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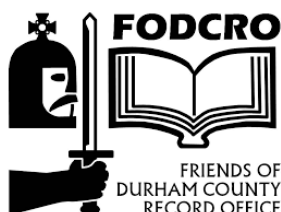
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FODCRO AGM & DISPLAY EVENING



11 May 7.00pm
Durham County Hall

Displays will be provided by
members groups

Report on Tyne and Wear Heritage Conference held in the Biscuit Factory, Newcastle upon Tyne 23 Jan 2016, by our Chair, Dr Winifred Stokes



One of the reasons for writing this report is to pose the question of whether we, as an organisation should be doing more about the Heritage bit in our title – County Durham Forum for History and Heritage?

The main point of the conference was to launch a model for community involvement in local conservation activities. The scheme entitled Heritage Act! aims to provide advice and support for heritage and history groups who sign up to it. The idea is to draw in communities to collaborate with such groups in identifying buildings or other physical features in the locality which are perceived by the individual community as part of its heritage but which may be at risk from neglect or development etc

The various workshops on offer were designed to show that the Heritage Act initiative could give access to organisations and expertise which could enable some action to be taken to save these features for posterity. The first step would be to establish the value placed on such features by the community and then to alert local organisations and the local council and engage with schools and businesses to drum up support.

Such initiatives could seek the backing of Historic England the recently created wing of English Heritage or the Heritage wing of Civic Trusts.

(Tyne and Wear have a building preservation trust and an industrial heritage support officer. To my shame I do not know whether Durham has either of these).

Among those present were representatives from the Prince's regeneration trust, the Charity Bank, the Institute of Fund Raising and the North of England Civic trust.

Workshops included: Dealing with Authorities, Understanding the significance of your Heritage Asset, Developing your project, Communicating your heritage project and the results to the public and Working with volunteers.

There was a glowing introduction on 'What the North East did for us' by Adam Hart-Davis together with the signing of a new publication from Tyne Bridge Publishing entitled *The Real Northern Powerhouse* and a very perceptive closing talk by 'our own' President, John Grundy on *The North East—Industry and Identity Today*.

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

6 Apr	The Durham Coal Owners	Ms M Hedley
4 May	Heroes & Villains, Darlington & WW1	Mr C Lloyd
1 June	Guided Tour of Ushaw College	£4

**All Meetings are held in
Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Admission: Members £2.00/Non-Members £3.00

<http://www.aycliffehistory.org.uk/>

HOUGHTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2016 MEETINGS

NEW VENUE:

Kepier Hall (behind the Parish Church)

28 Apr	The Mitford Sister	Ms S Vincent
26 May	Postcards of WW1	Mr G Nairn
23 June	A Visit to Houghton Hillside Cemetery	

**Admission £2.00 (includes tea/coffee)
Speaker Starts Promptly at 6.45pm**

For more details:

Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943

CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

26 Apr	Auckland Castle Past, Present & Future	Dr C Ferguson
24 May	John G Lambton & Penshaw Monument	Mr B Hope
28 Jun	W T Stead & The Titanic	Mr C Lloyd

Meetings held at RAFA Spitfire Club, Crook

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Admission – Non Members £3.00

More information: crookhistorysociety.btck.co.uk

WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2016 PROGRAMME



27 Apr	Growing up in a pit village In the 1930's	A Smart
25 May	Postcards of WW1	G Nairn
29 June	From Hetton to Buckingham Palace	B Graham
27 July	Victorian Food	S Vincent

Meetings are held in
Wheatley House, Woodlands Avenue
at 7.00pm £2.00 includes tea/coffee/raffle

For more details:

W: wheatley-hill.org.uk

E: history.club2@btinternet.com

SEDGEFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

4 Apr	Roman Life In North East England	Ms L Gidney
2 May	Coal Mining 1600-1800 In Chester-le-Street	Dr J Banham
7 June	Weardale Railway Update	Mr J Askwith

Meetings are held in

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm



For more details:

alisonsouthview@hotmail.co.uk

FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON RAILWAY CENTRE AND MUSEUM 2016 PROGRAMME

ALL MEETINGS START AT 1.45PM
in the museum at North Road Station

5 May	BANG! The History of Boiler Explosions	Mr R State
2 June	Railways of the Great War	Mr B Hatton Mr C Coleman
7 July	The Twilight of World Steam	Mr D Whitfield

If you would like to join the Friends of
Darlington Railway Centre and Museum
we would be delighted to welcome you

Please contact the Friends Membership Sec:

June Palmer

E: membership@friendsofdrcm.org

DURHAM Postcard, Cigarette Card & Stamp Fair

Durham County Hall DH1 5UL

10.00am—3.00pm
Entrance £1 (accompanied children free)

FREE VALUATIONS PROVIDED

DATES FOR 2016

Saturday 16 July
Saturday 19 November



ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND

Spring 2016 Lecture Programme

All lectures will be at 2.30pm in
Elvet Riverside 140 New Elvet, Durham
unless otherwise notified, and everyone is welcome to attend.

