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TWIXT TYNE & TEES

incorporating

The Forum Annual General Meeting

This year, the Forum will be holding their Annual General Meeting at County Hall, on Saturday 22 November starting at 10.00am until about 1.00pm and as usual the event will be opened by our President, John Grundy.

For the first time, we are combining our meeting, "Twixt Tyne and Tees" with the AGM as the AGM takes up so little time, and also offers us the opportunity to invite speakers etc.

The topic will be "**Collection, Conservation and Preservation**" and we will be particularly interested in hearing from groups and individuals who have been discovering material relating to the First World War. Much of this may be personal but it is important that its existence is recorded and that plans are made for its preservation for future generations.

This is particularly important with photographic material which can deteriorate rapidly. Durham County Records Office are in the process of developing an interactive website dedicated to World War 1, onto which visitors to the site will be able to upload their World War 1 research, this will be available by the end of the year, but we must also keep in mind that the Durham Light Infantry Museum and the Imperial War Museum are both suitable repositories for such research.

The conservator from the Durham County Records Office, Jenny Halling Barnard, will give a presentation at the meeting on aspects of restoration and how best to store documents etc and we hope to hear also from a collector of glass-slide images and of his intentions as to the future of the collection.

TYNEMOUTH WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION PROJECT

In association with Cloud Nine Productions

PRESENTS

DEATH AT DAWN—A SOLDIERS TALE

Written by Peter Mortimer: Directed by Jackie Fielding
at

The Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace, North Shields NE30 2AY

TICKETS
£10

1—6 September 2014 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

CONCESSIONS
£8

Tickets Available from:

Linskill Community Centre Reception, North Tyneside Libraries,
The Keel Row Book Shop and online via Ticketweb at:
www.tynemouthworldwar1.org or cloudninetheatre.co.uk

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2014 PROGRAMME

10 Sept	800 years in the River Wear Gary Bankhead
13 & 14 Sept	WW1 Commemoration Village Hall
8 Oct	John Morris from Telegraph Boy to RAF Radio Operator Kevin Defty

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

Admission: Members £1.00
Non Members £2.00

CLEVELAND, NORTH YORKSHIRE & SOUTH DURHAM FHS SEDFIELD BRANCH

August	No Meeting
15 Sept	Continuity and Change in Domestic household goods in the 17th and 18th Century Louisa Gidney

**Meetings are held in Ceddesfeld Hall
at 7.30pm**

For more details:
01740 620367

FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON RAILWAY CENTRE AND MUSEUM 2014 PROGRAMME

4 Sept	Dr Paul Kirkman Director of the National Railway Museum
25 Sept	A Look Back at the 100th in 1925 and Then Steam in and Around York Chris Nettleton
9 Oct	Looking Forward, Valuing the Past Jerry Swift of Network Rail

ALL MEETINGS START AT 1.45PM

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@friendsofdrmc.org

CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2014 PROGRAMME

23 Sept	"Forensic Art for history buffs" Bruce Burn
28 Oct	"Windlestone & its People" Gordon Morris
25 Nov	"Retail, Detail & Detours hidden features of North East architecture and landscape" Graham Soult

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 2014 PROGRAMME



27 Aug	The Collieries of Whitwell, Shincliffe & Houghall Jim Milburn
24 Sept	The National Health Service Roman Style Gordon Henderson
29 Oct	The Storey of my House Part 3 Tony Nicholson

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

For more details:
E: history.club2@btinternet.com

HOUGHTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP2 014 MEETINGS

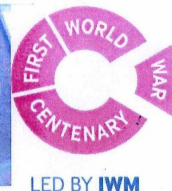
28 Aug	Open House—Share your Memories
25 Sept	Viscount Tonyandy—Speaker of the House of Commons Rev Derek Aldridge
23 Oct	John George Lambton & the Penshaw Monument Bernard Hope

NEW VENUE:

Kepier Hall (behind the Parish Church)

**Admission £2.00 (includes tea/coffee)
Speaker Starts Promptly at 7.45pm**

For more details:
Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943



All are invited to visit the school for our Open Day to celebrate the WW1 Centenary and Life of West Cornforth Primary School. Organised in conjunction with Beamish Museum.
Celebrations throughout the day 10.00—3.00 p.m.

