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for ALL groups due on 1 January

We went back to Beamish and the sun shone!

By Sarah Hillier

On 21 September, twenty two groups returned to Beamish with *Yesterday Belongs to You* as part of a Beamish Hands on Heritage weekend. This time the sun shone on us and footfall was far greater and more diverse than at any previous *Yesterday Belongs to You*. We were in four areas – the Pit Village, the Masonic Hall in the Town, Rowley Station and in the Community Resource Centre.

It was good to see more interaction between exhibitors and public this year. Those groups who agreed to dress up as Edwardians and so could be located in the Edwardian areas of the Museum found themselves very busy.



There were also fewer text dominated exhibits – and those who invited the visitors to their stall to discuss an object, search for buried treasure or to question evidence did particularly well. An evaluation of groups' enjoyment of the day was overwhelmingly positive, although with the groups being dispersed between the Pit Village and the Town, there were, as expected, comments that it was more difficult for groups to interact with each other. Another limiting factor may have been that many groups were just too busy to wander off to see other stalls. That was certainly the case for us in the Pit Village.

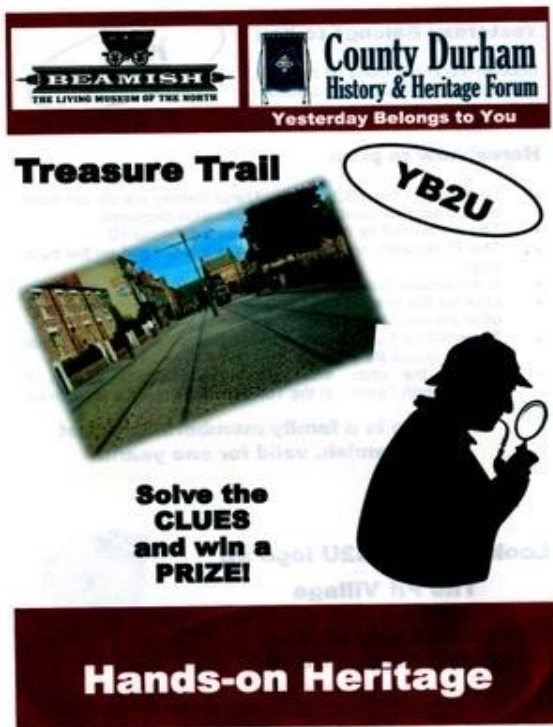
The footfall in the community resource centre was not as high as that in the Pit Village or in the Town. This was to be expected, as it is not on the transport network. The alternative would have been to locate these groups in the Masonic Hall, but that is a gloomy space and groups there would all have needed to dress up.

At our March Workshop on preparing exhibition materials, Gerald Gustard of

Dalton le Dale Local History Society suggested that we set up a Treasure Trail around *Yesterday Belongs to You*. We thought this was an excellent plan, as it would encourage families visiting Beamish to travel to the different elements of a dispersed *Yesterday Belongs to You*. There they found opportunities to dress up, to write on slate boards, to decide and vote, and to discuss living in a miners' cottage. 10 groups were invited to provide a clue for the Trail and to display a large yellow YB2U logo. With a first prize of an annual family pass to Beamish, this generated a good deal of enthusiasm, was well liked by our exhibiting groups and, with a few tweaks, could well be repeated.

All in all, we felt that this was a very successful fair. This was not just because of the sunshine, but also because of the support of Beamish Museum in allowing us to locate stalls in high density locations within the Museum and so gain access to an audience that is interested in local history and heritage from our region and beyond. Big thanks are due to Sian and Helen for all the help and support they have given us. In its present form, YB2U is also financially sustainable, which is incredibly important at a time when we cannot expect local authority or heritage lottery funding. However, the argument that *Yesterday Belongs to You* 2019 did not allow for much interaction between groups is a valid one and we still need to think about that one. Most exhibitors at YB2U gave us detailed feedback on their evaluation form. If you were not present and wish to have your say, please email yb2u15@gmail.com so that we can have a full discussion at the next Forum meeting on 13th November.

