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COUNTY DURHAM FORUM for HISTORY & HERITAGE

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FORUM COMMITTEE

Chair: Dr Win Stokes
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Beamish Representative
Sian Fox

OBITUARY

Arthur Dodds 1930-2019

It was with great sadness that the Forum heard of the death of Arthur on 12 January, peacefully and in his sleep.

Arthur is well known to many of us for the excellent talks he presented around the region.

The Forum has passed our condolences on to Arthur's family on behalf of you all.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

for **ALL** groups became due on
31 December 2018

Forum AGM Event on Saturday 23 February 2019

This year the AGM will be held in
the Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn DH6 5AT
The Centre is on the A177 Durham road,
south west of the A1(M) junction 61

09:30 – 10:00	Complimentary tea/coffee & pastry
10:00 - 10.15	Welcome
10:15 - 11.15	Talk by Mike Syer of Bowburn Local History Society on: <i>The Early Years of Bowburn Colliery</i> where sixty years ago nearly 2,500 miners were employed

CDFHH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
for the year ending 31 December 2018

11.15am

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the AGM held on 24 February 2018
- 3 Report of Chair (Win Stokes)
- 4 Report on YBTY 2019 (Sarah Hillier)
Exhibition Workshop Tuesday 5 March
Arrangements for 21 September at Beamish
– *Hands on History* Weekend
- 5 Report of Treasurer (John Banham)
- 6 Proposed Durham History Centre
- 7 Election of Forum Officers
- 8 Co-option to the Forum Committee
- 9 Any other business

11.45am

Closing Remarks and opportunities for further discussion on the way forward for CDFHH



COUNTY DURHAM FORUM for HISTORY & HERITAGE

Invites you to a workshop
“Preparing Exhibition Materials!”

To be held at
The Glebe Centre, Durham Place, Murton, Seaham SR7 9BX

Tuesday 5 March 2019 9.30am—12.30pm

Coffee & light refreshments provided

PROGRAMME

Knowing your Audience, Beamish Museum

If you know your probable audience, you have a much greater chance of preparing material that will engage them

The Use of Text in Exhibitions, The Bowes Museum

Use your text to grab attention and so avoid the “quick glance and move on”

Engaging Children in Displays, Durham County Record Office

Get kids asking questions. The key to involving a family in your exhibition

The use of artefacts, CDFHH

Use objects to stimulate the imagination of both kids and adults. Sort out which questions you want them to ask!!

Please contact yb2u15@gmail.com to book your tickets

**2 Free Places per Member Group
(£10 per person for non-members)**

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2019 PROGRAMME

6 Feb	The Battle of Nevilles Cross	D Butler
6 March	Paton & Baldwins	C Lloyd
3 April	Binchester Update	G Henderson

**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 2019 PROGRAMME

28 Jan	Lobley Turnpike Road (1793-1874)	T Young
25 Feb	Banners of the Durham Coalfield	D Wray
25 Mar	How West Auckland Won The Cup	S Alderson J Palfreyman

**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

2019 MEETINGS

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

24 Jan	The lost film of the Titanic	& AGM
28 Feb	Two Against Hitler	S Miller
28 March	Barkess is Missing	F Judson P Barkess

For more details:

Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943

WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2019 PROGRAMME



No Meetings at Wheatley Hill until March

27 March	A Moment of Folley Extravagance & Jobbery	C Lloyd
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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 2019 PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

4 Feb	Putting ladies on a pedestal	M Peagam
4 March	Nostalgic View of the North	J Danniels
1 April	Annual General Meeting	

For more details:

Suzanne 01429 882250



EGGLESCLIFFE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

21 Feb	The Battle of Standard Fake news in the 12th Century	A Wood
21 March	The Cleveland Book Hawking Society	L Polley
11 April	John Clayton—the man who saved Hadrian's Wall (change of day due to Easter)	F McIntosh

**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)

28 Jan	Hetton-le-Hole— Glimpses into the Past	J R Cook
25 Feb	AGM followed by: Lola Montez, Femme Fatale	S Miller
25 March	Hylton Castle Project	P Saddington

For more details: 0191 5262804

EVERYONE WELCOME

Entrance fee is £2

which includes tea/coffee/biscuits

TUDHOE & SPENNYMOOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2019 Programme