WEST CORNFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

A great Open Day is planned. Our children will be dressed in 1914/18 clothes using authentic school equipment from the Beamish collection. There will be wartime and school related displays too. Refreshments will also be served and everyone is welcome.



PHOTO DISPLAY

We will be displaying photos in the school on this special day and we appeal to you all to submit your family/old school or West Cornforth related photos for our display. All photos will be scanned and returned to you as soon as possible. Thank you

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER 2014

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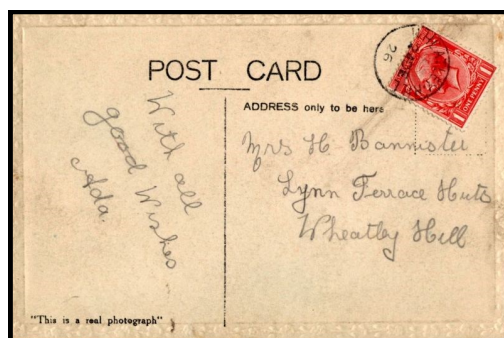
MEMORIES

We will be reminiscing about our own school day memories, whether you attended West Cornforth or one of our local village schools, we would love to hear all about it. Our Historic Society members will be in attendance to record for the future

CORNFORTH HISTORIC SOCIETY



DURHAM POSTCARD, CIGARETTE CARD & STAMP FAIR



Durham County Hall
Durham City

15 November 2014

Entrance Fee—Adults £1.00
Accompanied children **FREE**

Disabled Access
Free Valuations Provided

For Further Details:
Contact Bass Rock Fairs—01368 860365

DLI Reunion and First World War Commemoration Weekend

Saturday 13th and
Sunday 14th September 2014
DURHAM CITY

On Sunday 14th September, the statue of the DLI soldier will be unveiled in Durham Market Place at 10am, followed by the DLI Reunion and WW1 Commemoration Service in Durham Cathedral at 12 noon. To mark this occasion and to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War, there will be a weekend of activity taking place in a marquee on Palace Green (10.30am - 5pm on Saturday 13th September and 9.30am – 4pm on Sunday 14th September).

This will be a memorable event and large crowds are anticipated. Local groups and organisations will be taking part by hosting a displays or activity on a topic related to WW1.

For more information:

carolyn.ramsbotham@btopenworld.com



The Western Front Association

Durham Branch

In Partnership with Beamish Muesum and
The Durham Light Infantry Museum

1914—2014 Centenary Conference Britain, Germany and The First World War

Dr John Bourne

(University of Birmingham Centre for War Studies)
Britain's 'Way in War'
British Strategy in 1914

Prof Stephen Badsey

(University of Wolverhampton)
Germany's Strategy in 1914

Prof Eric Grove

(Liverpool Hope University)
British Naval Strategy in 1914:
Decisive Action Prevented?

Peter Hart

(Imperial War Museum)
The British Expeditionary Force in 1914



Saturday 6 September 2014
10.00—16.30 (Doors Open 09.00)

Cornerstones

Chester-le-Street Methodist Church
North Burns, Chester-le-Street
DH3 3TF

Ticket Price £20
(includes tea/coffee and buffet lunch)



LED BY IWM



For Tickets Please Contact:

P: 07594964930

E: wfadurham.events@live.co.uk

W: [facebook.com/durham.wfa](https://www.facebook.com/durham.wfa)

For general information on the Durham Branch of the Western Front Association see:
www.durham-wfa.com

ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND

2014 Spring–Autumn Lecture Programme

All lectures will be at 2.30pm in Elvet Riverside 140, New Elvet, Durham
(unless otherwise notified)
Everyone is welcome to attend

Prior booking for excursions is essential, and priority is given to society members

<i>Saturday 20 September</i> Professor David Breeze	Reconstructing Hadrian's Wall
<i>Saturday 11 October</i> Dr John Kenyon	Monarch, Prince and Lord: aspects of castle building in north Wales and the March in the thirteenth century
<i>Saturday 8 November</i> Dr Fraser Hunter (National Museums of Scotland)	Celtic Art in Northern Britain: an archaeological view

