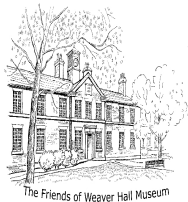


Calendar of Friends Events 2024

February

Thursday 22nd Friends Talk 7 for 7.30pm



“The Tabley House Family at War by Victoria Astridge” - Tabley House near Knutsford was home to the Leicester family for over 200 years. Looking at family letters and documents that were recently discovered in the house, Victoria has pieced together their personal reflections and experiences during the Second World War. This includes the family's son-in-law, Lt. General Sir Oliver Leese, whose letters discuss his service during some of the major turning points of the war.

March

Thursday 21st Friends Talk 7 for 7.30pm

“The Northwich Contribution to Winning World War Two by Clive Brookes” - Northwich and the surrounding villages played a vital and largely unrecognised or forgotten role in the war years from 1939-1945. Many local industries that had previously grown up to serve the local salt and chemical industries now had to support the national war economy. This included a wide range of community and industrial commitment from shipyards on the Weaver to factories turning out tank parts and tank transporters and constructing the important pier heads of the famous Mulberry Harbours. Clive will talk about this and more.

April

Thursday 18th Friends Talk 7 for 7.30pm

“Stretton Water Mill by Kate Harland” - Stretton Water Mill is a 14th century corn mill near Tilston. Kate has been a miller at Stretton since 2004 and now manages the building as part of West Cheshire Museums. This illustrated talk will cover the history of the mills and milling, the machinery and the power of water.

Please inform Martin Dignum if you wish to attend any of the above evening events email:-

martindignum@btinternet.com

For those of you with internet access the above events will be advertised on our website www.fowhm.org.uk

Events organised and run by the Museum can be found on their website www.weaverhall.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk

Dear Friends of Weaver Hall Museum

Our events list for the first of 2024 is attached in a form that can easily be printed and put up as a reminder.

Friends Talks

We have 3 Friends evenings on the programme for the first half of the year which we hope that you will enjoy. The cost for non members remains at £2 so if you have a friend who is a non member bring them along. As usual complimentary tea / coffee and biscuits although donations are always very welcome.

Film Club



I am delighted to advise this will continue for 2024, and the following will be shown in the Regalette at 2.30pm on:-

13 Feb, **A Man Called Otto**: 12 March, **Enemy of the State**: 16 April, **Allied**: 10 Sept, **The Angels Share**: 8 Oct, **First Man**: 19 Nov, **Where the Crawdads Sing**. Full information on the films is given on the website and reminders will be sent out before each film. No need to book, so look forward to seeing you there.

Sponsor: Many thanks to CRS Financial Consultants of Northwich for their £50 sponsorship for the Friends talks.

Archives Visit: We are arranging a visit (with refreshments) to the Museum Archives in Winsford for later in the year. More information as soon as we have finalised the details. This will be a chance to look behind the scenes at the work of the Museum.

Further information on any of the above from Carol Allen, 07971 514091 or 01606 44255, or carol.allen004@gmail.com.

A report from our Chair is attached. Please note this also details the increase in annual subscriptions which was introduced last year. Renewals of subscriptions as usual are due from 1 May 2024.

We thank you for all your support in the past and hope that you will continue to join us at our many and varied events in the future.

FOWHM Committee