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COUNTY DURHAM FORUM

for HISTORY & HERITAGE

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Sian Fox

The Rohingyas of Burma
Photo Exhibition
Newcastle City Library

Opening Event
Bewick Room 2.00pm
25 January

25 January—15 February

This photo exhibition evocatively reminds us all of the genocide of the Rohingya people of Burma which took place in 2017. It is a reminder that sadly genocidal events are still with us today.

FREE HISTORY FAIR

The Forum would like to invite you to join us in a
FREE Members History Fair

There will be a **very short** Annual General Meeting before
the Fair opens to the public at **10.00am**

A Chance to:

- *Book your table and raise your profile*
- *Network with other members of the Forum*
- *Exchange ideas about local projects*
- *Find out about local speakers*
- *Discuss strategies to maintain membership*



BOWBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Durham Road, Bowburn
DH6 5AT

SATURDAY 14 MARCH
8.30am—12.30pm

TIMINGS FOR THE EVENT

8.30am	Setting up Exhibitions
9.00am	Tea/Coffee available
9.30am—10.00am	Forum Annual General Meeting
10.00am	Event Opens to the General Public
12.30pm	End of Event

To book a table **FREE** of charge:

email yb2u15@gmail.com

Before the end of January

Details of your Public Liability Insurance will be required

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2020 PROGRAMME

5 Feb	Darlington & Stockton Railway	J Raw & J Hackworth-Young
4 March	Bowburn Colliery 1906 - 1946	M Syer
1 April	Norman Cornish Centenary Lecture	M Thornton

**All Meetings are held in
Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.30pm**

ALL WELCOME

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

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

CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2020 PROGRAMME

27 Jan	Crook—the Evolution of an Industrial Town	Tony Young
24 Feb	Charles Dickens & Victorian England	Glynn Wales
30 March	The Roman NHS	G Henderson

**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

2020 MEETINGS

Kepier Hall (behind the Parish Church)

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

27 February	The Postcards of Donald McGill	S Miller
26 March	The Visit of German Children To County Durham 1949	D Inch
23 April	Medicine in the North East Leeches, Lepers & Lucozade	J Bath

For more details:
Please contact Brenda Graham 0191 584 1943



WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2020 MEETINGS

No Meetings January & February

25 March	Victorian Death in our Area	F Wilson
29 April	Transformation of the High Street	M Peagam



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

SEDGEFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2020 PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

3 Feb	True Heroes of the Sea	D Hastings
2 March	History of Coal Mining In NE England	P Sagar
6 April	Annual General Meeting	

For more details:
Suzanne 01429 882250



EGGLESCLIFFE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2020 PROGRAMME

20 Feb	Rosedale—Land of Iron	T Mutton
19 March	The Battle of Nevilles Cross	D Butler

**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)

24 Feb	My Father Sid and our Family & "The Ferryhill Philosophers"	M Chaplin
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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)

24 February	The History of Durham Carpets	R MacKay
23 March	Recent Discoveries in Traditional Buildings in County Durham	M Roberts
27 April	Tudhoe Pat Tunney A Rugby Career & Life	M Hamilton

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

16 Jan	Old Durham Gardens	M Roberts
20 Feb	Glimpses of Eryholme's History	T Pollard
10 March	An Evening with Jane Austen (in costume)	M Nattrass

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

Everyman Theatre, Spennymoor Settlement

Thursday 26 March 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Rewinding the Welfare State A Social History of the North East on Film

Dr Ben Lamb of Teesside University will introduce films prepared by the North East Film Archive and lead a discussion to investigate how they might be relevant to today.

Entrance £3 including Refreshments

The Settlement is located in O'Hanlon Street off King Street
DL16 6RY and is close to 'bus stops, street parking & town centre car parks

<http://www.spennymoorsettlement.co.uk/index.html>

e-mail updates available:

please send an mail to jdbdclhs@gmail.com

Sedgefield Family History

Meetings are held:
at 7.15pm

Methodist Church Hall, North End, Sedgefield TS21 2BT

No Meeting in January

17 Feb	Stories & Quirks of family history research in a military museum	S Erskine
16 March	Old Stockton Part 2	L Lamport
20 April	Sister Dora—Dora Pattison Pioneering Nurse of 19th Century	S Stirk

Hartlepool Headland Local History Group



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

Drop in sessions
11.30—4.00pm
Constable Bar

12 February
11 March
8 April



Meetings in the Croft Room 6.45—9.00pm

17 February	AGM (Members Only)
16 March	John G Lambton & Penshaw Monument
20 April	Northgate Wesley & and Early Chapels

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

Meet at 7.00pm

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

20 Feb	The History of the Empire Part 1	T Hey
18 March	Evidence of Hartlepool's Bombardment	M Simmonds
16 April	Hannah's Story	M Hedley

Website www.hartlepoolfamilyhistorygroup.com

DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE THIRD THURSDAY TALKS

Durham County Record Office DH1 5UL

TALKS ARE FREE
(donations welcome)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk

6.30pm—8.30pm

19 March	In Search of the Future - The Peterlee Archives	C Robson
30 April	"We have Come Through" Remembering VE Day	S Shannon

FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON RAILWAY MUSEUM

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

Saturday 8 February

GM Loco Company B Morris

Thursday 5 March

Operating the National Collection A Coulls

Thursday 2 April

A Trip Across the Border— S Woods
Scotland Part 1

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

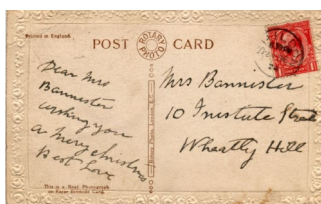
FREE entry and **FREE** talk for members
Of the Friends of Darlington Railway Museum

