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Preston Historical Society

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

If any member has an article or story for the newsletter, please get in touch with Karen Doyle (Secretary) at info@prestonhistoricalsociety.org.uk. We have purchased a new laptop over the summer and have moved all your contact details over. If any of you used to receive an electronic newsletter and now do not please send an email to the address below and we will rectify the situation. info@prestonhistoricalsociety.org.uk

1. Next Meeting: "The History of Fulwood"

A reminder of our next meeting on **Monday 7 November 2016**. The speaker will be Carole Knight. Meetings are held at St. John (The Minster), Church Street, Preston starting at 7.15 pm. Visitors and new members are very welcome. Admission for visitors is £3.00.

2. Barry Ashton

It is with great sadness we have to report the death of Barry Ashton.

Barry has been a longstanding member of Preston Historical Society and member of the Committee. He will be sadly missed.

He will be well-known to many members having acted as the "meet-and-greet" at the Minster.

Our thoughts are with his family.

JOHN BARRY ASHTON



16th December 1945 ~ 18th October 2016

3. The Harris Museum & Art Gallery

Extracts from the Press Release: £15M TO OPEN UP THE HARRIS, PRESTON

Ambitious plans to open up Preston's Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library for future generations have been unveiled today. A project in the region of £15m, aims to revitalise the Harris by introducing a brand new front entrance onto the Flag Market and reinstate the Lancaster Road entrance to open the building to all. This will create a unique link between the Flag Market and the Guild Hall through the Harris.

In a joint statement welcoming these early proposals for the Harris, Councillor Peter Kelly, Preston City Council's Cabinet member for Culture and Leisure, and County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire County Council's Cabinet Member for Cultural Services, said:

"The scale of ambition is clear. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to transform the Harris; it will become a beacon for local people in the 21st century, drawing visitors to a thriving Preston. Creativity will be at the core of the Re-Imagined Harris, everyone will have the opportunity to make, participate and contribute. The Harris, and all that is done there, will be led by the people of Preston, Lancashire and the wider region as a whole. We can only really do this by thinking big and opening up the Harris in a way that transforms the building and makes it truly accessible to all....."

"With such a big change proposed for the Harris, it's only natural we seek peoples' views. **So please have your say on these exciting plans for the Harris.** Over the next few weeks, months and even couple of years we will be improving the plans to take on board people's ideas, suggestions and the needs of visitors and the community - so that we can truly deliver a new vision for the Harris. One that is highly ambitious but keeps the founding values of Edmund Harris' legacy to Preston and Lancashire at its core."

This is stage 1 of the bid process. If successful at this stage, the next step is to work up fully detailed schemes, planning applications and proposals in order to receive and secure the full amount of the lottery funding – which would be submitted sometime around summer 2019.

- How to give your views: please visit www.preston.gov.uk/HarrisVision

4. **Life in Adelphi Street**

We have received information from Patricia Mannerstrale (nee Heaton) who was born and brought up in Preston. She has lived in Australia for over 30 years but has visited Preston frequently until her mother's death in 2012 aged 97. She has put together a book about her mother's life which includes some detail about growing up in the Adelphi Street area of Preston. There are quite a few photos of that area and a description of the house in Byron St. Any members who are interested can access a preview of the book and see the first 15 pages which can be viewed on line. The web site is <http://appmum.com.au/ebooks-patricia-mannerstrale/>

5. **Tim Curtis Memorial Lecture – University of Central Lancashire**

On Wednesday 9th November at 7pm UCLAN are hosting the following lecture:

"Questioning Commemoration: the Home Front in the First World War"

The speaker is Professor Maggie Andrews from the University of Worcester. The lecture will be held in Lecture Theatre 4 of the Foster Building. All are welcome and refreshments will be available afterwards.

6. **Conference: "The Last Day of The Somme: a Bi-Centennial Reflection"** **19th November 2016**

We have been circulated by the School of History, Languages & Culture at the University of Liverpool with information about the above conference. They are holding a conference called 'The Last Day of the Somme: a Bi-Centennial Reflection' about "the battle of the Somme and its place within British historical narratives". The event is free, includes lunch and coffee and is being held at the Foresight Centre. To order tickets and register for the event you can click on the attached URL: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-last-day-of-the-somme-a-bi-centennial-reflection-tickets-28648325914>