

## Christleton Local History Group Winter Season 2011-12



Airbus wings leaving the Dee Estuary at Point of Air

### **Dear Member**

Welcome to the 2011-12 season of Christleton Local History Group. History in many forms seems to occupy our televisions almost daily at present, and clearly is meeting a need. We hope that our own History DVD will appear in the next few months and will contribute greatly to our knowledge of the village. Judy has worked so hard on the project, and it's mainly due to her efforts that we have got so far.

I hope that you will support the indoor meetings again this season, and that you'll enjoy a number of very interesting topics. I start off the season with some fascinating pictures from the recent Tutankhamen Exhibition in Manchester. This unique collection of material contained accurate replicas of almost every item found by Howard Carter in 1923, and for this special exhibition the museum & promoters allowed photographs to be taken. If you have any interest in Egypt and the subject of Tutankhamen, this talk is for you. Digital photography allows a much closer look at these unique items and I'm sure you will enjoy seeing quite fascinating objects in close detail. This is followed by a visit to Pembrokeshire, one of my favourite places, and an examination of how man has been influenced by and used the landscape for his benefit by looking at the geology & scenery, the history & natural history of this beautiful part of Wales. Peter Clark then takes us north to Erddig and looks at the work of a steward at this historic house.

Geoff Lawson then takes us along the River Dee from source to estuary, whilst Jim McCready will be telling us about his Skips Lane, a comparatively small area of the village but with a unique and fascinating history. We end the season with a look at the Industry along the Shropshire Union Canal with Ray Buss from the Chester Canal Heritage Trust, which fits very neatly in with the story of Skips Lane, which had a very important part to play in this story.

Please find attached accounts for 2009-10. I look forward to meeting you all again on September 21<sup>st</sup>. All talks start at 7.30pm and are held in the School Hall at The Primary School in Quarry Lane. Admission £2.50 including light refreshments.

With sincere good wishes

**David Cummings**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Speaker.** David Cummings

There will be a short **AGM** followed by an illustrated talk.

**The Treasures of the Tomb of Tutankhamen**

This talk will illustrate in very close up detail, many of the unique objects and fine treasures found in the tomb of the boy Pharaoh, Tutankhamen.

**Wednesday 19th October**

**Speaker;** David Cummings

**The Geology & Scenery, History & Natural History of Pembrokshire.**

David & Beryl have visited the area for over fifty years and have built up a collection of material based on their interests in history & natural history. The story starts over 500million years ago in geological time and continues to the present day.

**Wednesday 23rd November**

**Speaker;** Peter Clark

**A Stewards View of Erddig.**

Peter, a Christleton resident, is a member of the team that looks after the 17<sup>th</sup> C. National Trust Property at Erddig near Wrexham. In this talk he'll share some of his interests in this fine house, which is home to a significant collection of furniture and art, and also a remarkable record of the relationship between the Yorke Family and their servants.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Speaker.** Geoff Lawson

**The River Dee from source to sea.**

Geoff Lawson, former Headteacher at Christleton High School explores through pictures and writing, the route of the River Dee from the hills above Bala to the estuary at Point of Air.

**Wednesday 22nd February**

**Speaker.** Jim McCready

**A Hop along SKIPS Lane**

This is the unique history of a small village lane, which tells the story of the people who live there, and how some businesses which started in the lane, became nationally important.

**Wednesday 21st March**

**Speaker.** Ray Buss. Chairman of the Chester Canal Heritage Trust

**Industry along the Chester Canal**

Ray visited us two years ago with his story of the Chester Canal. He continues this story with a look at the industry which grew up around it.

**Summer visit on a date to be arranged;**

**Wroxeter Roman Town** near Shrewsbury, & **Much Wenlock**, the small town in Shropshire where Dr William Penny Brookes founded the Wenlock Olympian Games, which was the inspiration for his friend Baron Pierre de Coubertin to restart the Modern Olympic movement in Athens in 1896.

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