

Blacon History Newsletter



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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 Next Event

Welcome to our May 2022 edition of the Blacon Newsletter.

Please see the details about our next event at the Blacon Library on page 2.

We are also booked to do a presentation at JH Godwin school in early June for our younger members of the community.

Blacon History group are also planning an other presentation either at the weekend or in the evening at the Waggon for the people who could not attend the last presentation date to follow.

Blacon Railway Station History

Blacon station was opened on 31 March 1890 by the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway (later the Great Central Railway).

The station had two side platforms and the Station Master's house. To the east was a brick goods warehouse with freight depot and sidings. The 21-lever signal box, opposite the goods yard, was in use until 6 October 1963. the foundations of which are still barely visible ?

A return to Chester Northgate Station would cost 6d compared to a bus fare of 9d return.

Despite being a busy station, British Railways closed it to passengers on 9 September 1968 as part of the Beeching Axe for the economic modernisation of the British railway network in the mid-1960s.

Even with the closure of steelmaking operations at Shotton in March 1980, freight continued to use the line through the station until 20 April 1984. Goods services resumed use of the single-track line on 31 August 1986 before the railway closed completely in 1992.

The station buildings have regrettably been demolished, although the nearby road bridge over the former track remains. The track bed has been replaced by the "Green Way" a tarmac road surface, which now provides a cycle path, jogging track and a countryside walkway from MickleTrafford to Deeside

Blacon History Group

Presents Blacon from the 18th Century onwards

2.30 pm 21st of June 2022.

**At Blacon Library the Parade Enterprise
Centre Ch1 5hn**



MORE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BLACON
BUT THIS TIME ITS WITHIN RECENT HISTORY
FREE BUT CONTRIBUTION S GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED AS OUR FUNDS ARE LOW

See the new photographs we have acquired which have never been seen before
of Steam Trains in Blacon during the 1960's
and learn many facts about Blacon's History from the 18th Century onwards
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