

**Lancaster Archaeological and Historical Society.**

**Newsletter July 2013.**

At the recent Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected to serve for three years

Chairman	George Howson
Treasurer	Maureen Leach
Membership	Sandra Burr
Excursion Secretary	Doug Alcock
Speaker Secretary	Mike Winstanley
Minutes Secretary	Judith Horsfield

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for three years - Mike Derbyshire. There is one vacancy. The following will continue to serve for two more years – Rachel Newman and David Shotter. Anne Shotter and Jim Price will continue to serve for one more year.

David Cox stood down as Speakers Secretary and was thanked for his excellent work over many years. He and Lyn Cox will still serve on the publications sub-committee and attend committee meetings.

Excursions.

1. A full coachload of members and friends made the journey to North Wales on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Places visited were Rhuddlan Castle, St. Asaph Cathedral, Holywell and the Achwyfaen Cross. The trip was (despite the weather) both interesting and informative and was much enjoyed by all. Rachel Newman's commentary was of great assistance.
2. A full day trip to Temple Newsham Hall near Leeds has been arranged for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. This historic building is very well worth a visit. A booking form is enclosed.
3. A half day trip has been arranged for the afternoon of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August to the two mediaeval churches at St Michael on Wyre and Churchtown. Members and friends should make their own way to St Michael's before moving on to the St Helens Church at Churchtown. Very light refreshments will be available at the latter. Again, a booking form is enclosed.

Speakers

The first speaker meeting of the 2013/14 season will be at the Hala Centre Scotforth on the 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 for 7.30pm. The speaker will be Justin Blake, Deputy Director of excavations at Vindolanda. The title 'Vindolanda – the extra mural settlement'

Members of the society attend all meetings free of charge, of course, but a small charge (£2) is made for non-members - who are always welcome.

Full details of the complete programme will be included with the new season membership card which will be sent out in August. Meetings are always held at the Hala Centre on the last Thursday of each month except December. Suggestion and ideas for speakers/subjects can be made to any committee member and will be gladly received.

Members should note that we still need one further committee member plus of course a Vice Chairman. Please don't be backward in coming forward for either post.. A PhD in Sanskrit is not required - just an interest in the Society and its future.

George Howson  
Chairman