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DURHAM COUNTY RECORDS OFFICE

Extended Christmas Closure

The Search Room will be closed
from Thursday 29 November
2018 until Tuesday 1 January
2019 inclusive

It reopens on
Wednesday 2 January

Our enquiry service will
continue as normal until
21 December

Decision time for Yesterday Belongs to You 2019

Margaret and I enjoyed meeting many of our members to find out what they felt about the future of Yesterday Belongs to You. We finished up with a meeting at the Gala Theatre in Durham on 3 September. This was the last piece of our information gathering exercise, following on from informal discussions in the tents last year and an analysis of the questionnaires received subsequently.

Suggestions of alternative venues and a possible future strategy of smaller local fairs will certainly be borne in mind. However, most agreed that there is no perfect solution here, given the constraints of time and money, that will provide us with

- a wider audience to engage in local history and heritage
- opportunities for CDFHH groups to meet and exchange ideas and experiences
- a financially sustainable future

After much discussion at the Forum's September meeting, it was agreed that the best way forward for the time being is to re-book Beamish as it provides both a wider audience and financial support. Given that no one wants to return to the tents, we had hoped to locate Yesterday Belongs to You in the new 1950s town Community Hall, but this is now unlikely as building work was delayed by poor weather last winter. So, we have booked the Masonic Hall and its upstairs room, the Bank boardroom plus the Community Room at the Resources Centre and the possibility of using the station ticket Office for Railway Groups. There are advantages to this, as some groups will be in the Town and thus close to toilets and refreshments. However, the dispersal around Beamish means that there will be less opportunity for groups to get together and share ideas and we shall have to take care that signposting is much better than last time around. We had also hoped to tie our event to Beamish's **Hands on Heritage** weekend but this is still subject to confirmation by Beamish.

We are negotiating with Beamish on the availability of £6 day passes for your supporters in addition to the four free passes for each group exhibiting at Yesterday Belongs to You.

Although Beamish does not address all of our concerns in this format, it is still probably worth another try. The new Community Centre in the 1950s Town may also be an excellent venue in the future. In comparison with the tents, the rooms currently booked are not very large and space will be limited, so priority is likely to be given to those groups that sign up for **our training day on Wednesday 6th March 2019** which will focus on developing exhibition materials for a wider audience. More news of this once details have been confirmed.

2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE

Following the decision at the Forum's 2017/18 AGM there has been no subscription charge for April-December 2018.

All subscriptions are now on a calendar year basis and are due on 1 January 2019.

Membership Rates are : Societies and other organisations: 20 GBP
Individuals : 6 GBP

Those paying the Organisation rate qualify for special entry rate offers for *Yesterday Belongs to You* and other Forum events not available to individual members.

Subscriptions can be paid by:

- **Cheques** made payable to **County Durham History & Heritage Forum** and posted the Membership Secretary as follows:
Mrs S Hillier
31 Green Leas
CARLTON
Stockton-on-Tees
TS21 1EJ
- **Standing Orders** through your bank (a Form will be available for this on our website)
- **BACS** transfers to the Forum's Account at the Unity Trust Bank –
Sort Code: 60-83-01
Account No: 20242631.

For payment by Standing Order and BACS, please include the **NAME OF YOUR ORGANISATION** in the reference section of the payment or your surname if you are an individual member.

BEAUREPAIRE COMMUNITY PROJECT



DREAM COMMUNITY CHARITY with DDC are doing up the historic site of Beaurepaire, Bearpark! It was once the largest medieval manor house in the North East and had much to play in the skirmishes between the English and the Scots.

Once accessible, the site is now overgrown, and the ruins of the manor house are degrading!

WE WANT YOUR HELP to clean up the site and make it a fantastic little place to visit! Whether you want to research the site or be hands on, we need all your help!

Follow our work and find out more on:

FB: [DREAMCommunityCharity](#)

EMAIL: dreamcharitycommunity@gmail.com

THANKYOU!



17TH OCTOBER 2018

**@ THE HISTORIC SITE OF
BEAUREPAIRE, BEARPARK**

- **3PM-RE-ENACTMENT OF THE
BATTLE OF NEVILLE'S CROSS**
- **4PM-MEDIEVAL
ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES**
- **5PM-MEDIEVAL MASS**
- **6PM-MEDIEVAL BANQUET**
- **7PM-MEDIEVAL DANCE**

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TO FIND OUT MORE!**

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2018 PROGRAMME

14 Nov	The Bowes Museum	Dr H Coutts
11 Dec	Not Tuesday, Not Wednesday	Social Evening

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

ALL WELCOME

Admission: Members £1.00/Non-Members £3.00
includes tea/coffee/biscuits

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

CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2018 PROGRAMME

23 Oct	AGM Followed by The Scottish Soldiers Project
27 Nov	Historic Maps of County Durham

**Meetings held at
Methodist Church Hall, Dawson Street, Crook**

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Admission – Non Members £5.00

