

# ECCLES AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

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## *NEWSLETTER*

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Dear Member,

In our programme the New Year began with a brilliant talk and display on **Wednesday, 14th January** by Ms Janet Bradshaw, entitled "My nine lives: the many personas of a historical re-enactor". Ms Bradshaw works at Tatton Park and she demonstrated how she speaks and adopts costumes for her historical re-enactments for periods from the Middle Ages to Victorian times. Her descriptions of her re-enactments and the verve and energy she brought to her display won the admiration of members. On **Wednesday, 11th February**, Mrs. Barbara Lovegrove spoke to us on "Lindow Man - his life and times". She described the finding of his remains in peat workings at Lindow Common, Cheshire, and the steps that have been taken to preserve them and to show them to the public. She then went on to give an account of his times and what can be told of his last days. "The history of fashion" in England from prehistoric to modern times was the subject of the talk by Mrs. L. Berry on **Wednesday, 11th March**, illustrated especially by her own drawings. The next talk in this year's programme, to be given by Mr. John Aldred on **Wednesday, 8th April**, will be entitled "Worsley Green" and the last in the series, "A.V. Roe, the first Briton to fly", by our fellow member, Mr. David George, will be on **Wednesday, 13th May**.

### **HORWICH HERITAGE CENTRE**

This Centre is now advertising its programme and displays. Besides open days held during the year it arranges monthly talks and excursions. Its displays include Horwich Loco Works, a Victorian kitchen, mines, turnpikes and a pre-war pub. It is based at Horwich Resources Centre, Beaumont Road, Horwich, BL6 7BG ([www.horwichheritage.co.uk](http://www.horwichheritage.co.uk)). For general enquiries the telephone number is 01204 847797. The Centre is open Monday-Friday 2-4pm, Saturday 10am-12.30pm, with group visits by arrangement. Admission to the Centre is free. For visitors to meetings there is a fee of £1.50. The membership fee is £8.50 (concessionary £7.50).

### **FRECCLES (FRIENDS OF ECCLES STATION)**

Ann Taverner of Friends of Eccles Station has written to me to say that they are setting up a group to develop a body of material relating to the station which can be used to spread information on it, for example by information boards. The emphasis is to be on social history rather than railway memorabilia. The project is expected to take at least a year to develop. She invites members of the Society who are interested in the project to contact her. Contact details are: 11 Wycliffe Street, Eccles, Manchester, M30 0UR; tel. 707 5379; [anntaverneruk@aol.com](mailto:anntaverneruk@aol.com). She adds that she will pass on to the Society information on what FRECCLES are doing.

### **WORSLEY WALK**

Our fellow member, Mr. Chris Carson, and Mr. John Aldred have organised a "Worsley Walkabout", for members to see Worsley village, on **Wednesday, 10th June**. It will begin at 7.00 at Worsley Court House, close to the 33/68 bus stop, and will last about 1½ hours. It is free for members, for visitors there is a fee of £2.

### **EXCURSION**

Our Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Marshall, has been exploring places suitable for an excursion. She has chosen a combined trip to Clitheroe and to Stoneyhurst College, a Grade I Listed Building, which has been a Jesuit school for 400 years. In Clitheroe members will be able to explore the town and visit the Castle and the Museum which have both been restored and will re-open in May. There are several cafés, pubs and restaurants in Clitheroe for taking lunch. After lunch there will be a guided tour of Stoneyhurst College. Members will have an opportunity to see how present-day pupils live and to view the historic rooms, Great Hall, chapels and the Grade II Listed Gardens. There is also a tearoom and gift shop.

The excursion will be on **Saturday, 1st August**, beginning at Eccles Library at 10.00 and returning about 5.30. The cost is £15 for the coach trip and the tour of Stoneyhurst College. At the Castle and the Museum there will be a separate charge for admission, likely to be about £3. You can book this trip at the April or May meetings or send a cheque for £15 to Hazel at 23 Granville Street, Eccles, Manchester, M30 9PX.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This will be held on **Wednesday, 13th May**. I appeal to members to attend this meeting which is not only an opportunity for members to consider the work of the Committee but also for them to stand for election as officers or as members of the Committee who are needed for the Society to continue. Mr. Harold Heyes and Mrs. Sheila Thomas have joined the Committee in recent years but more members are needed so we can be sure the Society to continue and prosper. Meetings of the Society take place four times a year. I will be glad to hear from members who would like to know what is involved and who would be willing to stand for election or to join the Committee by co-option.

\*Yours sincerely,

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