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COUNTY DURHAM FORUM for HISTORY & HERITAGE

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SUPPORTED BY:

Helen Barker
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TWEED TO THE TEEES War Memorial Panel & SOUTH MOOR HISTORY GROUP

will be holding a
one day exhibition

at
The Freemasons Hall,
Scott Street, Stanley
on
Saturday 24 June
10.00am—4.00pm

For more details: 01207 583967

EXCITING NEW PROJECT FOR THE WEA

The WEA have obtained HLF funding to explore what happened to WEA members and those involved in affiliated organisations after the end of the First World War.

The Project will run for 18 months until July 2018 and will produce publications in print and online, performances, exhibitions and events and even a pop-up reading room to mimic the sources of local informal education that existed in clubs, welfare halls and settlement houses throughout the era.

Following the First World War, the WEA was central to an educational and social landscape in flux, with educational and social policies viewed as central to post-war reconstruction. This project will focus research on three areas identified by volunteers as relevant to our shared heritage and present-day debates:

- **Womens Empowerment within the WEA and wider Society**
How did winning the vote but losing many wartime factory roles affect women and families?
What about the post-war surge in single women?
How did education seek to address these issues?
- **How were WEA members and affiliates involved in repatriation of people and regeneration of communities?**
IN an era where homes fit for heroes and a better informed and healthier population were seen as important reconstruction aims, housing, health, education and employment were all of great importance. Project volunteers and learners will explore how those within the WEA and affiliated organisations campaigned to make good on these post-war hopes.
- **What became of the Conscientious Objectors and other radical thinkers?**
Project volunteers and learners will examine how post-war attitudes and campaigns were informed by wartime controversies, for example the post-war experiences of radical thinkers, including those who, like NE District Secretary Jack Trevena had to deal with the potential stigma of their conscientious objection.

For more information or if you would like to be involved in this project
Contact: Dr Jude Murphy

GILLIAN WETHERELL 1940—2017

It was with great sadness that we heard about the death of one of our committee members, Gill, during March.

Gill has been a member of the Forum Committee since it was set up and she was also involved in the Friends of the Darlington Railway Museum and the Durham Heritage Centre.

Despite her failing health over the last few years, her enthusiasm for local history and heritage remained important to her and she will be greatly missed in this community.

The Forum, its committee and members should like to pass on their condolences to Gill's family.



AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2017 PROGRAMME

3 May	Sanctuary in Durham Cathedral	Arthur Dodds
14 June	Visit to Durham Cathedral	
12 July	Sherburn Hospital after The Reformation c1595	Margaret Harvey

No meeting in August

**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 2017 MEETINGS

NEW VENUE:

Kepier Hall (behind the Parish Church)

27 April	The Man who saved Britain	S Miller
25 May	500 years of Bernard Gilpin	B Graham
22 June	Enjoy a stroll around Houghton Rectory Park	S Ellis

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

For more details:

Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943

SEDGEFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2017 PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

1 May	Kate Middleton's Family History	B Graham
5 June	The Wonder Factory - Paton & Baldwins	C Lloyd
3 July	My Great Great Grandma	M Hedley

For more details:
alisonsouthview@hotmail.co.uk



CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2017 PROGRAMME

23 May	A Year in Darlington	Chris Lloyd
27 June	Binchester Roman Fort - G Henderson and more!	

No meetings in June and July

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 2017 PROGRAMME



26 April	The Funeral of George Bowes Of Gibside	D Butler
31 May	Stephen Ellison McCaw—a Casualty of WW1	B Graham
28 June	Emily Wilding Davison	S Vincent
26 July	George Elmy Lifeboat	A Brooks

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

FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON RAILWAY CENTRE AND MUSEUM 2017 PROGRAMME

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

4 May	The Great Locomotive Chase - The Andrew's Race of 1862 & Buster Keaton's The General	Ray State
1 June	The History, Development and Current Role of the British Transport Police	T Woolven
6 July	Steam in Northumbria	I McInnes

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

DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

THIRD THURSDAY TALKS

12.30pm—1.15pm in the Record Office

By David Butler

18 May From Idea to Act of Parliament: Local Legislation in the 18th Century
Free, but please phone 03000 267619 to book a place

6.30pm—8.00pm in the Record Office

By Jane Hackworth-Young

20 July The Hackworth Brothers
£5. Please phone 03000 267619 to book a place

All Talks will be held in the
County Records Office
County Hall, Durham City DH1 5UL

FODCRO DISPLAY EVENING & AGM (Friends of Durham County Records Office)

Wednesday 24 May 2017

6.30pm County Hall

Displays by Local History & Heritage Groups
Refreshments
Tombola & Raffle

For more information: david.inch@hotmail.co.uk



ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND

APRIL—NOVEMBER 2017 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.