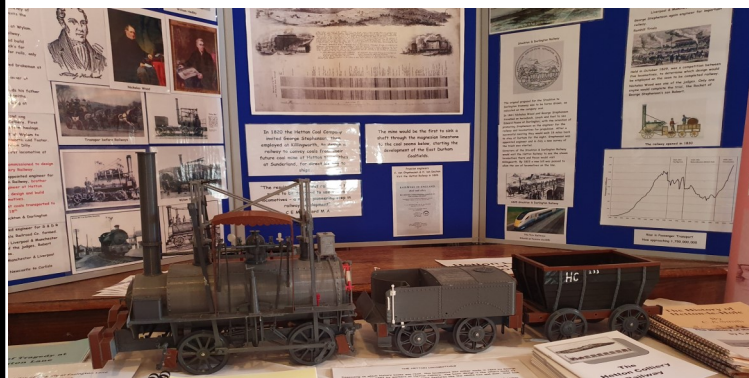
The Yesterday Belongs to you Treasure Trail around History & Heritage Stands at Beamish



Winner Nassim Heraoua

Obviously, there was more than one winning entry to our treasure trail and all correct entries were entered into a prize draw. The lucky winner was Nassim Heraoua from Silksworth who was celebrating his 21st birthday on the 21 September with a trip to Beamish and his prize was a Beamish Family Ticket valid for one year.

Well done Nassim and thank you to everyone who took part in our Treasure Trail and particular thanks for from Gerald Gustard from Dalton-le-Dale who devised it..



AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2019 PROGRAMME

13 Nov	The Horsekeepers Daughter	J G-Lowe
11 Dec	AGM and Social	

**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

23 Sept	Lewis Carroll The Croft Connection	C Lloyd
28 Oct	Secrets in the Attic	T Nicholson
25 Nov	Members Night	

**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

28 Nov	Sunderland in 1966	P Curtis
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No Meeting in December

For more details:
Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943

WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2019 PROGRAMME



30 Oct	The Great Flood of 1771 In Northumberland & Durham	T Brown
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**No Meetings in
November or December**

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 Nov	Postcards of the First World War	G Nairn
2 Dec	Christmas in the Workhouse	M Peagham

For more details:
Suzanne 01429 882250



EGGLESCLIFFE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

2019

21 November	Lewis Carroll: The Croft Connection	C Lloyd
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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)

28 Oct	Body Snatchers & Anatomists	S Vincent
25 Nov	Miners Banners of the Durham Coalfield	D Wray
16 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 2019 Programme

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

28 Oct	AGM followed by Turnpike Roads Around Spennymoor	D Butler
25 Nov	Norman Cornish's Centenary	M Thornton
9 Dec	Christmas Social	

VISITORS : £2.00

For more details:

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

MIDDLETON ST GEORGE LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

<http://msglocalhistory>

Meetings held 7.30pm—9.00pm

Tea/Coffee available

21 Nov	Middlesbrough 900 years ago	G Braddy
19 Dec	Christmas Party	
16 Jan	Old Durham Gardens	M Roberts

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

Non-Members Welcome—£3 per visit

For more information: msglocalhistory@hotmail.co.uk

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

9 November

**The Spennymoor Settlement
interwar unemployment and
"the problem of leisure"**

A Talk by
Andrezej Olechnowicz

Sedgefield Family History

Meetings are held:
at 7.15pm

Methodist Church Hall, North End, Sedgefield TS21 2BT

21 Oct	The Horse Keeper's Daughter	J Gulliford-Lowes
18 Nov	Attics & Acres The Archive of the Graham Family of Norton Conyers	M Willett

Hartlepool Headland Local History Group



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

Drop in sessions 13 November
11.30—4.00pm 11 December
Constable Bar

Meetings in the Croft Room 6.45—9.00pm

19 Nov Business Meeting

17 Dec No Meeting

Hartlepool Family History Group (Branch of Cleveland Family History Society)