23 Apr	Leadmining Landscapes and Legacies of the Northern Uplands	Mark Kincey Research Post Grad Geog Dept (Durham)
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For further details please contact the Society or visit our website
W: aasdn.org.uk
E: archandarch.dandn@durham.ac.uk

SHINCLIFFE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

18 Apr	Victorian Women & Their Money	Dr W Stokes
16 May	Children of the Pit Villages	Mr P Dyer

All meetings are held in
Shincliffe Church Hall
and start at 7.30pm

TUDHOE & SPENNYMOOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETINGS AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL, TUDHOE LANE 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) 2016 Programme

25 Apr	Bishop Auckland Station & the Weardale Railway	Mr J Askwith
23 May	Meet outside St Hilda's Church, Hartlepool for Talk "Mediaeval H'Pool"	Mr R Daniels
27 June	Binchester Roman Fort - 2016 Update	Mr G Henderson

VISITORS : £2.00

For more details:

SECRETARY: 01388 816850

www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs

BISHOP MIDDLEHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

13 May	African Wildlife	Ms A Wilkinson
10 June	Anthony Eden The Windlestone Years	Mr G Morris
8 July	Poverty in Britain Through the centuries	Ms A Hodgson

Meetings held in Bishop Middleham Village Hall
7.00pm—Everyone Welcome

Further Details: 01740 650811

THORPE THEWLES HISTORY GROUP

Meetings held in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles

2016 PROGRAMME

20 May	Raby Castle Through The Ages	Mr R Hillary Castle Guide
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This talk will take us through the history of one of the finest lived-in medieval castles in Britain, from before the Norman Conquest when Canute was king. After the failed "Rising of the North" in 1569, Raby Castle was taken over by Elizabeth I and remained in the hands of the Crown until 1626 when it was purchased by Sir Henry Vane the Elder.

7.15pm for 7.30pm — Everyone Welcome £3

Further Details: www.thorpe-thewles.org.uk



HETTON LOCAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Monday 25 April 2015

In the Hetton and Eppleton Community Hall
Formerly St Nicholas Church Hall in the Centre of Hetton

at 7.00pm

COLLIERY CURES & PITMENS POTIONS

A talk by Joe Chipchase

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

Entrance Fee £2 to include tea/coffee/biscuit



**For more details:
0191 5262804**

Third Thursday Talks

New for 2016

Fascinating talks at
Durham County Record Office

Booking in advance is essential for these talks
T: 0191 03000 267626

£2 for lunchtimes
£5 for evenings

Dirt, Death and Disease in Durham City 12.30pm-1.15pm 19 May

In the mid-19th century Durham was over-crowded, disease-ridden and filthy. Its streets were covered in animal dung, blood and mud, and the smells would have been almost unbearable. Explore that Durham through the words of its inhabitants of the time and the government official who inspected the town.

'A Bit of an Historian and a Philosopher': The Teesdale Hermit 7pm-8pm 21 July

This is the story of Frank Shields, 'The Teesdale Hermit'. Born in 1815, he occupied the ruins of Barnard Castle and acted as a self-appointed guide, guardian of the castle and restorer of the buildings. After leaving the castle he spent a period in the workhouse, before resuming his eccentric lifestyle at Egglestone Abbey.

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TWIXT TYNE AND TEES

This annual event, hosted by the Forum, will be held on

Saturday 14 May 2016 in the Durham Room at County Hall
10.00am—1.00pm

OPENING ADDRESS by Our President, John Grundy

Programme

Speakers

North East War Memorials Project
Steve Shannon—Battle of The Somme
Andrew Marriott—Trench Art
Durham at War Project

WW1 Displays by Member Groups

Brancepeth/North East War Memorials Project/Wheatley Hill
(let us know if your group would like to have a display at this event)

Everyone welcome

BALH KEY CONTACTS AND PROCESSES



If the public liability insurance for your local history group is provided through this organisation, then you may find the following information useful.

The British Association of Local History has undergone some recent changes in the way it is run although the constitution is unaltered. It remains a Charity run by Trustees who determine the direction of the Association with some powers vested in a Management Committee supported by advisory committees comprising Education, Publishing, Visits and Conferences.