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

28 Jan	Dad at Large	P Barron
25 Feb	The Mining Art Gallery Bishop Auckland	A Thomas
25 March	Knyff & Kip in Cleveland	M Roberts

VISITORS : £2.00

For more details:

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

MIDDLETON ST GEORGE LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Meetings held 7.30pm—9.00pm

Tea/Coffee available

21 Feb	Wynyard Hall: The History of a great house	N&H Neal
21 March	Women of the Durham Coalfield—Hannah's Story	M Hedley
18 April	The 1825 Darlington- Stockton Railway	N Hammond

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

Annual Subscription £10

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

16 March	The Fishing Industries of Sunderland 1800—1914	G Muirhead
13 April	War & Friendship at the The time of Napoleon	A Heesom

NORTH EAST METHODIST SOCIETY

Saturday 30 March 2019

2.30pm

at Allendale Methodist Church
Shield Street, Allendale
NE47 9BP

**Roger Morris will speak on
"The Allen Valleys and Methodism"**

Hartlepool Headland Local History Group



**Meetings are held in the
Borough Hall**
More Details: 01429 292764

Drop in sessions 13 February
11.30—4.00pm 13 March
Constable Bar 10 April

Meetings in the Croft Room 6.45—9.00pm

19 Feb	Annual General Meeting (members only)
19 March	Chronological History of H'Pool Headland
16 April	History of Seaton Carew in Postcards

Sedgefield Family History

18 Feb	A house with a history: The Elstobs of Foxton	T Brown
18 March	Remaking Beamish	G Straker
15 April	Death in the Sedgefield area in Victorian times	F Wilson

Meetings are held:
at 7.15pm

Methodist Church Hall, North End, Sedgefield TS21 2BT

**2019 Meetings of
Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society
Both Meetings Start at 10.45am**

Saturday 2 Feb at the Dorman Museum:
*Skinningrove: It's social development due to
ironstone mining and the iron industry"*
By Colin Hart

**Saturday 6 April at Middlesbrough College
(AGM)**
*A Story: dark deeds, deception and discovery at
Meynell Hall in the 17th Century*
By Geoffrey Taylor

*Home Comforts: The role of the Red Cross
auxiliary hospitals in the North Riding 1914-1919*
By Eileen Brereton and Anne Wall

Thorpe Thewles History Group

**Attacking the Devil and Sinking
the Unsinkable
W T Stead and the Titanic**

Chris Lloyd of The Northern Echo

Meeting to be held in
Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles

**Friday 22 February 2019
7.15pm for 7.30pm**

*Tickets £3 from Carlton Post Office
or pay on the door*

**BRANCEPETH ARCHIVES AND HISTORY GROUP
OPEN MEETING**

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019

IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL OF BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL

7.30 P.M.

"THE NORTH EAST FILM ARCHIVE"

A PRESENTATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FILM OF BRANCEPETH AND THE LOCAL AREA

The North East Film Archive is dedicated to finding, preserving and sharing the North East's rich moving image heritage collection. Recently Brancepeth Archives Group acquired from the Film Archive copies of two short films which both feature Brancepeth – one from the fifties and one from the sixties.

On 6 February, commencing at 7 30, we will show both those films presented by Julie Ballands from the Film Archive. She will talk about their Heritage Lottery Funded North East on Film project and give us the opportunity to see more film clips from the collection featuring Durham and the surrounding area.

All are welcome. Admission is free. Drinks will be available.

**Architectural and Archaeological Society
of Durham and Northumberland**

Saturday 23 March a talk by B Mead
**Cresswell Pele Tower: From Reivers to
Ruins to Restoration**