Refreshments served after the talks

See website for more details:

www.friendsofdrmc.org

Postcard, Cigarette Card & Stamp Fair



SUNDERLAND HISTORY FAIR

6 June 2020

To be held at

**Bethany Church, Bede Tower,
Burdon Road, Sunderland SR7 2EA**

More Details from:
sunderlandhistoryfair@hotmail.com



MEETINGS HELD THURSDAYS 7.00pm

St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Street

9 Jan	The Lost Bishop of Durham	J Ward
	1141-44	
6 Feb	Women in the Durham Coal-	M Hedley
	Field. Profile of Hannah's Story	
5 March	Knocking down the Berlin	K Lumsdon
	Wall	
2 April	The Land Army	S Fox

Website:
coxhoehistory.org.uk

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CLEVELAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

**SPRING HISTORY FAIR
HOLIDAY INN, SCOTCH CORNER**

**Saturday 25 April 2020
PROGRAMME**

Nick Barratt
"The future of family history"

Celia Heritage
"Tracing a 16th & 17th Century English Family
Tree"

Celia Heritage - 2nd talk
"How far did your ancestors travel before the
railways"

Adele Emm
"The Economics of Marriage"

Jacki Deppelle
"Digging up the Family—Getting back to basics"

Booking essential
**please telephone 01740 620367
for more details**

£10.00 for members of Cleveland FH
£15.00 for non members



BRANCEPETH Archives & History Group

Present an illustrated talk

THE BATTLE OF NEVILLES CROSS

By
David Butler

**Friday 7 February
7.30pm**

Upstairs in Brancepeth Village Hall

Small Charge for Non-Members

*A stair lift is available for those who may have
a difficulty with stairs*

The Talk follows our AGM which takes place at
6.30pm so we are asking visitors to arrive
between 7.15pm and 7.25pm

LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings at:

Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggin Lane
DH7 0JQ

First Friday of the month at 7.00pm

Check the [Lanchester Village Voice](#) for details of meeting

Admission Costs:

7 February	The war came Early to Sleepy Valey	P Brabban
6 March	Mary Eleanor Bowes	A Atkinson
3 April	Lost Durham	M Richardson

**£1.00 for members
£3.00 non members**

NORTH EAST METHODIST SOCIETY SPRING LECTURE

Saturday 28 March 2020 at 2.30pm

**Grange Road Methodist Church, Hartlepool
TS26 8DU**

**William Clowes:
A son of the Methodist Movement**

By
Martin Batstone

Thorpe Thewles History Group

Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles

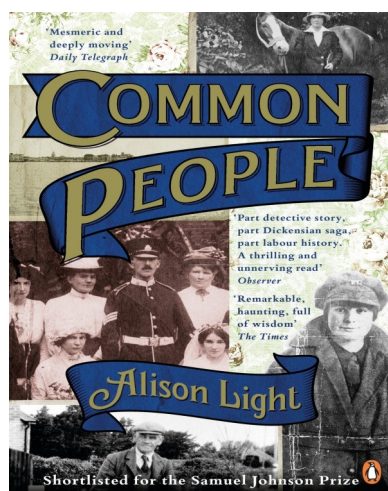
on
Tuesday 24 February 2020
1.30pm

New Meeting Day & Time

Hannah's Story
and how it came about

by
Margaret Hedley

*Tickets available from:
Carlton & Stilling Post Offices
£3 each
Or contact Linda to reserve a ticket:
01740 630014*



Newcastle University Family Histories Discussion Forum

Invite you to a talk

A VISIT TO THE DEAD Genealogy and the Historian

By Dr Alison Light author of *Common People &
A Radical Romance*

The Talk will be held at
THE ARMSTRONG BUILDING 3.38
on

Tuesday 17 February 2020 5.00pm—7.00pm

Beamish Museum's Golden Jubilee

Beamish Museum is marking its Golden Jubilee in 2020. The museum was founded in 1970 by our first Director Frank Atkinson to preserve the region's heritage for future generations.

We'll be celebrating our 50th anniversary with lots of exciting events and surprises in store. We're also asking visitors to share their own special memories of the museum from over the past five decades.



Our Golden Jubilee celebrations will begin with a week of activities during February Half Term, from 15th to 23rd February, when visitors will be able to join in with birthday parties around the museum. Events will continue throughout the year and there'll also be exhibitions, unique competitions, as well as a range of special 50th anniversary souvenirs and publications.

Visitors will be able to discover more about the story of Beamish as part of our programme of celebrations during 2020.

If you have any special stories or memories about Beamish over the years, we'd love to hear them, email goldenjubilee@beamish.org.uk.



It's time for our Friends of Donnison School and Living History NE AGM

Hello Everyone

For anyone we have missed, we wish you all a very happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Now that 2020 is upon us it is time for our Annual General Meeting for both the Friends of Donnison School and Living History North East.

We are pleased to welcome anyone who wishes to attend these meetings.

We have booked the **20th March** for these meetings.

At 11am we will hold the Friends of Donnison School AGM

At 1pm we will hold the Living History North East AGM

The venue is the Donnison School, Church Walk, Sunderland, SR1 2BJ

Can we also take this opportunity to remind everyone that membership of Donnison School/LHNE is a significant contribution to our annual income. If you enjoy our facilities, activities and events, **PLEASE consider taking a Membership for 2020**. This year is especially important as we are in the process of expanding into the Elephant Tea House building with all the additional expenditure this involves. However, once completed, the Donnison building can take a sharper heritage focus as rooms and space is freed up. Exciting times.