

Wilmslow Historical Society Members Late Summer Newsletter

Your Committee hope that you have had a grand Summer sprinkled with many history based experiences and fun! The time has come to invite you to renew your membership for the 2023/24 season of talks and activities – and maybe to encourage one or two others to join us for another enjoyable and informative year.

The easiest way for most people (and the Committee!) to take up membership again is via our membership payment website at <https://tinyurl.com/membership-whs>

(more details below) and here is our programme for the year ahead.

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE
	2023	
13 September	Melanie Giles	Bog Bodies
11 October	Stephen Birchall	Altrincham Dissenters - Politics, Religion, Alcohol and Freedom in late Victorian Altrincham.
8 November	Judy Popley	History of Granada TV
13 December		Christmas Social - food, drink, raffle and quiz
	2024	
10 January	Neil Sheldon	Alan Turing , the Man and his Legacy
14 February	Rosalie David	Egyptian Mummies - a scientific resource
13 March	Craig White	Edith Nesbitt , Strines and the Railway Children
10 April	Mike Nevell	Roman Northwich
8 May	WHS	Members' Talks - AGM

We will continue to meet at the United Reformed Church Main Hall on Chapel Lane from 7.30pm with refreshments available and the presentations will start at 8.00. Parking is allowed on the car park immediately adjacent at the Health Centre.

Renewing Your Membership

Our membership at the end of last year was close to 100 and we hope to match that and more with old friends renewing and hopefully some new members too.

Our internet based approach to setting up membership went well last year and proved popular with at least half of the members – so we will repeat the approach this year. By connecting to this internet address <https://tinyurl.com/membership-whs> you can easily share your contact

details and pay your £15 fee with a credit or debit card or use PayPal. From the membership form there will be a slight pause as you are re-directed to the payment page.

The advantage of this on-line approach is that it automatically helps build up the Society database and updates our bank account with much less effort (collecting/taking cheques to the bank etc). BACS payments to Wilmslow Historical Society Account: Sort Code: 16-34-24 Account No: 13387459 can also be made but **PLEASE USE YOUR NAME AS THE PAYMENT REFERENCE**. We hope to again produce some membership cards which we intend will be available at our September meeting.

However, we accept that not all members are comfortable with this internet approach so we will still welcome a copy of the attached form accompanied by a cheque by post to the address on the form - or at our first meeting on September 13th 2023.

Committee Membership

Alongside our established Committee Membership (see below) we are pleased to welcome Angela Hollin. Of course, on the basis of “many hands make light work” – we would welcome any approaches to support the Society by joining the Committee – at any time. You can catch us at one of the meetings or get in touch via the Society email: wilmslowhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

David Briggs (Chair)	01625 536909	Angela Hollin	
Susan Cooper (Sec)	01625 529178	Sue Jones	
Corey Hughes (Treas)		Jon Kelly	
Jon Armstrong (Archives)		Mike Partridge	
Alan Cooper		Pam Savage	
Hilary Howard		Michael Scaife	

Social Events and Trips

Trips to Adlington Hall and Peover Hall last season proved both successful and popular – and we hope we will be able to offer something similar this year. We are also looking forward to another of our Christmas Socials which went down so well after the Covid induced break.

Turing Update

After quite a flurry of activity up to Spring this year – the plans to build interest and ideas as to how we might commemorate Alan Turing in the village/town have had to take a bit of pause. Other commitments took precedence. However, with our friends at Wilmslow Civic Trust we look forward to reviving the project and still hope to submit a draft proposal to the Arts Council before the end of the year.

Wilmslow History Walks

With thanks to Steve Hunt, Mike Gorman and Jon Kelly the Wilmslow History Tours return this September as part of English Heritage's Open Festival. The Tours will run between 9th -16th September. This year we will take a focus on celebrating art and artists of Wilmslow including authors, artists, miniaturists, photographers and rock bands.

Jon Kelly is already taking bookings so many of the eight places per day may have been taken up. Contact him via jonkelly1664@gmail.com or 01625 250881.

We're pleased to say, we have also been invited to give a "virtual" Wilmslow Tour presentation at the end of September to another local group – and if this proves successful we will see how that can be repeated for members at some time in the future.

Publicity

The Society and its activities were extremely well represented and promoted by Alan Cooper at the Wilmslow Town Council AGM in May alongside 17 other Wilmslow bodies and groups. Alan was able to highlight both our meetings and the extra activities that we are being increasingly invited to contribute to.

It was good to see many old friends and new when the Society took a free stand (courtesy of the Town Council) at the Coronation Day event on Grove Street. We handed out many leaflets to back up our display based on photographs sourced by Jon Armstrong of previous Coronation Day celebrations in the Village/Town as far back as 1911. The stand was overseen by Hilary Howard, Susan and Alan Cooper (sporting suitable red, white and blue below!) and David and Sue Briggs. Throughout the day there were many interesting conversations held with the many people who stopped and engaged.



Interesting Facebook Pages

For those who are handy with Facebook – you may be interested in the existence of two Facebook sites which often have interesting pictures and articles about the Village/Town - "Remembering Wilmslow" and "Wilmslow Memories in Photographs". The following pictures of lost public buildings both came from these. Who remembers them?



Wilmslow Historical Society Membership Form 2023/24

The annual membership fee is £15.00 for adults. Students and under 18s may have free membership. (Please apply via wilmslowhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.) Payments using this paper form should be made by cheque to the address below. Alternatively, payment can be made on-line by going to <https://tinyurl.com/membership-whs>

Surname:

First Name/s

(If applying as a couple for double membership please put both first names – a fee is payable for each person)

Your Email Address:

Postal Address and Postcode

Contact Phone Number

Data Protection: Your details will be recorded on an electronic database only for the purpose of managing the Society business and communicating with you. Your details will not be shared or sold to any other party. Please tick the box to acknowledge. I agree:

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Please add any information here or overleaf that would be helpful for the Society to know about you.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “WILMSLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY” AND SEND BY POST TO: WILMSLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY, C/O 4 THORNGROVE DRIVE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE, SK9 1DQ

Or Pay online by card or PayPal at <https://tinyurl.com/membership-whs> or

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