More information: crookhistorysociety.btck.co.uk

HOUGHTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

2018 MEETINGS

Kepier Hall (behind the Parish Church)
Admission £2.00 (includes tea/coffee)
Speaker Starts Promptly at 6.45pm

25 Oct	The History of the Poppy Appeal	M Pickering
22 Nov	The Sunderland Jewish Community	P Curtis

For more details:

Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943

WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2018 PROGRAMME



31 Oct	Binchester	G Henderson
No Meetings at Wheatley Hill until March		

For more details:

**W: wheatley-hill.org.uk
E: history.club2@btinternet.com**

Meetings are held in
Wheatley House, Woodlands Avenue
at **11.00am** £2.00 includes tea/coffee/raffle

SEDGEFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2018 PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

5 Nov	Snooping Snaps	J Harrop
3 Dec	History of the Fair-ground	T Carroll

For more details:

Suzanne 01429 882250



EGGLESCLIFFE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

15 Nov	The River Tees following the River from Yarm, it's bridges, industry and wild life	S Frost
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No Meeting in December

**Meetings are held in
St John's Church, Butts Lane, Egglescliffe
at 7.30pm**

Admission £2.00

For more details:

david_j_bate@ntlworld.com

HETTON LOCAL & NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meet at 7pm in the Hetton and Eppleton Community Hall
(formerly St Nicholas Church Hall in the Centre of Hetton)

29 Oct	The Horsekeeper's Daughter	J G Lowe
26 Nov	Whitwell Colliery	T Hancock
17 Dec	Christmas in the Past	

For more details: 0191 5262804

EVERYONE WELCOME

Entrance fee is £2

which includes tea/coffee/biscuits

TUDHOE & SPENNYMOOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2018 Programme

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

22 Oct	AGM followed by Sedgefield in Victorian Times	A Hodgson
26 Nov	The Germans on the Somme	A Fraser
17 Dec	Christmas Social	

VISITORS : £2.00

For more details:

SECRETARY: 01388 816850
www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs



17 Nov	Christmas Launch Parade An Exciting parade through the Beamish town starting at 1.00pm
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MIDDLETON ST GEORGE LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Meetings held 7.30pm—9.00pm
Tea/Coffee available

15 Nov	Hobby Horse some tales from a northern Hellfire Club	T Nicholson
20 Nov	Christmas Party	

All Meetings are held at
The Community Centre, Station Road,
Middleton-St-George DL2 1JG

Annual Subscription £10
or £3 per visit

Durham County Local History Society

TALKS AT THE CITY THEATRE

SATURDAYS AT 2.30pm

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

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

10 Nov	Behind the Lines A film about Spennymoor's contribution to medical services in The Great War	J Banham
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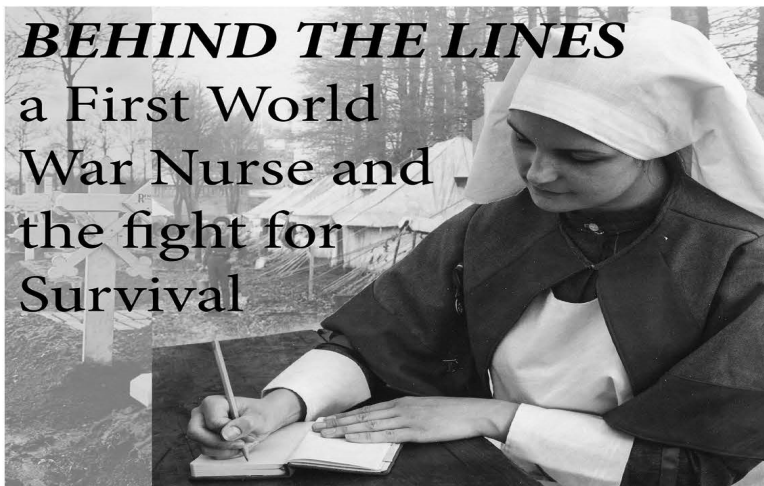
10 Nov	The Barnard Castle Railway	C Lloyd
6 Dec	Christmas Social	

Meetings are held in
The Museum at North Road Station

TUDHOE & SPENNYMOOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

BEHIND THE LINES

a First World
War Nurse and
the fight for
Survival



A film about
medical services
on the Western
Front and the
contribution of

Spennymoor people to them will be free to view
on *YouTube* from 22 October 2018 under a creative
commons licence.

DVDs of the film will also then be available from
TSLHS, see our website for details:

www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs

**Funding raised by
The National Lottery**
and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund



To View the above Film

Members of the Forum (not individuals) are eligible to receive a **FREE** copy of the DVD on application
to Tudhoe and Spennymoor Local History Society—see the website for details:

www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs

The film will also be shown at the November meeting of the
Durham County Local History Society at The City Theatre, Durham City on
Saturday 10 November at 2.30pm

You may also view to film free on UTUBE:

<https://www.youtube.com/wv=BAui3MFlqZE&feature=youtu.be>