiakiewicz  
on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Welford

*Sir Fulke Greville (1554-1628), born in Beauchamps Court, Alcester, lived through one of the most exciting periods of British history. He served at the courts of Elizabeth I, James I and Charles I, and held several important positions including Treasurer of the Navy, Chancellor of the Exchequer and member of the Privy Council. In 1604 he was granted ownership of Warwick Castle and transformed it from a derelict fortification into a lavish stately home. This talk will focus on Fulke Greville's career, material world and Warwickshire connections.*



*Key to this discussion will be several fascinating but neglected inventories and documents relating to his life, some only published in 2016 posthumously by Alcester historian, Pauline Sands. An inventory dating from 1630 illustrates that he owned an extravagant collection of artworks including paintings, musical instruments, arms and armour, maps, furniture, ceramics as well as exquisite tapestries. Greville's luxurious surroundings in both Warwick and London paint a rather different picture to his dark and sombre Elizabethan portrait, the image which has come to define this enigmatic poet, collector, builder and gardener.*

### A word about our Speaker Adam Busiakiewicz

*Anne and I first heard Adam Busiakiewicz speak on Sir Fulke Greville back in October 2017, when he was giving a talk to the Warwickshire Local History Society. I was so impressed by him, and so fascinated by his talk, that I decided to try and get him to come to give a similar talk to us in Welford. I'm sure that many of you will share my impressions, after hearing him yourself.*

*He's probably the youngest speaker we've ever had. I should think he's about 30, based on the fact that he got his BA in History from University College London in 2010. He bubbles over with the enthusiasm of youth, and has a very engaging personality.*

*He masterminded the Fulke Greville festival which ran from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 mostly in Alcester and Warwick. He's currently working on his PhD on Anne, Countess of Warwick (1823-1903) at Warwick University.*

*I hope your diary is free the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> March, and that you're not too tied up with Brexit challenges on that day!*

*Brad*

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