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Whitworth Historical Society

Winter Talks Programme

2019 -20

All lectures commence at

7.30pm

The Heritage Centre & Museum

North Street

Whitworth

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Winter Talks at Whitworth

Wednesday, 2nd October 2019

“Clocks and their Stories”

by Keith Mellor

We all have clocks of various types in our homes. Some are decorative others purely functional but many have a story associated with them. Keith brings along 12 of his own clocks each having its own particular story.

Wednesday, 6th November 2019

“AGM”

followed by

Potato Pie Supper

The AGM is open to members and non members alike and is an opportunity for us to review the year’s performance and what we have in mind for the future. Delicious potato pie supper to round off the evening!

Wednesday, 4th December 2019

“My Life at Harrods – Insider’s Story”

by Maxine Jaager

Maxine gives a sometimes humorous insight into the ‘*behind the scenes*’ workings of this famous, and expensive, Knightsbridge store without the need to take out your purse or wallet.

Wednesday, 8th January 2020

“From Street Urchin to Establishment Man”

by Andy O’Sullivan MBE, BEM

Former policemen Andy has received over 20 commendations for his work in the force and gives us an account of his own personal journey through his impressive working career.

Wednesday, 5th February 2020

“120 Years of Ellen Smith”

by Paul Targett

Ellen Smith’s motor coaches have been a familiar sight in the Rochdale area for 120 years now and many of us, particularly in the 1950’s and 60’s, enjoyed their holiday tours to various parts of Britain. The company remains strong and its history interesting.

Wednesday, 4th March 2020

"The Battle of Britain – 80th Anniversary"

by Brian Furness

2020 sees the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, an event which many believe shaped the final outcome of WW2. The dark days of 1940 saw Britain stand alone against the might of the Nazi regime which had already conquered much of Western Europe.

Wednesday, 1st April 2020

“A Study of Belle Vue”

by Frank Rhodes & Brian Selby

You may be surprised to learn that the history of Belle Vue Zoological Gardens goes back to 1836 and at its peak attracted over two million visitors each year. In more recent times many will remember its amusement park, greyhound racing, motorcycle speedway and its famous circus. Frank and Brian remind us of the popularity of this once thriving attraction which was (almost) on our doorstep.

Wednesday, 6th May 2020

“East Lancashire Railway”

by David Wright

Few things give as much pleasure and stir feelings of nostalgia than the sight of a steam engine pulling a train through the British countryside. Fortunately, we have such a railway in nearby Rawtenstall.

Wednesday, 3rd June 2020

“Padiham – Then & Now”

by Ann & Bob Clark

Like many of our towns and villages, Padiham has seen many changes over the years. Residents Ann and Bob have made a study of the changes in their town.



Winter Talks

Whitworth Historical Society holds a series of winter talks on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing in October and running through to June of the following year. Admission is free at the point of entry and is open to members and non members alike. Non members are however politely requested to make a small donation towards the running of the museum.

Membership of the Society is open to all and is a modest £7 per year. Ask for details or see our website.

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The museum is open throughout the year

Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm

Saturday 2.00 - 4.00pm

Other times by appointment

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