

The History of Ashton Gardens

Saturday 25 June 9:30 - 4:00

United Reform Church Hall - St Georges Road (next to the Gardens)

An illustrated seminar presenting detailed research into the origin of the gardens; their relationship to the developing town of St Annes on the Sea; how and why Lord Ashton gave them to the town, and why SOAG is restoring his monument.

SPEAKERS



RUTH THURNHILL - Victorian Parks and Gardens

Ruth is a leading light in the Lancashire Gardens Trust, and her irrepressible and infectious enthusiasm, coupled with her expert knowledge of garden history will set the scene for the day. Ruth will explain how and why places like Ashton Gardens and the greater municipal parks elsewhere came to exist, who the driving forces behind them were, and what they were about.



FRED MOOR - The Gardens: up to 28th January 1914

Former Parks Superintendent and later Director of Tourism and Leisure for Fylde Council, Fred has a lifetime of experience of working in public parks. He is the current Chairman of SOAG and will speak about the site and its development as St Georges Gardens - who made them, and why they were created - i.e. the period before they became the Ashton Gardens.



JON HARRISON - The Gardens: 1914 onward.

Jon is currently SOAG's Vice Chairman and a former secretary. He will speak about the Lord Ashton Connection: who he was; why he was interested in St Annes; how he became involved with Ashton Gardens. Jon will also explain the history of the Lord Ashton Monument in the Rose Garden, and how and why SOAG are restoring it with a HLF Grant.

Advance booking is strongly recommended

Tickets £5

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