
LEYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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52nd Season

To start our 52nd Season in September, we will be looking back at the Society's quest to find and interview the surviving ex-workforces of the factories of Leyland and Farington for our oral history project in conjunction with the Heritage Lottery and the University of Central Lancashire.

The stories we have uncovered, the photos, books, maps, ties, videos, and chamber pots we have been given and above all the wonderful people, 217 so far, we have met at their homes, at my home and recently by technology.



This will be just an introduction as the Society has over seven days of material to transcribe before we have the full picture.

Though it goes within saying that if you know anyone who worked in the various factories please try and get them to complete the contact form on the website or fill in one of our leaflets.

This year's Mikron Theatre production in October "Redcoats" tells the story of the British holiday camp. "Our true intent is all for your delight" Billy Butlin used Shakespeare himself to sell a seaside dream to the great British public. Join us as they delve into holiday huts, bonny babies and knobbly knees with guest appearances from Marlene Dietrich, Gracie Fields and Laurel and Hardy. Mikron's radiant Redcoats will guide you through 80 years of Butlins splendour with their trademark mix of fun, pathos and songs.



Meetings

Meetings held in the Shield Room, Banqueting Suite, Civic Centre, West Paddock at 7.30 pm

All meetings marked * are free to members though visitors have to pay £10.00 rather than usual visitors entrance fee of £5.00.

The membership fee of £15.00 per year includes all 10 meetings and the Lailand Chronicle at a discount price of only £1.00, usual price £3.00.

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Monday 2nd September
Recording Industrial Leyland's Oral History
Peter Houghton & the workers

Monday 7th October*
Redcoats – 80 years of Butlins
Mikron Theatre Company

Monday 4th November*
Researching & Writing your Family History
Dr Nick Barratt

Monday 2nd December
The Day Robb broke out – The Robb Wilton Story
Dr Tom Preston

2020

Monday 6th January
The Archaeology Update
Chris Wild

Monday 3rd February
The Songs of the People
Sid Calderbank

Monday 2nd March
Travels with Stanley Jeeves
Sue Jeeves

Monday 6th April
The Roman Road at Cuerden and other findings
University of Salford

Monday 4th May**
15th Annual Historical Society Trip to Kenilworth Castle & Leamington Spa

Monday 1st June
Lancashire Archives: Past, Present & Future
Jacquie Crosby

In November we see the return of Dr. Nick Barratt who will talk about the process of researching your family history and will use a case study to explain the finer details.



In December we welcome Dr Tom Preston who will tell us the story of Robb Wilton, a famous actor / comedian who came to prominence in the days of the Second World War with “The Day War Broke Out” He had a dry Lancashire accent which suited his comic persona as a procrastinating and work-shy impediment to the general public.

For our first talk of 2020 we will again be entertained by Chris Wild who will be discussing his latest work with the Archeology unit of the University of Salford which will include Stephenson’s 1830 railway viaduct over the River Irwell and the Salford Twist Mill, though he will have to go some to beat last year’s surprise mention of Cuerden.



The February meeting will see Sid Calderbank this year telling the members about “The Songs of the People” which includes Sid’s latest research.

This is followed by in March with Sue Jeeves telling the story of her father’s historical travels around the world, with the aid of his photographic record which she has restored over the years.



Following on from last January’s talk by Chris Wild, we have got two members of the survey team from the University of Salford who will tell the members in April what they found in the dig at Cuerden.



On 4th May there will be the 15th Annual Historical Society Trip which this season will be going to Kenilworth Castle where Elizabeth I was courted by Lord Dudley in the morning. Then we will have a guided tour around Leamington Spa in the afternoon which has a surprising connection to Leyland.



Further details in December with a booking form.



The last lecture this year will be the continuing story of the Lancashire Archives (or Lancashire Record Office as most of us still know it) as it celebrates its 80th birthday celebrations and Jacquie Crosby will tell us the story, past, present and future.

Peter Houghton
Chairman

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PLEASE PASS IT ONTO A FRIEND,
WE ALWAYS LIKE TO SEE NEW
PEOPLE AT MEETINGS**