Meet at 7.00pm

**Grange Road Methodist Community Centre
Tankerville Street, Hartlepool TS26 8DU**

21 Nov	Another Trip Around Town	R Cordner
16 Jan	The Cowley House Murders	T Brown

Website www.hartlepoolfamilyhistorygroup.com

DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE THIRD THURSDAY TALKS

12.30pm—1.15pm
Durham County Record Office DH1 5UL

Booking is essential
03000 267626

'Wonders of the River Wear' - meticulously mapped in 1819, on fire in 1845'

by Gill Parkes, Archivist
Thursday 21 November 2019, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm

The Cost of this talk is £5.00

This talk will focus on two very different but fascinating aspects of the River Wear's history in the late Georgian and early Victorian period. We will start by celebrating the 200th anniversary of seven stunning River Wear maps produced by the surveyor Francis Giles (1787-1847), working under the direction of famous civil engineer John Rennie. Find out why the maps were made, admire the colours and cartographic detail, and discover why they have been forgotten for so long.

Then hear about a natural phenomenon that drew huge crowds to Durham's Framwellgate Bridge each evening in the summer of 1845.

FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON RAILWAY MUSEUM

All meetings are held in the museum meeting room
doors open at 1.30pm talks start at 1.45pm

Sat 9 Nov	Railways & Remembrance	I McInnes
Thu 5 Dec	Christmas Social & Quiz	
Thu 9 Jan	Head of Steam review of 2019 & preview of 2020 (to be confirmed)	L W-Hannant

£2.00 donation for non-members
which includes free entry to the museum

FREE entry and FREE talk for members
Of the Friends of Darlington Railway Museum

Refreshments served after the talks

See website for more details:

www.friendsofdrdm.org

DURHAM POSTCARD FAIR



Postcard, Cigarette Card & Stamp Fair

Durham County Hall DH1 5UL

Saturday 9 November 2019

10.00am—3.00pm

Entrance £1 (accompanied children free)

**Free
Valuations**

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More interesting information from Beamish.....

Early 17th Century Fireplace Overmantel ***Upper room in the Bank***

This was made in Newcastle in the early 1600s, for a large merchant's house in the Sandhill area, by a craftsman known as 'The Newcastle Master'. To date we don't have a name for this remarkable craftsman, who produced a number of wonderful fireplaces for Newcastle houses and also for houses around the northern region. The carvings are based on allegorical prints produced in the Low Countries in the late 1500s. It has been assumed that the craftsmen were familiar with these prints and European fashions and may well have come to Newcastle from the Continent.

This fireplace is thought to have come from Derwentwater Chambers on the Sandhill, which later became the Beehive Inn. After the Inn's demolition, the fireplace was installed in the Mayor's Mansion House on the Quayside. When this was sold off in the 1830s, the fireplace was moved to the Keep, where it remained until the 1970s and moved into storage as being too late for the period of displays in the Keep. Following its transfer to Beamish, it was extensively restored, with many layers of paint being removed by a team of volunteers, under the watchful eye of Gordon Rouse. Legs and arms were replaced by Chris Wells of Sheffield. Dave Shaw made missing elements of the fine columns and the structure was put together in the Bank upper room by John Gall in his spare time. It is one of the Newcastle Master's finest surviving creations.

Main Reference is *Art and Decoration in Elizabethan and Jacobean England* by Anthony Wells-Cole

Group Visits to Hexham Abbey

Highlights

Flexible timings for guided tours

Local experienced guide

Visit to the 7th century Saxon Crypt; see the Dance of Death; Acca's Cross; The Frith Stool; the Night Stair and the Flavinus Stone

Interactive Exhibition

Refectory Café

Tailored tours to cover special interests

Excellent value for money



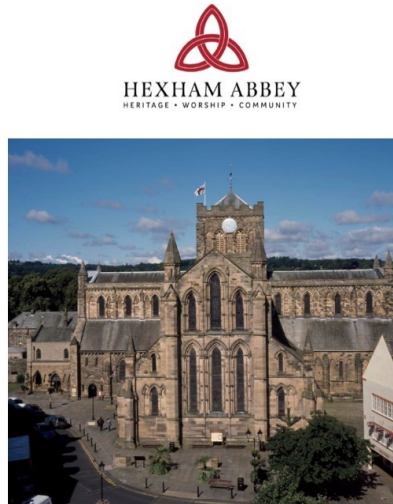
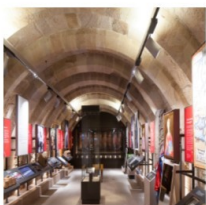
Our delightful Refectory Café is open daily, with freshly made soup, scones and sandwiches and our guided tour packages include the option to take refreshments in the café or one of our beautiful rooms that make up the Priory Building.

