

# Christleton Local History Group

## Winter Programme 2016-17 Season

All meetings take place at 7.30pm at Christleton Primary School in Quarry Lane, Christleton

Admission £3. Everyone welcome.

For further details- contact David Cummings 332410 or [cummings.d@uwclub.net](mailto:cummings.d@uwclub.net)



The Cullimore Collection of images of Christleton

### Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> Short AGM & “On the Waterfront”\*

Speaker David Cummings

Following a short AGM David will take us on a photographic journey to **Bristol** (SS Great Britain) **London** (The Cutty Sark) **Portsmouth** (The Victory) **Swansea**.(Waterfront revival) **Liverpool** (European City of Culture 2008). **Marseille** (European City of Culture 2011)

\* The meeting originally planned for this evening exploring aspects of WWII with a visiting speaker, artefacts and equipment has had to be postponed until a later date.

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October A Roman Extravaganza

Speaker David Cummings

David will give a talk about recent visits made to important Roman sites at **Vindolanda & Bath** U.K. – **Carnuntum**- near Vienna in Austria, **Arles - Nimes - Pont du Gard** in Provence, South of France. Each of these sites has a special interest for David and we view some amazing structures built almost 2000years ago, including bath houses, aqueducts and amphitheatres.

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November The Art of Heraldry

Speaker Jane Chilton

We welcome a return visit from Genealogist Jane Chilton for a new talk about “ **The Art of Heraldry**”. The talk will include the origins of heraldry, its development, its symbolic language and how to “read” a coat of arms. Jane will endeavour to include examples of heraldry specific to Christleton. Members will remember the previous talk Jane gave the group as we prepared to research stories from WWI for the **Christleton Great War Voices** book.

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January Cathedrals collapses and failures.

Speaker Geoff Clifton

Geoff Clifton is a conservation accredited engineer, working as a Consultant to Ramboll. He is the engineer to Wells & Lincoln Cathedrals as well as being the engineer on the Cathedral Fabric

Commission for England. Geoff is a resident of Littleton, was Chairman of Governors at Christleton Primary School for many years, and is a very enthusiastic supporter of the Arts in Chester, particularly “Storyhouse”.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February Losing Sight of glory- 600years of Combat Surgery  
from Azincourt to Helmand**

**Speaker Michael Crumplin**

We welcome back Michael after his superb talk last season about the Battle of Waterloo. He is a retired consultant surgeon, and an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He has studied the medicine of the Republican, Napoleonic and other wars for over 45 years and now devotes his time in writing, lecturing and giving support to students, research workers, authors and the media. He has acted as medical advisor for many programmes, and as curator and archivist at the Royal College of Surgeons, has been closely involved in the development of the Hunterian Museum. He is a member of the Waterloo 200 Operating Committee, heading up the educational group for the Bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo. He is the author of four books, including The Bloody Fields of Waterloo.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March WWI Battlefields & memorials at Ypres**

**Speaker Alan Robinson**

Alan is well known to the CLHG as a renowned expert in the history of warfare and battlefields, and in the last two years spoken about The Somme and Gallipoli. He completes the sequence of areas fought in by Christleton men during WWI by giving a talk on the battlefields around Ypres. Alan has extensive knowledge of these areas and regularly leads parties on visits. He has offered to do so for the Local history group, and I will try to outline some of the possibilities if there is sufficient interest.

DC August 2016