

### **March Meeting:**

After looking at a photo of a delivery of flour from Canada to the village co-op in the early 1900's, we then had a very interesting talk from Steve about Bygone Bury, going from maps of Bury when it covered a small area near the town centre, to its expansion during the industrial revolution. The maps showed a variety of industries including woollen and cotton mills, foundries, wood yards, tanneries and numerous rope works. We saw old photos and picture postcards from 1852 onwards, showing a variety of places around the centre of the town, including the old market place, the market hall; the Parish Church (and the changes it has undergone); cinemas and theatres (including the Theatre Royal); hotels; the co-op on Market Street; the abattoir; the Boer War memorial in the old Market Place and its later position in the Whitehead memorial gardens; and a variety of photos of transport, including steam trams, electric trams, electric trains and then in 1926, the first buses. Many of the photos led to interesting anecdotes from the people present.