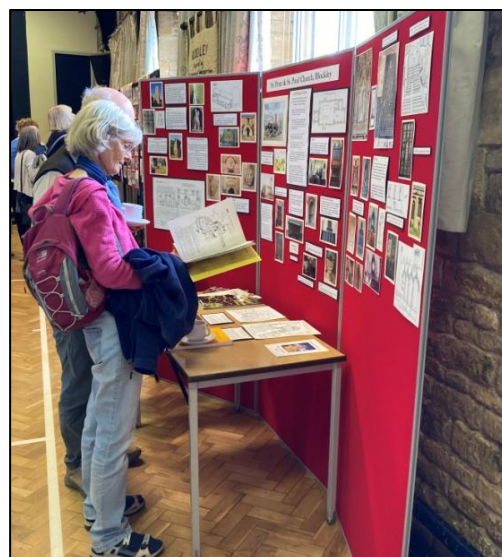


GLHA Summer Afternoon meeting 2023

The Association's Summer Afternoon Meeting was held in Blockley on Sunday, 2 July, and was organised by Blockley Heritage Society.



Around 70 people attended and were able to view a series of displays on the history of Blockley in St George's Hall and the adjacent Heritage Centre.

Following an introductory talk on the history of the town by the Society's President, Jeremy Bourne, attendees had a choice of either a talk on the history of nearby Northwick Park, given by Roger Thornburgh, or one of three visits. Jeremy Bourne led a walk to the parish church of St Peter & St Paul, Penny Balhatchet took a group along Blockley High Street to discover the history of the town's shops and shopping and David Artingstall took another group to Snugborough Mill, the largest and most impressive of a series of mills along the Blockley Brook. At the Mill, its owner, Rupert Williams-Ellis, who has been restoring the building, recounted its history and led guests on a short walk through its garden to see two other historic Blockley mills: Gaunt's and Westmacott's.



The mid-19th-century Westmacott's Mill (now converted into flats, as Blockley Court) seen from the grounds of Snugborough Mill.



Penny Balhatchet leads the Shops walk.

The day was 'rounded off' in the traditional GLHA fashion with a splendid afternoon tea and the chance to look again at the various displays.