

Blacon History Newsletter

April 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.

Please contact us at blaconhistory@gmail.com

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

For more information If you are unable to access technology then contact either

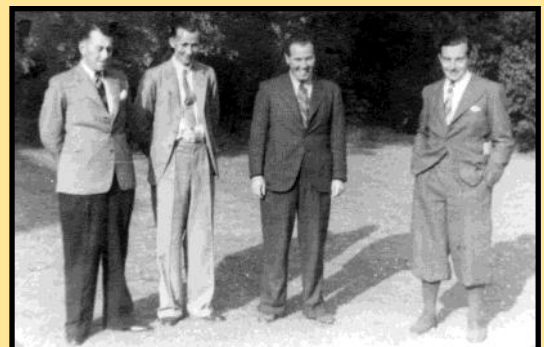
Dave Cartwright on 07854 681886 or Alan Smith on 07932556062

BHG NEWS & EVENTS - 2022

Blacon History presentation at Waggon and Horses

The presentation was a huge success with a audience of over thirty five people attending. The Presentation was done by Alan Smith and Dave Cartwright.

The feed back we received from the audience was very positive and there was of subject matter brought into the conversation by the audience which added to the event. I was also donated a hand full of musket balls from a local Blacon Metal detectorist who attended and another gentleman brought in a set of Golf Clubs which formally belonged to Eric Parr the former Blacon professional Golfer. Another Lady posted a picture of her Nan on our Blacon History Hunters facebook page the ladies Nan had worked at Blacon railway station.



The professional line-up at Blacon Point Golf Club. From left to right; Eric Parr, Joe Collins, Jimmy Adams and Henry Cotton.

What's great about doing an event like this is that it enables input from individuals which in turn then opens new questions for ourselves as a group to explore and possible find the answers too.

For example the musket balls were all found in the woods by Western Avenue could this mean a battle could have taken place during the civil war or were they

Used by hunters using the Blacon estate to shoot game ?. It was so busy we didn't get a chance to ask the gentleman more questions about the Golf clubs but we would love to get a photo of them if possible at a later date and tie them in with the history of the Golf course which stood on Blacon point.



Musket balls

Finally we would like to thank Jane and Daz for letting the History group host the event at the Waggon and horses pub. And thank everyone for coming along we will be looking to plan an evening or weekend event for those of you who were not able to attend in the day.

BHG NEWS & EVENTS **Spring & Summer - 2022**

1. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration - Thursday 2nd June 2022

A 1953 Street Party thought to be on Blacon Avenue ?

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations we at BHG are collaborating with Here & Now Ltd by providing support and a display of our Blacon History in an event to be held in Blacon United Reformed Church on the above date.



Consequently we are in urgent need of any photos/stories about any past Jubilee celebrations in Blacon going as far back as 1953

We already have an existing digital archive of photos on our BHG website [www.blaconhistorygroup.com] but obviously we would like to add to this to preserve your photos for current and future generations.

Consequently if you are willing to loan us your photos we will scan them and return them to you so we can include your photos in our archive and then also create and submit a Community contribution to this excellent initiative.

Please contact myself Dave Cartwright [07854681886] or BHG Chair Alan Smith if you need any more details.

Chester Heritage Week -[BHG] – Presents “The History of Blacon”- Tuesday 21 st June 2022

As part of the week's Chester Heritage Week's promotion 17th – 27th June 2022 we have been asked to make a contribution.

Consequently we will have a display in the Blacon Library and be giving a free presentation about Blacon's History on Tuesday 21st June from 2 -3.30 pm also in the Library.

Additionally we hopefully be have a brief presentation by Jim Duckett on the use of “Augmented Reality “ on your phones on our BHG Blacon History Trail



We will look forward to meeting you.

4. Blacon Festival -[BHG] – Display – Saturday 2nd July 2022

After a 3 year absence Blacon Festival returns on our fabulous Queen Elizabeth playing fields and we are pleased to report that BHG will be supporting this event and we have a stall there.....so why not pop in ,have a chat and see us and bring along any old photos you would like to share with us ?

