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NEW NAME FOR FORUM?

Our name, County Durham History & Heritage Forum is still confusing a lot of people from the local history and heritage community. Many still think that we have some association with the County Council. Durham County Council broke its ties with the Forum in 2011 and since then a group of volunteers have been running events like YB2U.

We are discussing a possible change of name in order to make the split clear and we would like your suggestions as to our new name.

YESTERDAY BELONGS TO YOU 2015

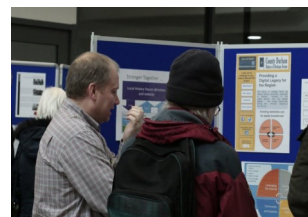
This, the second Yesterday Belongs to You event organised by the Forum was held not at County Hall which had proved overcrowded and inconvenient on the previous occasion, but at New College, Durham City.

The event attracted around 70 exhibitors to this excellent venue. All the necessary facilities for a history and heritage fair of this type easily accessible from the exhibition area and there was plenty of space for both stallholders and visitors.

Our loyal President John Grundy was on hand to open the event in his usual enthusiastic style. We all appreciate his unwavering support.

The weather wasn't quite as bad as two years ago but heavy rain during the morning may have deterred some visitors, for ultimately footfall was disappointing and lower than in 2013 and this despite the tremendous efforts of the organising group. We have been trying to work out the reasons for this and wondered whether part of it was the changed location although there is plenty of free parking space and although further from the city centre than County Hall there are regular local bus services used by the 3000+ students who use the college on a daily basis. Maybe it is just a question of familiarity with a different venue. However if we use the New College in the future one thing that might help would be to include information about public transport links in our advertising literature.

Thank you to those of you who attended or supported the event in any way and for the feedback you provided. If you didn't get the opportunity to let us know your views on the day, please email one of us and let us know your thoughts. We need to know if you think this venue is suitable for the next event



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ...

Are being issued on a quarterly basis with effect from end of June 2015

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2015 PROGRAMME

15 July	Tales of Old Newcastle	G Hughes
9 Sept	Women of Windlestone	A Atkinson
7 Oct	WW1 Tynemouth Commemorative	Alan Fidler

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

Admission: Members £2.00/Non-Members £3.00

HOUGHTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2014 MEETINGS

NEW VENUE:

Kepier Hall (behind the Parish Church)

27 Aug	Sharing Family History (optional)	
24 Sept	Emily Wilding Davison	S Vincent
22 Oct	Life in the 1970's	P Curtis

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

CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2015 PROGRAMME

23 June	Bomber Command at Middleton St George	A Jobson
NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST		
22 Sept	Romans, Romans Romans	G Henderson
27 Oct	Stan Lauren—The Early Years	T Hutchinson

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 2015 PROGRAMME



29 July	The Bishops of Durham In Medieval Times	J Balmer
26 Aug	Dirt, Death & Disease In Durham City	D Butler
30 Sept	From Telegram Boy To Bomber Boy	L Defty
28 Oct	Sanctuary in the Cathedral	A Dodds

For more details:

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

history.club2@btinternet.com

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SEDGEFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2015 PROGRAMME

7 Sept	17th Century Newcastle	J Bath
5 Oct	Victorian Women and their Money	W Stokes
2 Nov	Sunderland History	R Clubley

Meetings are held in
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm



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PROVIDING A DIGITAL LEGACY FOR THE REGION

The above project was officially launched at the Yesterday Belongs to You Event in May and received with enthusiasm by both exhibitors and representatives from local history and heritage groups visiting the event.

All members of the Forum and local history and heritage groups who are not members were invited to attend any of the three regional meetings we held during the week 18-22 May at Chester-le-Street, Durham City and Sedgefield where formal presentations were given on the benefits of the project to local history groups.

I am sure many of those attending were cynical about what we were offering, but after our web designer, Graham Robinson, outlined his proposals, we managed to attract 16 groups who have shown a strong interest in the scheme.

Graham's presentation, which focussed on Societies maintaining their websites' independence and the opportunities for training and on-line help, was very well received and appreciated by attendees. However the participant groups were also concerned about their own varying levels of ability to handle extended website work and indeed computer skills in general. Several expressed reservations about using social media although Graham showed how these could be used constructively within carefully defined limits.

Groups were also clear that they wanted to have more contact with the Forum and in view of the comments from the meetings, it is our intention to hold a further meeting on **Tuesday 22 September in Committee Room 2 at County Hall, Durham 6.00pm—8.00pm.** The theme of the meeting will be "How to Use Social Media" predominantly for your local history groups. We aim to cover some of the key concerns that people have when using social media, along with a lot of opportunities for question/answer and general chat around the subject.

