

June Meeting

Although it was a warm evening and Euro 16 was on the television, over 30 people attended the meeting, which started by remembering the huge contribution made to the meetings by Hilda Lord, whose funeral had taken place the previous week. We then had the third part of Barry's presentation, which examined some of the main features of British and World history in the 18th and 19th Centuries and how these affected people living in Ainsworth. In the 18th Century - changes in how Britain was governed; changes in industry, particularly the textile industry, owed much to the inventiveness of people who lived in the Bury and Bolton area, and the shift from domestic to mill-based spinning and weaving was a major feature of Ainsworth's history during the later 18th and early 19th centuries; the long war against Napoleon and an Ainsworth man, Henry Rostron, a soldier in the King's Dragoons, is recorded as having been killed at Waterloo; developments in transport; the expansion of the right to vote; the Chartist movement; the progression of cooperative ventures such as the building of club houses for and by the workers in stone quarries in Ainsworth leading to the Rochdale Pioneers in 1844 and the Ainsworth Industrial Cooperative Society some twenty years later; changes in crime and punishment ; discoveries that transformed medicine and surgery; and developments in education and the schools which existed in Ainsworth (a more detailed description is available as an article on our website)

We then looked at some photos of sports events in Ainsworth and a number of missing names were supplied by those present

