



Roath Local History Society

Bringing History to Your Doorstep - since 1978

Past Programmes

Lecture Programme 2018/19

THURSDAY 13th. SEPTEMBER 2018

AGM

followed at 8.30 by

“Ralph Hancock, Roath’s Royal Gardener and 3-times Chelsea Gold Medal Winner”.

Bob Priddle, Senior Horticultural Lecturer, shares the little-known achievements of innovative Garden Designer, **Ralph Hancock** – born at 20, Keppoch Street, on 2nd. July, 1893.

THURSDAY 11th. OCTOBER 2018

“The Cruel Streets Revisited”.

John Wake, retired Police Officer & Author, will discuss Cardiff’s Lawless Past, it’s Growth, it’s Characters, it’s Murders, and it’s Mean Streets – from the viewpoint of Cardiff’s poorest and most vulnerable citizens.

Summer Field Trips 2018

Thursday 7th. June 2018

ST. SAVIOUR’S CHURCH in WALES

115 Splott Road, Cardiff. CF24 2BW

Originally part of the Parish of Roath, this is a fine 1887-8, Grade II Listed building.

Architects G F Bodley & T Garner’s design, was influenced by the C15th church of St Mary’s, Tenby.

<https://churchofstsaivourcardiff.weebly.com>

Thursday 14th. June 2018

NEWPORT SHIP & NATIONAL ROMAN LEGION MUSEUM

After visiting the **Newport Ship Restoration Site**, we will go on to **Caerleon**. There we can explore for ourselves, the museum, bath house and numerous Roman sites and remains - plus grab a cuppa!

<http://www.newport.gov.uk/heritage/Newport-Ship>

<https://museum.wales/roman/>

Thursday 21st. June 2018

ST. FAGANS NATIONAL MUSEUM of HISTORY

<http://museum.wales/stfagans>

Thursday 28th. June 2018

CATHAYS BRANCH & HERITAGE LIBRARY

Fairoak Road, Cathays, CF24 4PW

An introductory tour of the layout and resources, including the local history archive, by a member of staff.

Thursday 5th. July 2018

HIGHFIELDS CHURCH

Highfields Church, Monthermer Road, Cathays, Cardiff. CF24 4QW

<http://highfieldschurch.org.uk>

Thursday 12th. July 2018:

CYFARTHFA CASTLE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Cyfarthfa Park, Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil. CF47 8RE

<http://www.cyfarthfa.com>

40th Anniversary Lecture Programme 2017-2018

Thursday, 14th. September 2017

AGM followed by a video presentation from **Mr Alan Knight**, on **Old Splott**.

Thursday, 12th. October 2017

Mr Gavin Jones, Project Manager, from Natural Resources Wales, will give an illustrated presentation on the **Flood Prevention Scheme**, currently under construction, in our Roath Parks and Gardens.

Thursday, 9th. November 2017

Mr Viv Giles, will speak on **The Roll of Honour of the Mackintosh Institute**, based on his research into members of the Institute, who gave their lives in World War One.

Thursday, 14th. December 2017

Mrs Jean Rose, lecturer and author of **"Cardiff Churches Through Time"**, will give an illustrated presentation on "The Churches of Roath".

Thursday, 11th. January 2018

Mr Rhys David will talk about his book **Tell Mum Not to Worry**, based on letters home and reminiscences of Cardiff, by a teenaged soldier, (later to become his father).

Thursday, 8th. February 2018

Mr Richard Britton, historian and former senior guide at Cardiff Castle, will recount the story of **Lady Gwendolen**, wife of the third Marquess of Bute.

Thursday, 8th. March 2018

Mr Paul Busby, National Trust Historian at Tredegar House, is returning with another insight into the lives of the gentry, with a presentation entitled, **Mansions of the Morgans: Tredegar, Ruperra and Machen**.

Thursday, 12th. April 2018

Mr Jeff Childs, local historian, lecturer and author, who joined R.L.H.S. in it's founding year, illustrates **The Growth and Urban Development of Roath**.

Thursday, 10th. May 2018

Dr Phil Carradice, Welsh writer and broadcaster, is welcomed back, to give an illustrated

presentation, entitled **A Ragged School for Ragged Children**; which recounts the provisions made to give poor and destitute children an education.

Summer Visits 2017

Thursday, 1st. June 2017:

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church

St. Peters Street, Cardiff. CF24 3BA

Guided by the eminent Cardiff Historian Mr. Sean Cleary.

<http://www.stpeters-roath.co.uk>

Thursday, 8th. June 2017

The Senedd, the National Assembly for Wales

Harbour Drive, Cardiff. CF99 1NA

Invited by Jenny Rathbone AM, The Senedd & how NAFW functions.