For further details please contact the Society or visit our website:

WEBSITE: www.aasdn.org.uk
EMAIL: archandarch.dandn@durham.ac.uk

Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership TRADITIONAL FARM BUILDING SURVEYING TRAINING

With the help of Jen Deadman, a Historic Buildings Consultant
we are organising further training in how to survey traditional farm buildings
This forms part of our Field Barns project, which aims to survey as many traditional
farm buildings as possible in the HoT area

Tuesday 7th October and Saturday 10th October 10am – 12noon
Barnard Castle, Venue TBC

Introductory meetings to find out about the project.
Saturday 25th October and Sunday 26th October, 10am – 4pm
Romaldkirk Reading Rooms

Hands-on training sessions in how to survey traditional farm buildings
and contribute to this important project

website: <http://www.heartofteesdale.net>
Email: heartofteesdale@durham.gov.uk

Bede's World, Jarrow



Banners of the North

an array of medieval treasures, on loan from the British Museum – which highlight how the area changed following the invasion of William the Conqueror

Among them are a 15th century gold signet ring, believed to have belonged to the Percy family during the Wars of the Roses, a gold pendant depicting St George slaying the dragon and the magical St George Amulet ring

For more information:

<http://www.bedesworld.co.uk/banner-of-the-north-exhibition/>

The Roman Roads of North Yorkshire

A series of talks will commence in September on *The Roman Roads of North Yorkshire*. This programme is designed to both report on recent activity in the field and to encourage future research within a professional framework

Saturday 13 September

Mike Haken, Committee Member of the Roman Antiquities Section of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and Editor of their Newsletter *Roman Yorkshire* will introduce the subject and review the current state of knowledge.

Saturday, 11 October

Hugh Toller, an Independent Researcher and Field Archaeologist, will describe his recent work using LIDAR imagery to identify Roman roads in the county. He will draw on the maps of John Warburton who traced many such routes in the first half of the 18 Century

Saturday 8 November

Dr David Mason, Principal Archaeologist of Durham County Council and Editor of the journal of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland, will describe recent work at Greta Bridge (Margary 82), and the associated Fort and Vicus.

Saturday 13 December

John Brown, Independent Researcher, Field Archaeologist, and member of the Mid-Tees Research Project, will illustrate his investigations into the enigmatic Tees Crossing of Cades Road (Margary 80a).

If successful, the programme will be extended by other contributions in the New Year.

If you would like to take part in the proceedings, please contact John Sheehan on 01609 771878, or email jgsheehan@btinternet.com

The talks will be held at Thornton le Street Village Hall near Thirsk at 2.00 pm. Talks will last approx one hour, after which there will be time for discussion and refreshment

Admission will be £2 at the door



Sunderland Volunteer
Life Brigade

Since 1877

The above organisation have opened an exhibition that will offer a unique insight into the local area during World War One

It is also hoped that they will be able to develop the exhibit over the coming years with the stories of more Sunderland soldiers, and they would welcome any contributions from members of the public who believe they had a family member who fought in the war, or contributed to the local wartime efforts

**The Exhibition can be viewed at
Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade,
The Watch House
Pier View, Roker, Sunderland
SR6 0PR**

**Brigade Office: 0191 529 2651
E-mail: admin@svlb.co.uk**

World War 1 Commemoration Events AYCLIFFE VILLAGE

On **Sunday 7 September at 3 pm** two trees will be planted in Aycliffe Village as a dedication to the men of the village who gave their lives in the Great War. The trees will be officially planted by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council and the Chairman of Aycliffe Village Local History Society. The newly appointed Vicar will give a short service and various local organisations will be attending.'

WORLD WAR 1 EXHIBITION

Aycliffe Village Hall
Heritage Open days
13 & 14 September 2014

**BOTH ARE ALL DAY EVENTS
All Welcome**



North-East England Maritime & Coastal Archaeology Conference 25 October 2014

North -East England Maritime & Coastal Archaeology Conference

will be held in Newcastle

It is a joint conference of the
North-East Maritime Archaeology Forum and CBA North.

