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NEXT MEETING -

RUFFORD OLD HALL

A visit by coach to Rufford has been arranged for the evening of <u>Tuesday 24th June</u>. We will be leaving Gateacre at <u>7 p.m. prompt</u> from outside the Midland Bank and expect to arrive back again about 10.30 p.m.

We will have a guided tour round the house - including the late 15th century great hall with its hammer beam roof trusses, spere truss and large bay window as well as the 'movable' screen, of which Sir Nikolaus Pevsner wrote " a monster of a screen, and movable only if you accept a very optimistic meaning of the term ". This hall, built for the Hesketh family, conveys more of the idea of what it was like to be in a medieval Lancashire hall than it is possible to obtain at Speke. We will also see the brick built wing of 1662 and the drawing room extensions of 1821 with their interesting and varied museum exhibits.

Advance booking is essential and <u>TICKETS</u> are now available from the Organiser, Mrs. Joan Cohen, 41 South Station Road, tel: 428 - 5442 price £2.85 and include coach and entrance. Tea and biscuits will be available if required.

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Planning Application No. 268250

This application is for a 'bungalow' at the south corner of Oakfield Avenue and Grange Lane. We have seen the drawings which are for a large house, so large that we feel it would be over-dominant on this small site and we have written accordingly to the City Planning Office.