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MEMBERSHIP

At the AGM it was decided to raise membership fees for groups to £20 per year and for individuals to £6 per year. The membership fees have not changed during the ten years the Forum has been operating whilst our expenses such as printing, postage etc has risen several times. The changes will come into force at the beginning of 2017.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SEVEN HILLS

Despite the confusing traffic signage to reach Seven Hills, the new home to the DLI collection in Spennymoor, those who attended the AGM were impressed by the accommodation which the venue can provide for some of the collection. It is disappointing that the collection is split over three or more sites, but in some respects, the facilities at Seven Hills are better than those on offer at the Aykley Heads site for visitors and researchers.

We were given a tour of the facilities ahead of the official opening next Friday and were able to see artefacts that were not on display in the old museum building. Gillian and staff are keen to engage with groups and to share information relating to the new set-up. This includes museum staff giving talks to local groups or groups visiting the centre.

The tour of Seven Hills was obviously the highlight of the morning and the business of the AGM was completed with some excellent discussion surrounding the work of the Forum which mainly included how to engage with member groups more effectively. The Chair mentioned her position at the British Association for Local History and how she uses it as a platform for highlighting the work of local historians in County Durham. The Chair also mentioned the Forum's attendance at the Sunderland History Fair which is Tyne and Wear's bi-annual event similar to Yesterday Belongs to You and which was very successful, and from which we made many new contacts.

Gemma from Beamish gave a short presentation about how Beamish are looking forward to hosting our own bi-annual event in 2017. This was supported by membership secretary Sarah who has been communicating with our groups and encouraging them to make early bookings. The event at Beamish in 2017 will give groups the opportunity to make their work more appealing to an intergenerational audience. The excellent training at Auckland Castle, hosted jointly by Beamish Museum and Bowes Museum earlier this year, was an opportunity for groups to gain ideas on how to produce displays that are capable of attracting visitors of all ages. Sarah mentioned that we could do with some help, just for the planning of the YB2U event, and if anyone is willing to give up some time to this, please contact us through one of the numbers/email addresses on the right.

The quarterly newsletter was discussed, with groups being encouraged to send in items for inclusion. If your group, or someone in your group is doing something that you think may be of interest to others, submit it for publication in this communication. We are concerned that those receiving newsletters may not be passing on information to the rest of their committee or group. If you would like others in your group to receive a newsletter directly, please send Margaret a list of names and email addresses. The Forum website is another facility available to groups to promote their work and also to request a link to their website. To access the website: <http://www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum/index.html>.

The meeting and tour of Seven Hills ended at about 1.00pm.

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

2 Nov	The Great North Air Ambulance
7 Dec	AGM and Social Evening

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

Admission: Members £2.00/Non-Members £3.00

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

CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

22 Nov	A History of the Workhouse	Marilyn Anderson
		2017
24 Jan	The Building of Crook War Memorial	Tony Young
	(this meeting was postponed from October 2016)	

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

HOUGHTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2016 MEETINGS

NEW VENUE:

Kepier Hall (behind the Parish Church)

24 November	The Christmas Truce	S Miller
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**Admission £2.00 (includes tea/coffee)
Speaker Starts Promptly at 6.45pm**

For more details:

Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943

WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2016 PROGRAMME



No Further Meetings Until March 2017

For more details:

W: wheatley-hill.org.uk

E: history.club2@btinternet.com

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

SEDGEFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2016 PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in

7 Nov	Durham City in Old Photographs	M Richardson
5 Dec	Themed Members Evening	

All Meetings are held at:

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45



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

3 Nov	The Railways of Sierra Leone	Anthony Coulls Snr Curator Rail Vehicle Collections NRM
8 Dec	Prize Quiz & Film Show	Get Together

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 19 November



ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
 OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBRLAND

APRIL—NOVEMBER 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.

