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# County Durham History & Heritage Forum



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## FORUM COMMITTEE

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## SUPPORTED BY:

**Helen Barker**  
(Beamish Museum)

**Liz Bregazzi**  
(DCRO)

**Anita Thompson**  
Clayport Library

## LOCAL HISTORY MONTH at CLAYPORT LIBRARY, DURHAM CITY



**Celebrate our local railway heritage during Local History Month**  
(supported by Durham County History & Heritage Forum)

### Saturday 3 May

2.00pm

FREE but please book

#### Christina's Bridge

#### A Talk by David Butler

A level crossing on a branch-line was the site of a girls death in 1893, leading to the construction of a bridge three years later. The story behind the accident, the sources for information on the construction of the bridge and its eventual demolition are examined in this talk, which blends human interest with local and railway history

### Saturday 10 May

2.15pm

FREE drop in

#### Railway crafts

### Saturday 17 May

2.00pm

FREE but please book

#### Iron Roads for Iron Horses

#### A Talk by Dr Winifred Stokes

Instead of looking at locomotives Dr Stokes will focus on the rails that they ran on, the debate about the shape and composition of the rails, how they were made and the companies that made them

### Saturday 24 May

10.00am—3.00pm

#### Shildon Model Railway Club layout on lending

### Saturday 24 May

10.30am

FREE but please book

#### Beamish: A Railway Miscellany A Slideshow by Julian Harrop

### Tuesday 27 May

1.00pm—3.00pm

FREE drop in

#### Childrens 'tinting' activity By Durham County Records Office

### Thursday 29 May

10.00—12 noon

#### Discover more about Railways And The First World War By Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum

Families can come along and handle some railway objects and make your own chaldron wagon. All visitors can find out about our new project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund 'North East Railways in World War One' and how you might get involved.

#### Contact Details for Booking:

Clayport Library, 8 Millennium Place, Durham City  
DH1 1WA  
0191 386 4003

FOR MORE LOCAL HISTORY & HERITAGE EVENTS SEE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

## AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2014 PROGRAMME

- |        |                                                                                            |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 June | Special guided tour of Auckland Castle<br>£8 (Concessions £6) 7.00pm<br>Meet at the Castle |
| 7 July | The Life and Times of Peter Lee<br>By Win Colman                                           |

**All meetings are held at  
Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Admission: Members £1.00

## CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2014 PROGRAMME

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|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 May | Harperley Prisoner of War Camp<br>A presentation by Rob Young |
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**All meetings are held in:  
RAFA Spitfire Club Crook**

**Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start**

## CLEVELAND, NORTH YORKSHIRE & SOUTH DURHAM FHS SEDFIELD BRANCH

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| 19 May  | Not all Nuts come from Brazil<br>Norman Welch<br><b>This Talk will be followed by the<br/>CFHS AGM</b> |
| 16 June | The Fighting Bradfords<br>Harry Moses                                                                  |

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

**For more details:  
01740 620367**

## WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2014 PROGRAMME



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| 28 May  | Forensic Artistry<br>Bruce Burn                  |
| 25 June | Durham Coal Owners<br>Margaret Hedley            |
| 31 July | Recruitment Literature for WW1<br>Dr Sarah Price |

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**

## FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON RAILWAY CENTRE AND MUSEUM 2014 PROGRAMME

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| 5 June | Rail Vehicle Collections NRM<br>Anthony Coulls, Senior Curator |
| 3 July | Media Matters<br>David Porter                                  |

**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@friendsofdrcm.org

## HOUGHTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP2 014 MEETINGS

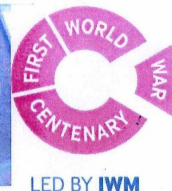
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| 22 May             | Feeding the Army in the Great War<br>Sharon Vincent                     |
| 22 June            | A Tour of St Michael's & All Angels<br>Church and DVD Houghton + Beyond |
| No Meeting in July |                                                                         |

### 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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Website www.westcornforth.durham.sch.uk  
Historic Society cornforthhistory@hotmail.co.uk  
Website www.cornforth-hs.org.uk