You are welcome to bring as many of your group who are interested in becoming familiar with this very powerful tool and its importance to spreading the word free of charge and far and wide.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB LOCAL HISTORY DAY

SATURDAY 26 September

Wheatley House
Woodlands Avenue
DH6 3JX
(street parking available)

NEW
VENUE

After the 2nd World War

DISPLAYS BY



Suzan's Vintage
Retro & Rockabilly
Gear

1950's
Afternoon Tea in
The Morning
(crockery by
Little Cup of Love)

Local Displays of
1950's Wheatley Hill

Launch of a book of
poems inspired by
life in a colliery
village—Thornley

THE NORTHERN BYGONE SOCIETY

Classic Vehicle Shows for 2015

(unless stated, all events will be 10am—3pm)

18 July	North Road Park, Darlington 12noon—4.00pm
1 August	Chilton Gala Day 11.00am—4.00pm
23 August	Newton Aycliffe Scouts Club

POSSIBLE SPEAKER

"JEREMIAH DIXON"

(Surveyor of the Mason-Dixon Line)

John Dixon has contacted the Forum and offered his services to groups on the subject of the above.

Jeremiah Dixon was an astronomer and surveyor who is best known for his work with Charles Mason, from 1763 to 1767, in determining what was later called the Mason-Dixon line.

He was born in Cockfield, near Bishop Auckland in 1733 and his father was a wealthy Quaker mine owner.

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Auckland Castle, in collaboration with the Durham Amateur Football Trust
The Birth of the Blues Exhibition from May until Monday 28 September 1915

The success of Bishop Auckland Football Club is well known, what is perhaps less well-known is that the team owes its origins to a boisterous kick-about among theology students studying at Auckland Castle. Now the club's hallowed beginnings and illustrious early history are being celebrated in an exciting new exhibition 'The Two Blues' spiritual home – Auckland Castle. The Birth of the Blues is a community collaboration between the castle and Durham Amateur Football Trust. It tells the story of Bishop Auckland FC from its inception in the 1880s, to the amateur game's glory days in the 1950s, up to the club's recent successes. An exhibition for all the family, it brings together rare objects, memorabilia, archival film footage and fun events telling the story of the club. Visitors will be able to marvel at the FA Amateur Cup on loan from the National Football Museum in Manchester; see Olympic medals won by the greatest amateur player to have pulled on a Bishop Auckland jersey, Bob Hardisty; reminisce on some of the most eminent games through contemporary photographs and signed programmes; and see how the kit has changed over the past 100 years. The fans' story will also be told through original collectibles, including postcards, newspaper clippings, yearbooks, magazines, match tickets and the rare Subbuteo players wearing Bishop Auckland's distinctive light and dark blue colours.. Normal admission applies.

Opening

The Castle and Library Tea Room will be open from 10:00am until last admission at 4:00pm every day except Tuesdays

Admission Prices: Adults £6/Concessions £5/U16's FREE/Annual Pass £15 Concessions £14
Accompanying carers are given free admission. (Please provide proof)

EXHIBITION AT PALACE GREEN LIBRARY

Somme 1916: From Durham to The Western Front

Provisional dates 27 March – 2 October 2016

Following on from the success of the Lindisfarne Gospels exhibition (2013) and Magna Carta and the Changing Face of Revolt (2015), Durham University, Durham County Council and the national First World War Centenary partnership (led by the Imperial War Museum) are planning a major exhibition to take place at Palace Green Library during the summer of 2016. The exhibition will commemorate the centenary of the battle of the Somme with particular emphasis on stories of soldiers and non-combatant personnel from County Durham, and the massive contribution made by the county on the home front to support the war effort. Durham University, the DLI Museum and Durham County Records Office are working closely together to make sure that the exhibition has a significant local focus, distinguishing it from other related exhibitions that are taking place across the country. Many of the stories that will be explored in the exhibition link directly to Durham County Record Office Durham at War project <http://www.durhamatwar.org.uk/>

The exhibition is planned as a major contribution to a wider programme of commemorative events, activities and outreach. County Durham and the Somme region have shared a twinning relationship for over thirty years and the exhibition team want to ensure that residents of the county and visitors to the region are able to participate in centenary commemorations and find out more about the contribution of their local area. Knowing how many important First World War projects have taken place across the County, the team are planning to organise a major community exhibition in Durham next summer for a weekend at the same time as the Palace Green Exhibition. This exhibition will give local history groups and organisations the opportunity to present their own exhibitions as a countywide collaboration – allowing visitors to learn even more about the men and women of the county, their contribution and sacrifice. Plans for this event are currently in their infancy, and a briefing will be held later on in the year so that everyone has the opportunity to get involved.