For more information: (CTRL & Click to follow link below)

[NEMAF conference programme](#)
[NEMAF conference Booking](#)

Limestone Landscapes

Two historical walks in the coastal Denes
from 1pm till 4.30pm (approx. 4 to 5 miles)
Coach transport is available from the DLI museum Durham City
or you can meet us at the start point

Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear

Booking essential due to the coach transfers involved

Email: limestonelandscapes@durham.gov.uk

or telephone 03000 267155

Tuesday 12 August – Hawthorn Dene

Walk through Hawthorn Dene to Easington Colliery (including the Lime Kilns)
with coach transport back to the start point

Guided By Niall Hammond

Walk is of Medium difficulty - 3.5 hours

but note there are steep steps to the beach to see the Lime Kilns

Join the walk either from

Durham Light Infantry Museum, Durham City (coach pick up at 12.15pm)
or at the start point at Hawthorn, on West Lane outside Stapylton Arms for 1pm.

Grid ref NZ4197 4543.

Tuesday 19th August – Castle Eden Dene

Walk through Castle Eden Dene from Monk Hesledon to the Apollo pavilion, Peterlee
with coach transport back to the start point

Guided By Niall Hammond

Walk is of Medium difficulty - 3.5 hours (approx 4 to 5 miles).

Join the walk either from

Durham Light Infantry Museum, Durham City (leaving at 12.15)
or meet us at start point at Monk Hesleden for 1 pm

Grid ref NZ 4554 3717

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS—SOUTH TYNESIDE

LOCAL HISTORY FILMS CENTRAL LIBRARY, SOUTH SHIELDS

Friday 12 September 11am - 1pm

A series of Heritage films made by
Gary Wilkinson and introduced by Tom Kelly

“Vanished”

“Tyne Harbour”

“South Tyneside at War”

Contact: Information Desk 0191 4247863

LOCAL HISTORY FILMS CUSTOMS HOUSE, SOUTH SHIELDS

Thursday 11 September 2pm—4pm

Gary Wilkinson regularly makes films that reflect the history
and heritage of South Tyneside.

Four short films will be shown:

“Wild Flowers”

“Lizards”

“Designs for Life”

“The King, The Queen and the Punk”

Contact: The Customs House 0191 454 1234

**Durham at War:
Launch of Interactive Map and Website
County Hall, Durham
Wednesday 10 September 2014**



You are cordially invited to the launch of Durham County Council's Lottery Funded First World War Centenary Project—Durham at War

This exciting project will give online public access to archive, museum and archaeology collections relating to the combined geographical area of County Durham as it was in 1914/18 and as it is today. Displaying the information on a map will make it easier to visualise the impact of the war on Durham's industrial towns, mining villages and the rural communities of the Durham Dales. Organisers of centenary commemorative events and research projects between the River Tyne and Teesside/Teesdale will be able to promote their activities on a modern map layer on the website. There will be space to share visitor numbers and feedback with other organisers planning similar community-based activities.

This project will work like a giant virtual jigsaw of County Durham in World War One. We hope hundreds of volunteers will help us delve into museum, library and archive collections and cupboards at home, to piece together information from many different sources. As the pieces of the jigsaw come together you will be able to click on an interactive online map of the county and discover some compelling new stories about the people, places and events in your community 100 years ago.

Please join us to find out more and 'have a go' at using the map.

RSVP by 27 August 2014

record.office@durham.gov.uk or 03000 267623

**Durham at War:
Launch of Interactive Map and Website
County Hall, Durham
Wednesday 10 September 2014**

1.30	Refreshments on arrival
2.00	Welcome by Chairman of the Council, Councillor John Robinson
2.05	Head of Heritage Lottery Fund (North East) Ivor Crowther
2.10	Gill Parkes (Project Manager) and Reading Room Ltd (web developers) to introduce the website and map
2.25	Nick Boldrini (Historic Environment Record Officer) and Dorothy Hall, North East War Memorials Project: how war memorials can be researched and mapped
2.35	Keynote speech by television presenter and author, John Grundy, president of the County Durham History & Heritage Forum
2.45	Opportunity to see the website/map and have a go; exhibitions, object handling, community heritage project Stalls (refreshments available)
4.00 - 8.00	Open to general public to drop in, try the website, get involved