

Blacon History Newsletter



June and July 2022

Welcome to the Blacon History newsletter, the Newsletter goes out either digitally or in printed format to a large number of Blacon residents. Our main aim is to research and distribute local historical information to our membership and the wider Blacon & Chester community. Additionally to work with the local community and schools to enable residents old and young to discover their local history and provide a sense of belonging. To work with other institutions to enhance and provide a local learning resource for those who are able and unable to access new technology.

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Or take a look at our website <http://www.blaconhistorygroup.org/>

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Blacon History Group News

Blacon History Group latest Events

In June both Dave and I had the pleasure of visiting both Highfield School and J.H Godwin and would like to thank both the Staff and Children of both schools for being so welcoming.

Dave visited Highfield school and was able to talk about the history of Blacon Army Camp and I had the pleasure of visiting J.H Godwin and was able to talk to the children about the History of Blacon Station.

I purposely put together a PowerPoint presentation with a questions and answers session the children answered all of my questions I had prepared for them perfectly.

As a group we are so pleased to be welcomed so warmly by the schools we have visited

Were planning to contact the other schools in Blacon in the near future to enquire if they would like us to pay them a visit.

Our first ever visit was to the Arches School in early March 2020 but was then unfortunately interrupted by the Covid pandemic.

We are pleased to announce Blacon history now have our scale model of Blacon station to take on our visits which we hope will enhance the overall experience which was donated by Ian.

On the 21st of June we held a presentation at Blacon Library which was presented by our Chief Historian Norman Stainthorp which was yet another great success. We would like to thank Colleen and Emma for the help they provided in us being able to stage the event in the Library which was part Of the Cheshire West and Chester Councils heritage week event. **Please see page 2 for more details.**

Blacon History presentation at Blacon Library

On the 21st of June Blacon History group presented “Blacon History from the 18th century onward” at Blacon Library.

The talk was very well attended and we were very pleased to have been included in the Chester Heritage Festival.

The main part of the talk was conducted by Norman our very own Blacon Historian with contributions from both Dave and Myself.

Pictures left to right Norman, Dave and Alan from the Blacon History Group

And not forgetting Colleen pictured third from the left and (Emma who took the photo).

We would like to thank Colleen and Emma the library staff for their help and support in making this event possible.



Blacon Station



During the Pandemic and lockdown many people spent hours

Working on some amazing projects. Chester resident Ian who produces the Hoole Railway News is one of those people.

Ian has produced a master piece for us to now display at most of our up coming event. And we can not thank him enough for donating it to us free of any charge .

Thank You again Ian from the Blacon History group.

J.H Godwin Pupils travel back to Blacon's Past.

As described on page one on the 14th of June I had the pleasure of visiting J.H Godwin to present Blacon History new project for School Children called .

“Travel back in time too see Blacon Station as it was “

We used Back to the future as an example and for forty minutes we used our imagination to create an image of what Blacon station was like in the past .

We used old photographs of Blacon Station and new technology to make this possible.



Above one of the first slides we used was “Back to the future “on a journey back to Blacon Station in the 1960's. Alan