Sat 22 April Desert wastes, pagan temples and the Nile
James Taylor Valley: locating monasteries in Coptic
Egypt (A lecture in collaboration with the
North East Ancient Egypt Society)

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

TUDHOE & SPENNYMOOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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

2017 Programme

24 April	Cloudy, Rain Later	P Barron
22 May	Lost Farms of Weardale	C Ruskin
14 June	Visit to Holker Hall & Carmel Priory	

VISITORS : £2.00

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

HETTON LOCAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

LIFE IN A PIT VILLAGE

a fundraising event by Culture for Hetton for the
Mining Heritage Statue

featuring songs and stories from the coal face

Murton Song Writer John Wrightson
Comedian & Story Teller Bertie Draycott
Writer of '*She's Fired*' Bob Lowery

Friday 9 June 2017 at 7.30PM
Easington Lane Welfare Hall, Brickgarth

TICKETS £10/£8 concessions from 0191 5262804

Meet at 7pm in the Hetton and Eppleton Community Hall

22 May	Buddle & Londonderry - An Unlikely Partnership	A Heesom
26 June	Local Coalmining	J Coxon
31 July	Restoration of the Lost Landscape at Gibside	S Ellis

No Meeting in August

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more details: 0191 5262804

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

22 April 2017
The Half-Shilling Curate
By Sarah Reay

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

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

at an annual premium of about £65

Visit The Weardale Museum, Ireshopeburn - DL13 1HD

In 1984 members of the Weardale Field Study Society set up a volunteer run museum to help preserve their heritage for future generations. See how they got on.

The Museum enjoys showing off its collection and beautiful chapel to the visiting public but we especially like to entertain history and heritage groups



Enjoy our leadminer's kitchen. Please touch the objects and try to work out what they were. Killhope tells of life in the mine we tell the story of home life.



High House Chapel is the oldest Methodist Chapel in continuous use. A place of beauty and tranquility



Our five panel embroidery, The Weardale Tapestry, tells of our history in stitches. Amy Emms MBE made this beautiful Durham quilt especially for us.



Galleries of crystals, minerals and fossils help us to tell the story of Weardale's mining and quarrying past.

A partnership event by
St Thomas Church, Stanhope and The Weardale Museum

Weardale Family History Festival

At
St. Thomas Church, Stanhope
July 1st - July 9th

The Weardale Museum has long been known for the superb Family History resource which it offers to those who have ancestors in the parishes of Stanhope and Wolsingham. This summer it is working in partnership with St Thomas Church, Stanhope to stage a nine day festival of Family History.

- Touch objects in our lead miner's cottage kitchen.
- Learn about John Wesley's visits to Weardale.
- See High House Chapel as part of your visit.
- View galleries of beautiful minerals, crystals and fossils.
- Enjoy our history as told in The Weardale Tapestry.
- Admire Amy Emms Durham Quilting.
- Read how Weardale farmers thwarted the Roundheads land grab in the story of "The Weardale Chest"
- See our tribute to local heroes of The Great War.
- Find out about the Railways of Weardale.
- Learn of people who emigrated to make a better life.
- Use the amazing family history resource of to find your Weardale ancestors.
- Explore our 'Virtual Museum' of North Pennines treasures.

"So much more than appears possible from outside. There just wasn't enough time to see it all"

"Lovely to be able to touch things"

"Intimate, personal and friendly"



JUST VISIT. YOU'LL BE MADE VERY WELCOME

Opening Times:	1.30 - 4.30
Bank Holidays	
May, June, Sept, Oct	Wed - Sun
July & August	Daily
Groups by special appointment at any time.	

To make a booking or for more information

Contact: David Heatherington (01388 517433) or email dtheatherington@ormail.co.uk

SUNDERLAND SIKH
ASSOCIATION & THE *funky* INDIAN
PRESENTS...



THE SUNDERLAND VAISAKHI FESTIVAL 2017

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 12PM-4PM

The most colourful and joyous free cultural event with Bhangra/Bollywood dancers, street food, kids arts and crafts, henna and Indian dress stations and more

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FREE

Sikh Temple & Community Hall

Ryhope Road, Ashbrooke,
Sunderland SR2 7ED

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