<http://www.assembly.wales>

Thursday, 15th. June 2017:

National Museum Wales Collections Centre

Parc Nantgarw, CF15 7QT.

Staff will share with us "The Care of Collections and Conservation".

<http://www.museum.wales/collections-centre>

Thursday, 22nd. June 2017:

Saint John the Baptist Church, Cardiff

St. John Street, Cardiff. CF10 1GJ

A guided tour of this rare survivor of mediaeval Cardiff from the Priest in Charge, The Rev. Canon Dr. Sarah Rowland Jones.

http://www.cardiffstjohncityparish.org.uk/Parish_history.htm

Thursday, 29th. June 2017:

Cardiff Crown Court

Law Courts, Cathays Park, Cardiff. CF10 3PG

Gain privileged insight into CCC, before the important work of the day begins.

<https://courtribunalfinder.service.gov.uk/courts/cardiff-crown-court>

Thursday, 06th. July 2017:

Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Cardiff

4, Merches Place, Grangetown, Cardiff. CF11 6RD

A cultural visit to the first and largest Hindu Temple in Wales. *Dress code.

<http://www.swaminarayanwales.org.uk>

Thursday, 13th. July 2017:

Big Pit National Coal Museum

Blaenafon, Pontypool. NP4 9XP

A day out to Big Pit and the Gilchrist-Thomas Iron Works.

<https://museum.wales/bigpit>

Lecture Programme 2016/17

John Brigg - **Memories of old Cardiff,**

Dr Phil Carradice - **Cardiff and the Vale in the First World War**

Paul Busby from Tredegar House on - **Godfrey Charles Morgan, Lord Tredegar.**

Alan Thorne - **Cardiff and Penarth Ships and their contribution to the Spanish Civil War**

Rev Lionel Fanthorpe - **The Story of Croglin Hall.**

Steve Rowson - **The Glamorganshire Canal**

Jeff Childs - **Roath in the 17th and 18th Century.**

Summer Visits 2016

Peter Finch's **Death Row**

St.Margaret's Church guided history walk

Parkminster Church tour with quiz

A tour of the facilities at the **Welsh Institute of Sport,**

A return visit to **The Cardiff Story Musuem,**

A gallery and collection tour at **The Butetown History and Arts Centre**

A visit to **The Evolution of Wales** permanent exhibition at the **National Museum**

Lecture Programme 2015/16

The urban development of Roath.

A history of Howell's school.

Peter Finch talked about his latest book, **The development of 19th Century rugby in Roath and Cardiff.**

500 years of Roath.

The history of Albany School (Albany Military Hospital).

Summer Trips 2015

Talk on the **Tabernacle** on Penywain Road

Albany School

A behind-the-scenes look in **St Davids Hall**.

Guides on using the **STACS Library Resource Information System**

The Bute **Park Restoration Project**

A guided history walk down **City Road**.

Lecture Programme 2013/14

Thursday, September 12th 2013

AGM followed by the ever popular **Members Evening**

Thursday, October 10th 2013

Thomas George. (Cardiff University). **Cardiff and the First World War**

This lecture will explore the ways in which the men and women of Cardiff contributed to the war effort, on the home front.

Thursday, November 14th 2013

Fred Davies. **The Taff Vale Railway**

Fred returns for the second part of the history of the TVR.

Thursday, December 12th 2013

Dr Andrew Hignell. **How the Ashes came to Cardiff**.

Prominent sports historian and Curator of the Cricket Museum at the Swalec stadium Andrew will trace the negotiations which resulted in the first Ashes Test in Cardiff.

Thursday, January 9th, 2014.

Dr Andrew Richardson. (Cardiff University). **Lords of Bricks and Mortar**

This talk will explore the development of the Castle and Town of Cardiff, from Roman times to the present and how it influenced civic pride and identity and gave power to its occupants

Thursday, February 13th, 2014

Rev Stewart Lisk. [The Civic Chaplain](#)

Rev Lisk is Vicar of St Margaret's Church. He will recount the with people and events with which he has been involved, as Civic Chaplain for Cardiff.

Thursday, March 13th, 2014

Dr Diane Brook. [Cardiff Archaeological Society.](#)

Diane is Vice Chair of CAS and pays a return visit to tell us of the work of the Society and the excavations and explorations with which they have been involved.

Thursday, April 10th, 2014

Peter Gillard. (Secretary RLHS). [A History of Cardiff's Parks.](#)

This illustrated talk will trace the evolution of parks and open spaces in Cardiff and their relationship to the development of the Town, City and Capital, over time