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Tonight

Good evening and welcome to our final meeting of the 2016-17 season. First we have the details of the AGM which I trust will be covered efficiently and well. After our usual refreshment break I will be giving an illustrated talk which will, indeed, be on Health Care in Morley. However, after I've had time to consider the implications, it will only deal with the period from around 1830 to the beginning of the Great War in 1914. There is simply too much data for me to cover a longer period. I've also noticed that official documentation is very sparse for the times up to the formation of the Borough. This needs more investigation, I have to admit.

The Last meeting

David Glover returned and gave our largest attendance of the year a fluent, interesting and challenging talk on the lost descendants of Henry VIII. David had channelled the many sources on this subject which has fascinated historians, film and television audiences for many years. This work shows that Henry did have affairs and children outside of his marriages. However, as David showed us, it is difficult to prove the exact details in some cases. David gave us lovely portraits of Henry's mistress Mary Boleyn, the sister of his second wife Anne, and her (and possibly his) grand-daughter Lettice Knollys who was brave (or foolish?) enough to steal Elizabeth I's favourite, Robert Dudley, from her.

A Future event

On 24-May, Lorraine Smith will be returning from Australia to talk about the Tudor document she found in her bookshop which describes a land transfer in Gildersome. This has stirred the interest of the American family historian Chuck Soderlund who has created a lovely website about Gildersome and he also will be present. The event will be in Morley Public Library.



Lorraine with the copy of 'Alice in Wonderland' and the Tudor scroll which she found inside it.

Photo: Vicky Hughson

The Society Trip

Just a final word on this. Robert has managed to obtain a high quality coach at a reasonable price. We will be leaving Queensway at 9am on Sunday, 11-June and the itinerary is (and I promise I've got it right this time) for us to visit the Stockport Air-Raid Shelter Centre first followed by Bramall Hall in the afternoon. You will be able to get food at the hall. It's likely we will be eating at The Bridge in Holmfirth, where we have had previous good service. Seats are still available but this will be your last chance to contact Robert directly. The cost will be approximately £23

The Programme for 2017-18

After some lengthy and fruitful discussions in committee, Maurice has gone away and worked really hard to compile this speaker programme for September 2017 till April 2018. He deserves our grateful thanks. Here it is:

12-September-2017 'Jane Austen (1775 - 1817) Illustrated

Marilyn Joyce will give us a good start by telling us more about this woman who wrote a number of brilliantly perceptive novels about the social experiences of men and women during the 18th/19th Centuries from a female standpoint.

10-October-2017 'Variety in Wartime'

It's a long time since **John Wallis** last visited us but he is renowned for his entertaining presentations on old music hall entertainment.

14-November-2017 'Yeadon above the Rest' Illustrated

Ken Cothliff will be talking to us about the History of Yeadon Airport. He has written a book on the subject so we can expect a detailed account.

12-December-2017 'Tyke Talk'

Eric Scaife is based in Whitkirk and he is a member of the Yorkshire Dialect Society. His talks are said to be full of local pertinence and humour.

9-January-2018 'The History of Waxwork' Illustrated

Geoffrey Forster is a qualified historian, based in Baildon, and he will be discussing the way wax has been used to depict objects and people.

13-February-2018 'Victoria Cross Holders in Leeds' Illustrated

Jackie & Bob Lawrence are a husband and wife team who are spending a lot of time researching and talking about the effects of the Great War on the people of Leeds. However, this talk will also encompass other conflicts. They are very strong on technical detail.

13-March-2018 'New Thoughts on British War Resisters' Illustrated

Cyril Pearce has visited us before to give an entertaining talk on Bretton Hall where he used to teach. Cyril is a fine speaker and a serious, diligent researcher. You can be sure he will have new information for us, although he has an encyclopedic knowledge of this subject.

10-April-2018 AGM

Afterwards, I will give an illustrated talk afterwards on some aspect of Morley life, perhaps adding to this evening's talk. Please let me know if you have any ideas on the matter.

I trust you have a good Summer break and hope to see you at some of our events and again at our September meeting.

Clive McManus