For more information please contact Marleen Vincenten (Exhibition Project Officer)
marleen.vincenten@durham.ac.uk.

For more details of Palace Green Library exhibitions, visit www.dur.ac.uk/palace.green



The Western Front Association

Durham Branch

1915—2015

First World War Centenary

Peter Hart

(Imperial War Museum)
Gallipoli 1915

Dr Borislav Chernev

(Newcastle University)
Russia and the Eastern Front 1915

Dr Matthias Strohn

(Royal Military Academy Sandhurst)
Falkenhayn and Germany's
Defensive Strategy 1915

Dr Scott Lindgren

(University of Hull)
The War at Sea 1915

Conference Chairman

Professor John Derry
(Newcastle University, Rtd)

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

Saturday
5 September 2015

10.00—16.30
(doors open 09.00)

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

Ticket Price £25
(includes tea/coffee, buffet lunch)

For Tickets Please Contact:

Phone: 07594964930

E-Mail: wfadurham.events@live.co.uk



Home Front Legacy 1914–18 Day School

Recording First World War sites in the UK for community groups

The Council for British Archaeology is coordinating a UK wide community engagement project to record and map the surviving evidence of the First World War. The HFL project has produced a special App to enable the recording process to take place: WWW.HOMEFRONTLEGACY.ORG.UK. To support this initiative the HFL project officer for the CBA is organising a series of day schools across the English regions to share information about HFL and to demonstrate how to use the recording App.

15 AUGUST 2015

**The University of Durham, Special Collections, Palace Green Library,
Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RN**

**hosted with Council for British Archaeology North, No-man's-land:
the International Group for Great War Archaeology and
Durham University Library Archives and Special Collections**

The CBA is working with Historic England and partners across the UK to help local communities identify and map the remains of the First World War Home Front.

Running from 2014–2018, the Home Front Legacy 1914–18 project is supporting community groups researching local places associated with the Great War with an online toolkit and guidance for recording the remains of surviving sites, structures and buildings around Britain.

The Home Front Legacy website provides tools, guidance and resources for you to carry out archaeological recording and submit your data to your local Historic Environment Record and National Monuments Records to add to our knowledge and inform future protection for sites.

Using our online toolkit and the resources on the Home Front Legacy website, everyone can help to research and record their local sites and structures and help to safeguard First World War survivals here in Britain. Exploring these remains brings you into closer contact with what our families lived through, and the ways in which the Great War shaped their lives and the places we live today.

You don't need to be an archaeologist or have experience of fieldwork to take part. You may have an interest in the Home Front, and be researching your family or local area, or involved in a First World War Centenary project.

The CBA invites local community group members, national and local projects and partners to this day school to find out how to use the recording toolkit and online app for your project. We would like to thank Historic England for funding this event.

This day school will:

- Get you actively involved with the Home Front Legacy 1914–18 project
- Share the toolkit and resources to use within your own projects, or to start one
- Enable you to start discovering your local First World War surviving sites, structures and buildings using online resources
- Help you connect with your local Historic Environment Record
- Give you the skills and confidence to share your learning with your community group
- Provide the forum to share your projects and to meet potential partners

Course delivery: presentation, multimedia and practical demonstration.
Bring along your own laptop, tablet or mobile, if you have one, for our practical recording demonstration.

Details about the day school appear on the next page

DAY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

10.30am	Welcome and coffee
11.00am-12noon	Presentation, multimedia 1 An introduction to the Home Front Legacy 1914-18 project 2 What remains are out there? First World War surviving physical remains overview—land, sea, air and home front
12noon-1.00pm	Presentation, practical demonstration 3 Getting started—step-by-step setting up and taking forward your recording Project Desk Research: How do you find WW1 remains? The Heritage Gateway What are Historic Environment Records (HER's)? How do they help local groups? How do they protect your local historic environment? What services can you access? Questions for HER officers Other Sources of Information—online The National Archives Commonwealth War Graves Commission Genealogical websites Local historical records, museums and archives Great War Forum War Memories online National Monuments records Arts and Humanities Research Council Connected Communities First World War hubs National Lottery Fund “Then and Now”
1.00pm—2.00pm	Networking Lunch
2.00pm—3.45pm	Presentation, practical demonstration 4 Using site recording toolkit Finding sites with maps and aerial photographs Field recording using the app Site recording demonstration from using the web resources to completing the app recording form and displaying your site and project on the online map of UK remains Writing site descriptions Local case studies
3.45pm—4.00pm	Question and Answer Get involved/contacts and close

THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cba-north-home-front-legacy-day-school-tickets-17390607776>