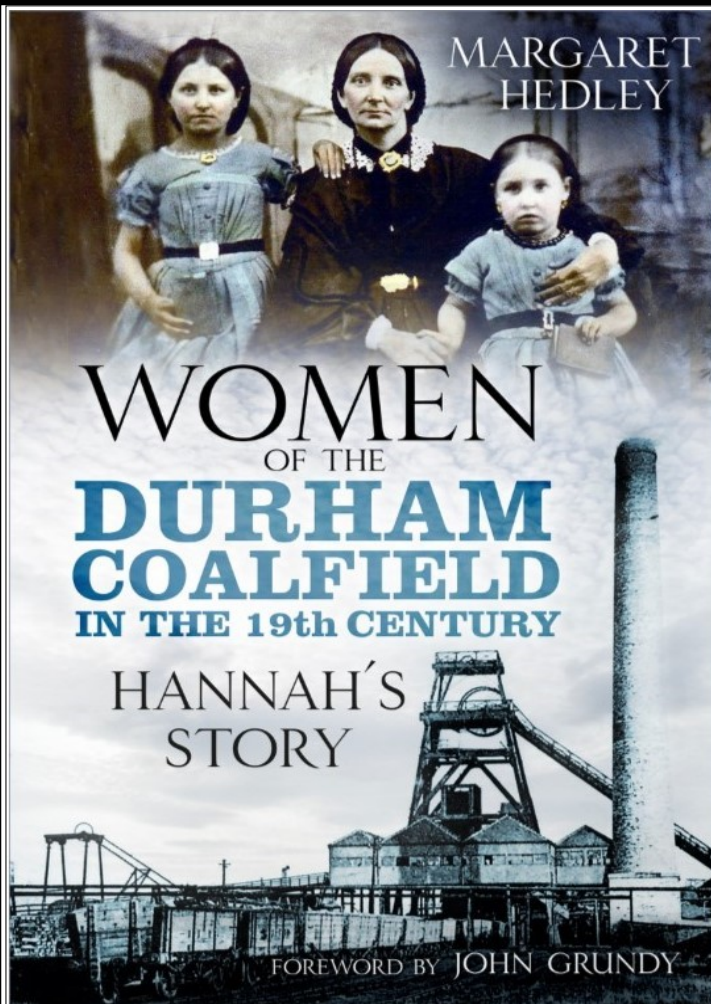
Saturday 27 April a talk by D O'Meara
**Diet, Sanitation & Urban Development the
environmental archaeology of cesspits in
Northern England**

**All lectures will be held at 2.30pm in
Room 140, Elvet Riverside (ground floor)
New Elvet, Durham DH1 3JT
Unless otherwise notified**

Public Liability Insurance
for local history groups

CDFHH are aware that Public Liability Insurance is an increasing cost to groups. In this respect we have written to the British Association for Local History (BALH) to inquire whether CDFHH could take out a one-day group membership to cover liability for Yesterday Belongs to You. The reply was an unequivocal no.

This is because, if one of the groups involved did something unsafe and a member of the public was injured, the liability would remain legally with that group and not with the Forum. Any groups holding events (even in their own premises), inviting people to meetings etc should have Public Liability Insurance cover for the same reason.



The success of the Durham Coalfield and its important role in the Industrial Revolution is attributed to men of influence who owned the land and the pits, and men who worked in the coal-mining industry during the Victorian period. There has been very little written about the importance of the home life that supported the miners – their wives who through heroic efforts, did their best to provide attractive, healthy, happy homes for her husband, in appalling social conditions.

To provide such a welcoming atmosphere at home demanded tremendous resources and commitment from the miners' wives. Despite their many hardships these women put everyone in the family before themselves – they were selfless. They operated on less rest, less food at times of necessity and under a huge physical burden of work and emotional burden of worry concerning the safety of her husband at the pit and the mortality of her children.

This book addresses the lack of information about women's role at the Durham coalfield, engagingly explored through one woman's experience.

AVAILABLE FROM AMAZON FROM 1 FEBRUARY

MEN OF IRON - BOOK LAUNCH

Men of Iron by M W Flinn is a definitive work about the early iron industry in the Durham Derwent Valley. Until the Land of Oak & Iron Project brought it to public attention, the fact that Winlaton, Winlaton Mill and Swalwell had been the site of the largest early ironworks in Europe was largely forgotten. The enlightened welfare system that Crowley created for his workers makes this a fascinating work of social as well as industrial history.

A new paperback edition of this book, which has been out of print since 1962, has been produced by the Land of Oak & Iron.

The launch event will take place

at the Lit & Phil

on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30

where Dr Bill Lancaster will give a talk and copies will be available at the special event price of £5.

Tickets for the event are £5 and seats must be reserved by filling in the form on this link:

<http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-4557358/booking-form>