Saturday 12 November Dr Neil Moat (architectural & stained glass historian)
 Light without Morris:
 Alternative perspectives on Victorian
 Stained Glass

For further details please contact the Society or visit our website
 W: aasdn.org.uk
 E: archandarch.dandn@durham.ac.uk



**BRANCEPETH ARCHIVE
 AND HISTORY GROUP**

Presents
 a meeting open to all

**"THE EDWARDIAN
 LIGHT MUSICAL STAGE"**

**An illustrated talk
 by John Gibson**

Saturday 12th November 2016

Brancepeth Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Free admission to Archives Members
non-members £5.00

Tickets include light refreshments

**For more information, and if you hope to come,
 please ring 0191 378 3487**

TUDHOE & SPENNYMOOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

28 Nov	The Eden Family	David Beattie
19 Dec	Christmas Social	

VISITORS : £2.00

For more details:
 SECRETARY: 01388 816850
www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs

HETTON LOCAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meet in the Hetton and Eppleton Community Hall
 (formerly St Nicholas Church Hall in the Centre of Hetton)

7.00pm

No further meetings until February 2017

For more details: 0191 5262804

EVERYONE WELCOME

Durham County Local History Society
TALKS AT THE CITY THEATRE
SATURDAYS AT 2.30 pm

26 Nov The Elizabethan Lord Lumley: Dr L Gooch
 Conspirator and Connoisseur

**The City Theatre, Fowler's Yard, Back Silver Street,
 Durham City DH1 3RA**

e-mail updates available:
 please send a mail to jdbdclhs@gmail.com

YESTERDAY BELONGS TO YOU 2017

15 July 2017
Beamish Museum

Take advantage of early bookings discount

**Public Liability Insurance is available through:
 The British Association of Local History Societies**

at an annual premium of about £65

1950's BEAMISH

Beamish are hoping to work with the Spennymoor community to decide the content of a series of short plays about Spennymoor and the Spennymoor Settlement. The play will be performed at the Everyman Theatre and the Community Centre here at the museum by Spennymoor drama groups when the Bishops Close Street house opens as part of our 1950's town.

"We initially asked groups in Spennymoor if they would like the skills to write the play themselves but they didn't want this and instead preferred to work collaboratively with our creative writer and create a series of short plays".

The Everyman Theatre will screen Eva's story on the **12th November at 7pm** to provide an introduction to Spennymoor and the Spennymoor Settlement. Beamish Staff will be there providing free refreshments (tea, coffee, biscuits, etc), with some objects from their collections and telling people about our proposed plans for the play. Please contact Malcolm Marsden at the Everyman Theatre for details of this event.

The first play workshop will run on the **11th December 2-5** at the Everyman Theatre. The idea of the workshop is for the people of Spennymoor to decide on the content of the play. If anyone is interested in being involved or has any questions then please do contact Lisa Peacock, Remaking Beamish Project Officer (community participation) 0191 370 4031 lisapeacock@beamish.org.uk



Are you interested in the local history of Cleveland and Teesside?

Have you carried out some original research? Do you want to share your findings with other local historians? Would you like to see your work published and to win a prize?

If the answer to at least some of these questions is positive, then you may be interested in a competition organized by Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society.

Every two years the Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society awards a prize of £250 for a newly researched essay on a local history topic.

The judges, at their discretion, may award an additional prize of £50 for an essay which, in their view, shows potential. The prize was made possible by a bequest from the late Mr. John Packett, who was a Member of the Society for many years and is intended to encourage amateurs and first-time writers to have a go.

The closing date for entries for the 2017 prize is the end of

This competition is not open to professional historians.

Even if you don't win, you will have the satisfaction of researching your chosen subject, and you may see your finished work published in Cleveland History

More information, including details of previous winning essays and the entry form, is also available the Society's web site:
www.ctlhs.co.uk.

And if you have any questions, you can contact me by mail to:

martin@peagam.co.uk
or by writing to the following address:
The Secretary, CTLHS
13 Tasman Drive
Hartburn, Stockton on Tees
TS18 5LA

THORPE THEWLES HISTORY GROUP

invites you to an illustrated talk:

Nostalgic Views of the North - The Story so far

An introduction to the Photo Memories Organisation, at present restoring over 150,000 glass plates, lantern slides and negatives of the North East

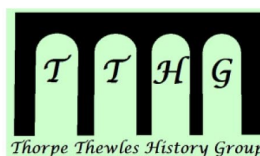


by John A. Moreels M.B.E.

To be held in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles

On Friday 18th November 2016 at 7.15 for 7.30pm until approx. 9.00pm

Tickets available at £3.00 each from Carlton & Stillington Post Offices or contact Linda to reserve one on 01740 630014



For further details go to **www.thorpe-thewles.org.uk**