Hexham itself is a beautiful market town, offering plenty of activities to make a whole day of your visit with our beautiful Abbey, the 12th Century Gaol, the 14th Century Moot Hall and many independent shops and an arts centre.

You can also visit the Abbey's beautiful gift shop, which is well stocked with a wide range of quality gifts and souvenirs.

Further afield, we are ideally located to explore Hadrian's Wall, Northumberland National Park; Kielder Water and Forest Park, the Sill Landscape Discovery Centre.

We are able to tailor guided tours to specialist subjects if your group has a particular area of the Abbey's history you would like to focus on.



"Few Churches in the North of England equal the spectacular interior and monastic relics of Hexham."

Simon Jenkins, England's Thousand Best Churches.

To find out more about group visits please contact:
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Email: zoe.robinson@hexhamabbey.org.uk

www.hexhamabbey.org.uk



Hexham Abbey Guided Tours

If you are planning an outing, why not visit one of England's most beautiful Abbeys which lies in the market town of Hexham in the heart of Northumberland. Your group can come and experience the history and heritage of the Abbey as told by one of our experienced tour guides.

The tours from 9.30am onwards normally take an hour and look at the Abbey's historic highlights including the 7th Century Anglo-Saxon Crypt (674), the first part of St Wilfrid's original church to have been built; the Night Stair, one of the finest monastic survivals in an English church; the Frith Stool, a Saxon Bishop's throne which dates from Wilfrid's Church and the collection of beautiful medieval panel paintings, including The Dance of Death. The Flavinus Stone, at around 2000 years old, is a memorial to a Roman standard bearer from the troop of Candidus.

Your group will also enjoy our interactive exhibition 'The Big Story' and discover fascinating facts about the town and the Abbey's history and the people who have shaped it.

For those who wish there is also the opportunity to join in a church service or we can offer a short pilgrimage prayer for your group.

Guided Tour Packages

Make the most out of your visit to Hexham Abbey with one of our tour packages, a great range to fulfil your group requirements.

All prices shown are per person and include VAT

Guided Tour Only £5.00

Hexham Abbey Souvenir Guide Book Only £5.00

Tour and Souvenir Guide Book combined £9.00

A wide range of catering options are available to suit any occasion. A full list of catering options is available on request.

We are also happy to offer a combination of items, and given sufficient notice, we can cater for most dietary requirements.

For refreshments, you would be accommodated in the Priory Building function rooms, which themselves have a rich history, for example, the Great Hall is an original Georgian ballroom dating back to 1820.



Guided Tour Packages

Prices below include a Guided Tour of Hexham Abbey.

Catering Option	Including our Hexham Abbey Guide	
Tea, Coffee and Cake £8.50	£12.50	Your choice of Cake served with Tea and Coffee
Sausage, Bacon or Egg Bap £9.00	£13.00	Hot Bap of your choice served with Tea and Coffee
Sandwich Selection £10.95	£16.00	Selection of Sandwiches served with Tea and Coffee
Sandwich and cake selection £13.95	£18.00	A selection of Sandwiches and cakes served with Tea and Coffee
Soup and Sandwiches selection £13.95	£18.00	Soup served with a selection of Sandwiches with Tea and Coffee
Soup, Sandwiches and Cake Selection £15.50	£19.50	Soup served with a selection of Sandwiches and Cakes served with Tea and Coffee
Afternoon Tea £16.00	£20	A selection of Sandwiches and cakes, Fresh homemade Scones, tray bakes and special desserts served with Tea and Coffee.