

Southport University Extension Society (SUES)

Programme 2023 – 2024



The programme for 2023-24 will consist of four multiple-session courses and eight single-day events. Most activities take place at **All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Southport, PR9 9JR**. The longer course sessions are held on Mondays or Thursdays at 10.30 am and the single session events on Fridays at 2.30 pm. Sessions in the long courses last two hours and in the shorter meetings talks take approximately 45 to 60 minutes. Refreshments of a drink and biscuits are always provided free of charge. The **£10** membership fee entitles attendance to all one-off lectures. More details about SUES can be found on our website: www.southportues.com

Single Session Lectures and Events

Fri 15th September 2023

Emma Copestake – Keeping Each Other Buoyant: Liverpool's Dock Community during the National Dock Labour Scheme of 1967 – 1989

Friday 27th October 2023

Eric Woodcock – 'Lankie 'Lekkies - Electric Vehicles from the 1880s to Present Day

Friday 8th December 2023

Ed Montana-Williams – Turner and Constable, Rivals for Greatness

Friday 26th January 2024

Robert Eden – Bugs Everywhere – From Stinky Ponds to cracked North Sea Pipelines

Fri 23rd February 2024

Julia Clayton – The Fiction of Forgery: Art and Authenticity in the English Novel

Friday 22nd March 2024

Stephen Lloyd – Shakespeare, the Earls of Derby and the North West

Friday 26th April 2024

Alan Crosby – 'The great and terrible wilderness, peopled by untutored savages': providing elementary education in Victorian Lancashire

Friday 12th July 2024

Southport University Extension Society - Annual General Meeting

Courses

Peter Firth on Medieval Bookends

(10 sessions: Course Fee £50)

2023: September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27



We often use the term 'Middle Ages' without defining what it really means, both in this country and on the continent. By focusing on the two 'ends' of the medieval period, the start in the 5th century and the finish in the 15th, Peter will analyse what makes the Middle Ages special, how this period came into existence and how it gave way to modern times.

Roger Mitchell on Colonial and Post Colonial America – History, Art and Architecture

2024: January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 4 (Eight sessions: Course Fee £40)



The focus of the course is on the 17th and 18th centuries during which new settlements on the eastern seaboard of North America became a new country - the United States of America. George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson head the cast list. We take the story into the 19th century with the art of the Hudson River School and the architecture of Washington DC.

Alan Potter on Technology – Understanding just how things work !

2024: April 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 29

(Six sessions: Course fee £30)

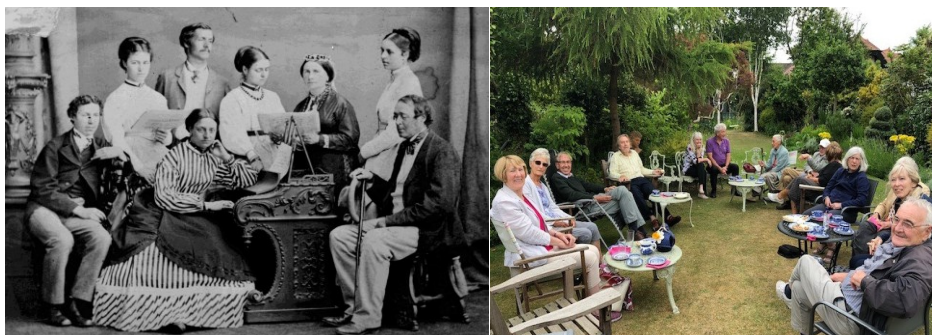


Using up-to-date research and illustrations, this course uncovers the way in which appliances that we rely on every day actually work to enrich our lives. As we begin to know them better, we can understand how to get the best out of them. Along the way, we will wonder at the ingenuity of humans who have created such amazing, life-enhancing devices.

Peter Firth on The History of the University Extension Movement in Southport

2024: May 13, 20 June 3, 10

(Four sessions: No fee - open to non-members)



In 1874, the first lectures were given in the Southport area, which for the first time enabled those who had been unable to access university education to experience it first-hand. This included not only those not rich enough pay to pay for it, but also women who were dis-enfranchised at that time. From here the movement grew, more universities provided speakers and more people became involved. Education eventually became an aspiration for all. Today, SUES continues to provide learning opportunities open to everyone in the local community.

150-Year Anniversary of the University Extension Movement in Southport

In addition to our normal programme, there will be a series of Events to mark the 150th Anniversary of the first University Extension lectures in Southport – we are believed to be the last remaining such learning organisation anywhere in the United Kingdom.

In addition to Peter Firth's four-session course on the local history of the University Extension Movement, there will be a month-long exhibition at the Atkinson in June and July 2024. In July there will also be our AGM with a special visiting speaker and, on **Tuesday 15th October 2024**, the actual anniversary of the first meeting, there will be a celebratory lunch. Further details of our anniversary programme will be made known as soon as they are finalised.