The Trustees employ experts on annual contracts (renewable) with specific functions. They report to the appropriate committee. The main functions contracted out relate to:

***The Local Historian including reviews
Local History News
Conferences, Events including Local History Day
The website and IT systems
Servicing committees***

Until late 2015, many financial and administrative functions were carried out by a Business Manager and Finance Officer who were responsible, amongst other functions, for membership services, providing data to the Trustees, producing the annual accounts, holding and despatching book stock and dealing with general queries. Following the decision of both Business Manager and Finance Officer to leave the organisation more or less simultaneously, the Trustees decided to seek a partner with proven experience to deliver many of the functions previously provided by these two roles. Following a competitive tendering process, the contract was awarded (on a renewable annual basis) to:

Kingston Smith Association Management (KSAM)

The aim was to provide a seamless continuity of services although some minor changes were inevitable. The delineation of roles and the development of services is ongoing but the following represents the current situation:

Key Contacts:

Official Address of BALH: BALH Office, Chester House, 68 Chestergate, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK 11 6DY
Electronic Contact for BALH: admin@balh.org.uk
BALH website: www.balh.org.uk
Telephone number: 01625 664524
Office hours of BALH: Monday to Friday 09.00-17.00. Messages can be left at other times.

All contact should normally be made via this route. It will be re-directed to the appropriate person. Where the contact has been with a specific person such as the editor of a publication, the reply can be returned to the sender's listed contact (usually electronic).

HARTLEPOOL HEADLAND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

7 Regent Square
Hartlepool
TS24 0QW
Tel. 428489/07813 360406

11th Annual Heritage Festival

The Hartlepool Headland Local History Group Will be holding its Festival on the 2nd July 2016 and invites your organisation to participate in this event. The format will be similar to last years highly successful day, with displays by local organisations in the Borough Hall and other events in the Town Square, High Street, Croft Gardens and old Putting Green.

If your organisation would like a free table within the Borough Hall, please complete the section below and return to the address above. If you wish to have a table(s) provided, please fill in the number and tick if you would like to have an electricity supply. Also if you have your own stand or display, fill in the appropriate space, indicating the approx. size. We will provide each table with one chair unless you indicate you would like more. No selling permitted in the hall.

Selling is not permitted inside the hall. Would stall holders be aware the event runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm and in the interest of Health and Safety tables should be manned until the end of the event.

We also have stalls outside of the Borough Hall which organisations can sell items to the public, these are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Name of organisation

Contact Information.....

Contact telephone number.....

Tables (Yes/No) Number Electric (Yes/No)

Table/Stall(s) number.....

No. of people attending No. of chairs

Signed Print Name

WESSINGTON U3A COMMEMORATING THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

CONFIRMED SHOWINGS OF "WASHINGTON MEN AT THE FRONT"

A 20-minute film by Lonely Tower and Wessington U3A—all 94 men killed at The Somme are mentioned

7.28am Friday 1 July 2016

North Biddick Club
Holy Trinity Church, Washington Village
Holy Trinity Church, High Usworth

11.00am & 1.00pm Friday 1 July 2016

Beamish Museum Chapel
(Normal entry rates to the museum apply)

There are approx 200 seats available at each showing

For more details:

petewelshgettysburg@btinternet.com

ON FRIDAY 22ND APRIL 2016

AT 7 PM IN

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES CHURCH

WITTON LE WEAR

**JOHN STANLEY WILL GIVE A TALK ON
WITTON LE WEAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1765-1834**



**STEP BACK IN TIME AND MEET SOME OF
THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN WITTON 250
YEARS AGO AND HEAR ABOUT SOME OF
THE FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO VISITED WITTON
INCLUDING SIR WALTER SCOTT, WILLIAM
WORDSWORTH AND WILLIAM TURNER**

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Forum Committee Members Wanted

If you would like to become
involved in helping to run
the Forum we would love to
hear from you

We meet on the second Wednesday of
each month

at 10.00am at

The Resource Centre,
Beamish Museum

until about 11.45am

**Help is also needed to organise
Yesterday Belongs to You 2017**

If you feel you can offer any help at all
please contact someone from the
Committee

Contact details on page 1

COLLECTIONS TRAINING WORKSHOPS AT AUCKLAND CASTLE

Run by Beamish & Bowes Museum

The above event was held on 12 March and was intended to make us think about the quality of our displays when we attend local history events especially in respect of attracting a more intergenerational audience. The four workshops were: How to Create Engaging Displays, Introduction to Writing Text for Displays, Marketing an Event including the use of Social Media, Working with Schools, Teachers & Young People and all delegates attended each workshop. They were well thought-out and useful to local history groups. At the end of the sessions we were given a tour of Auckland Castle.

The venue and lunch were wonderful, the day was a huge success and the organisers received excellent feedback. Watch out for future training opportunities by the same providers.

For Tickets Please Contact: