

Frodsham & District History Society

Information - 2020

Our Society holds monthly talks in the Main Street Community Church, Frodsham, followed by refreshments. The current Programme of Meetings is listed below and displayed on notice boards around the town, including in Castle Park Arts Centre, Main Street Post Office, the window of Elliott's Newsagents in Main Street and in Frodsham Community Centre.

The Society was founded in 1981; it aims to promote the study of, and interest in, history and archaeology with particular reference to Frodsham and the surrounding district. Membership of the Society has grown steadily and reached 98 at the end of 2019. The Society is a member of Cheshire Local History Association and has representation on its executive committee. The CLHA website can be viewed by typing either <https://sites.google.com/site/cheshirelha> or www.cheshirehistory.org.uk, into the **address bar** of your internet provider.

Since its inception the Society has acquired many historic photographs and slides of the Frodsham area dating from the late 1800s, documents and information from the 1300s, plus books, maps, posters, artefacts and journals that are all stored in our Archives in Castle Park House. An index to them, the Archive List, is maintained by the Society's Archivist, Mrs Gill Baxter. A paper version of the Archive List can be consulted at Reception in Castle Park House and in Frodsham Public Library; an online version is available at frodhistoryarchives.co.uk. Approximately 2000 of our historic photographs, prefixed FD or FDN, are now part of the Cheshire Image Bank which comes under the wing of Cheshire Archives and Local Studies – www.cheshirearchives.org.uk at Cheshire Record Office.

Our Society encourages research into local history and publishes an annual journal of short articles prepared by local people which is free to members. The current Journal is Issue No. 49 December 2019. Recent back issues are available for viewing in Frodsham Public Library and for sale in Castle Park Arts Centre. All back issues and other Society publications are held in our Archives. Individual items may be accessed by arranging a visit with Mrs Baxter at fdhsarchives@gmail.com.

The Society promotes the value of local history and heritage to the wider community of Frodsham through the placement of 30 Blue Plaques across the town, many of them initiated by members of the Society this millennium. In addition, the Society mounts occasional topical displays and exhibitions and encourages valued historic buildings to participate in the national Heritage Open Days event each September.

Further details about the Society may be obtained from Kath Gee (Hon.Sec. F&DHS) Kgee96@aol.com.

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Programme of Meetings 2020

All indoor meetings are held on Monday evenings at Main Street
Community Church, Frodsham, and start at 7.45pm
Membership £5.00 p.a. + £2.00 per meeting. Visitors £3.00

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| 6 th January | Mike Blackburn
Development of Liverpool as a world port linked to North Wales |
| 3 rd February | Prof Tim Wheeler
History of Chester University from 1839 |
| 2 nd March | AGM
Sheila Walsh
Costumed guide at Speke Hall 'The life of a Tudor Lady' |
| 6 th April | Sheila Leonard pp volunteer speaker
History of the 1903 steamship 'Daniel Adamson' |
| 4 th May | Gillian Williams
5000 years of a Cheshire Village |
| 8 th June | Guided tour and refreshments at Elizabeth Gaskell's House,
Plymouth Grove, Manchester |
| 7 th September | Bernard Dennis
Life and times of Sir Thomas Egerton |
| 5 th October | Claire Moores
Fantastic Mr Foxes v Tipping and Faulkoner |
| 2 nd November | Allen Wales
1st/5th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment during WW1 |
| 14th December | Dr Rachel Swallow
The Legend, Lady and Landscape of Caernarfon Castle |