### MEMORIES

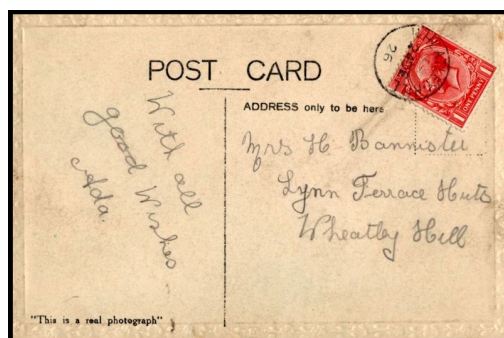
We will be reminiscing about our own school day memories, whether you attended West Cornforth or one of our local village schools, we would love to hear all about it. Our Historic Society members will be in attendance to record for the future

## CORNFORTH HISTORIC SOCIETY



### DURHAM

### POSTCARD, CIGARETTE CARD & STAMP FAIR



Durham County Hall  
Durham City

Saturday 19 July 10.00am—3.00pm

Entrance Fee—Adults £1.00  
Accompanied children FREE

Disabled Access

Free Valuations Provided

For Further Details:  
Contact Bass Rock Fairs—01368 860365

<http://warletters.net>



For any local historians interested in the First World War and wanting to put their work in a wider context the site, has links to a vast range of free, primary and secondary historical sources about the First World War, all available online. No subscription or registration is required

Based on research carried out for the forthcoming War Letters 1914–1918 series of books, the resources include official histories, government reports and documents, service records, bibliographies, theses, legislation, memoirs, letters and diaries, films, maps, images and much more.

The site has separate sections for the Western Front, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia, the War at Sea and the War in the Air.

## HERITAGE WALKS IN REDCAR & CLEVELAND

### Ironstone Mining Heritage 1

Wednesday 28 May 2014

Start 10.30am  
Meet Skinningrove Car Park TS13 4BJ  
Length: 3½ hours

Discover more about the ironstone mining industry in East Cleveland with particular reference to mines and communities in Skinningrove and Liverton. There will also be reference to the active steel works at Carlin How. A short part of the walk will be on the Cleveland Way National Trail

The walks are led by local historians

Booking is advised: 01642 486923



## ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND

### 2014 Lecture Programme

#### Syria: Cultural Heritage in Conflict

A lecture by  
**Dr Emma Cunliffe**  
(Global Heritage Network)

This lecture will take place in  
Room PG20,  
Pemberton Building,  
Palace Green, Durham DH1 3EP

**Saturday 19 July 3.30pm**

**and will be followed by a reception  
at St Mary-le-Bow  
at 5.00pm**  
(pre-booking for reception required)

**Everyone Welcome**

**For Further Details:**

Email: [archandarch.dandn@durham.ac.uk](mailto:archandarch.dandn@durham.ac.uk)  
WEBSITE: [www.aasdn.org.uk](http://www.aasdn.org.uk)

### [Durham Priory Manorial Accounts, 1277-1310](#)

A Surtees Society Publication Edited by Richard Britnell  
& Review by a Forum Member

This volume provides a closely edited text of all the manorial accounts surviving from Durham Priory estates before 1310. These include twelve accounts for individual manors together with enrolled manorial accounts for the years 1296-7, 1299-1306 and 1309-10. The accounts supply detailed evidence of farming activities on the twelve or so manors that were farmed directly by the priory. The editor's introduction supplies a new study of the scale and operations of the priory estate as documented both by the edited accounts and by related material in the priory archive, particularly bursars' accounts and the granators' account.

**25% Discount for Society Members**

Until 31 July 2014 using code **14089**

when ordering

**Order From:**

[trading@boydell.co.uk](mailto:trading@boydell.co.uk)

(Postage £3 to UK)

The editor of this volume, who sadly died shortly before its publication, has provided a meticulously edited text of all the manorial accounts surviving from the Durham Priory estates before 1310. These accounts contain detailed evidence of farming activities on the twelve or so manors, all situated within the boundaries of the historic County Durham, that were farmed directly by the priory: their number fluctuated during the course of the period but they included Belasis, Bearpark, Bewley, Billingham, Dalton, Ferryhill, Houghall, Ketton, Merrington, Muggleswick, Pitlington, Rainton, Wardley and Westoe, and displayed a wide range of social and agrarian characteristics. The text of the accounts is in Latin but the volume includes a glossary of the Latin and Middle English words used. It also contains an extensive editorial introduction that supplies a new and extremely useful study of the scale and operations of the priory estate, as documented both by the edited accounts and by other related material in the priory archive. The introduction includes a description of the priory's estate management and accounting practices as well as an economic analysis of the monks' arable and pastoral activities. It also calls attention to material in the accounts relating to disturbances that affected the priory in these years as a result of royal campaigns in Scotland and the monks' conflict with Bishop Anthony Bek. This volume provides a valuable new overview of the local economy of the period, set within its wider context, and should be of interest to many members of the Forum.



NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM BOTTLE COLLECTORS CLUB



# ANTIQUE BOTTLE AND COLLECTORS FAIR

## SATURDAY- JUNE 7th -2014

### BOWBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

40th YEAR AT LEAST AND STILL GOING STRONG!

EVERYONE  
WELCOME

FOOD

EASY ACCESS

400 YDS FROM A1M

RAFFLE

DISPLAY

FREE PARKING

CHARITY AUCTION



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★ No Reserves ★ GRAND CHARITY AUCTION ★ Back By Demand ★  
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#### STALL HIRE

£10 per 6ft, £16 per 12ft, £7 per 3ft sq table (Stalls £8 & £14 members only)  
ENTRY AT 9.30am for Stall Holders

**EARLY ADMISSION: 9.30 am £2.00 for MEMBERS ONLY**  
**Open to the Public at 10.30am—1.30pm—50p**

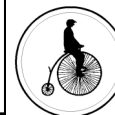
#### BOOKINGS TO:

Mr D Roberson  
4 Boulmer Gardens  
Wideopen  
NE13 6AT  
0191 2366736

Mr J Yule  
10 Front Street  
Broompark  
DH7 7QX  
0191 3840825

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## Visit a Working Quarry - Coxhoe—Raisby

**Wednesday 14 May**

Presentation, working quarry visit,  
Possibility of viewing a quarry blast  
Opportunity to search for fossils in the marl slate

**With David Lawrence**  
(former British Geological Survey Field Officer)

### Meeting Details:

Coxhoe (Raisby) Quarry, Hope Construction,  
Bradyll Street, Raisby Hill, Coxhoe  
DH6 4BB

Off A177 Station Road at quarry signage  
there is a car park at the quarry

Limited spaces available and must be booked:

E: [limestonelandscapes@durham.gov.uk](mailto:limestonelandscapes@durham.gov.uk)  
T: 03000 267155

All safety equipment will be provided, but you **MUST**  
wear stout outdoor footwear (not trainers) and bring  
outdoor clothes  
Bring a packed lunch

## Visit a Working Quarry - Thrislington

**Friday 23 May**

Presentation, working quarry visit,  
Opportunity to search for fossils in the marl slate.  
Guided visit to the nearby Nature Reserve to explore  
the limestone grassland

**With David Lawrence**  
(former British Geological Survey Field Officer)

### Meeting Details:

Thrislington Quarry Offices, West Cornforth  
DL17 9EY

Entrance marked 'main office car park—visitors'

Limited spaces available and must be booked:

E: [limestonelandscapes@durham.gov.uk](mailto:limestonelandscapes@durham.gov.uk)  
T: 03000 267155

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### First World War Seminar Series

#### 20 May 5.30pm Fine Art Lecture Theatre Newcastle University

Introduction: Hospitals, Dressing Stations & Mustard Gas  
Professor Frances Spalding

Health & Medicine in the First World War: A Comparison of  
the Army in Different Theatres  
Professor Mark Harrison

#### 21 May 5.30pm Fine Art Lecture Theatre Newcastle University

Introduction: Professor Frances Spalding

*War & Beauty: Masking and Unmasking in Pat Barker's  
Toby's Room and Louisa Young's My Dear, I wanted to  
tell you*  
Dr Anne Whitehead

The Seminars are open to  
All Staff, Students and the Public  
Refreshments will be provided

Hatton Gallery, The Quadrangle, Newcastle University NE1 7RU  
Tel: 0191 2776059

## Durham County Local History Society 1964-2014

**Thursday 12 June 2014**

### Keith Wrightson

Randolph W Townsend Jnr  
Professor of History at Yale University

**Dating Events in the Early  
Modern North Country**  
**Dating Statements and the Rise of  
Almanac Time**

**5.15pm**

**Alington House  
North Bailey, Durham**

**Admission FREE, Non-Members Welcome**