

Experience the past with Julie McKiernan and Corrie Shelley as they bring local history to life with humour, characters, costumes and music.

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The Ladies of Leigh

An introduction to some of Leigh's most talented and daring daughters including: a world-famous scientist, a generous benefactor, an award-winning sculptor, and not one - but two - Olympic gymnasts!

Joseph Farington and his Journal

A look at 18th-century English landscape painter and dedicated diarist, Joseph Farington who was born in Leigh, exhibited at the Royal Academy and recorded the best bits of his life, politics, the weather and even Royal scandals.

A Terrible Affray or The Kay's House Killers

Discover a deed of savagery, bloodshed and death, which was committed under terrible circumstances near the London & North Western Good Station, Wigan, on Sunday 29th September 1895. The first murder of a railway policeman in England.

How to be Womanleigh

Hear how, why and when the suffragettes came to Leigh and who was arrested for threatening a policeman with a book!

No Bravery Without Fear

It is spring 1919 and next-door neighbours, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Brown, normally the best of friends, are airing their washing and their very different opinions about the recent war. In particular, the involvement of two local men, Alfred Wilkinson, VC, of Leigh, and Arthur Turtle, Conscientious Objector, of Tyldesley.

Lilford Park, a 30 year struggle

A stroll through the long and eventful back story of Lilford Park, meeting its main protagonists including activist Solomon Partington, several Lord Lilfords and cometh-the-moment-cometh-the-man, Mayor Joseph Ashworth.

Leigh Girls' Grammar School (LGGS)

Miss McKiernan & Miss Shelley will take you on a swift and sure journey back in time to Leigh Girls' Grammar School (LGGS). You will meet some of the teachers, see inside the building and learn some of its traditions and most memorable moments. But don't be late or you may end up on the settle outside the Headmistress' office!"

Three Nightclubs of Leigh

Revisit the hottest nightspots of Leigh with Babs and Sand who have been there, seen it, done it and served it up in a basket! Join them for last orders as they recall the times, tunes and fashions of the sixties. How many will you remember?

Major Hart

In 1947 the National Coal Board took over all the collieries in the UK - and broke Major's Hart's heart. The Managing Director of Bickershaw Colliery knew 'nothing of music' but created the best brass band in the country and was devastated to lose both his livelihood and his proudest achievement.

The Mine is Yours – Mining Trails

Dig into a mine of information about local collieries, their associated buildings, employees and achievements as we unearth: inventions, medals for bravery, pit brow lasses, strikes, philanthropic pit owners and much more!

Builders of Dreams

Learn how J.C. Prestwich, the son of a nut and bolt manufacturer from Atherton, survived successive family tragedies to go on to become a successful architect. "Any building of any merit (in Leigh) which is not a church or a mill is almost certainly by the local firm of J.C. Prestwich & Sons, capable – sometimes very capable – in a number of styles."

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