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2022 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for 2022 are due by 31 December 2021. The rates remain at £20 for groups and £6 for individuals. Please pay promptly so that you as an individual or your group can continue to access our zoom talks and begin to use our zoom account.

ZOOMING YOUR GROUP MEETINGS

By Sarah Hillier

As Zoom has provided the Forum with a very effective way of keeping in touch with our members, we have decided to make our annual Zoom subscription available for Forum members to host their own Zoom meetings or talks. In order to bring this about, we have devised a free booking system, details of which are below:

Booking a Zoom on CDFHH Account

If you would like to set up a Zoom meeting for your group:

- Email yb2u15@gmail.com stating:
 - a. **Name of group**
 - b. **Email address of contact person**
 - c. **Date, time and duration of required meeting or talk, allowing 15 minutes time for arrival of attendees (ie 7.15pm for a 7.30 start)**
 - d. **Required title for talk or meeting**
- All meetings to be set up with a waiting room, and attendees muted on entry
- Contact person required to be present 15 minutes before the start of the zoom
- Yb2u will then negotiate time and date if necessary and then put the booking into the diary. To make it fair, book each meeting separately. We will accept not accept block bookings
- One invitation to each zoom will be sent out one week before the talk/meeting date so that the contact person can send it to group members
- On the zoom date, yb2u will use our CDFHH account and password to launch the meeting and leave as soon as the contact person has signed in 15 minutes before the start of the meeting
- CDFHH accept no responsibility for content or opinions of meetings set up for group members

We are open to constructive feedback on this:

Email yb2u15@gmail.com

DATES OF FORUM ZOOM MEETINGS FOR 2022

11.01.22	The Past We Inherit - The Future We Build. The Pitman's Parliament	Ross Forbes
15.02.22	The Town of Rampant Sin	Martin Peagam
15.03.22	Secrets of the Attic part 3	Tony Nicholson
05.04.22	The Langworthy Mystery	Tony Nicholson
11.05.22	Gertrude Bell - the "Desert Queen"	Anthony Atkinson
08.06.22	Building Belles - Lady Anne Clifford, Elizabeth Percy and Sarah Losh	Richard Pears
19.07.22	Old Durham Gardens	Martin Roberts
16.08.22	The significance of the Hetton Colliery Railway in railway history	Les Turnbull
14.09.22	Lord Gort—His Life and Times	Dave Griffiths
11.10.22	Elisabethville - a little piece of Belgium on British soil	Anthea Lang
15.11.22	Meet me at the Maison -	Martin Peagam
6.12.22	A Victorian Christmas	Margaret Hedley

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2021 PROGRAMME

13 Oct	WW1 Soldiers Who Didn't Return—identifying remains	C Bowery
10 Nov	Norman Cornish Centenary Lecture	M Thornton
December	AGM & Members Christmas Party	

New Chairman: David Blair

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

CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2021 PROGRAMME

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

ARCH & ARCH Zoom Lectures for 2021

Saturday 23 October

Dr Emma Wells (York University)

Holy Inappropriate or the Holy Grail? The risqué playground of medieval parish church art and architecture

Saturday 13 November

Dr Kirsten Hopper (Durham University)

Kurgans, Churches and Caravanserai: The Lagodekhi Archaeological Survey, Georgia (South Caucasus)

Members of Arch and Arch will be emailed the Zoom login details a few days before the lecture

Non members can email us to ask for the login

archandarch.dandn@durham.ac.uk



WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB 2021 MEETINGS

Information: history.club2@btinternet.com

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

27 Oct Quiz of all sorts

No Meetings November & December

26 Jan **ZOOM**—Lord Gort



Latest newsletter:

<https://wheatley-hill.org.uk/>

E: history.club2@btinternet.com

SEDFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2021 PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

For more details:

Suzanne 01429 882250



EGGLESCLIFFE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

2022

Meetings are starting in January

20 Jan 2022 The Battle of Neville's Cross" D Butler

Meetings are held in
St John's Church, Butts Lane, Egglecliffe
at 7.30pm
Admission £2.00

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)

25 Oct Body Snatchers & Sharon Vincent
 Anatomists

For more details: 0191 5262804
www.hettonlocalhistory.org.uk

EVERYONE WELCOME
Entrance fee is £2
which includes tea/coffee/biscuits

TUDHOE & SPENNYMOOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2021 Programme

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

VISITORS : £2.00

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

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

Cancelled



Meetings in the Croft Room 6.45—9.00pm

Cancelled

Cancelled

MIDDLETON ST GEORGE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

<https://msglocalhistory.wordpress.com/>

Meetings held 7.30pm—9.00pm
Third Thursday of month September—June

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

Tea/Coffee available
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

Sedgefield Family History

Meetings are held:
at 7.15pm
Methodist Church Hall, North End, Sedgefield TS21 2BT

**please check our website & this
newsletter for 2021 information**

Website: www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.com

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

Meet at 7.00pm

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

**please check our website & this
newsletter for 2021 information**

Website: www.hartlepoolfamilyhistorygroup.com

DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE THIRD THURSDAY TALKS



**All of the talks below are
hosted online as
Teams Live Events**

**TALKS ARE FREE
(donations welcome)**

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk**

**'Mary Farrow, 1893-1918 - teacher, survivor of war, victim of Spanish flu'
by Gillian Hunt, local historian**

Thursday 18 November 2021, from 10.30am to 11.30am

A restored white marble cross in the churchyard of St Mary's Churchyard, Gainford, marks the resting place of Mary Farrow (nee Lister) of Hartlepool.

Her story is one of local history, social history, courage, romance and final tragedy in the 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic. We'll go from Hartlepool to Gainford via Durham University, trainee teachers in First World War Oxford, an eye-witness account of the Hartlepool bombardment and an emotional conclusion to the research project on Remembrance Sunday 2018.



MEETINGS HELD THURSDAYS 7.00pm

St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Street

12 November	All we know about Coxhoe Hall and Manor	History Grp
3 December	Christmas Activity	

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coxhoehistory.org.uk

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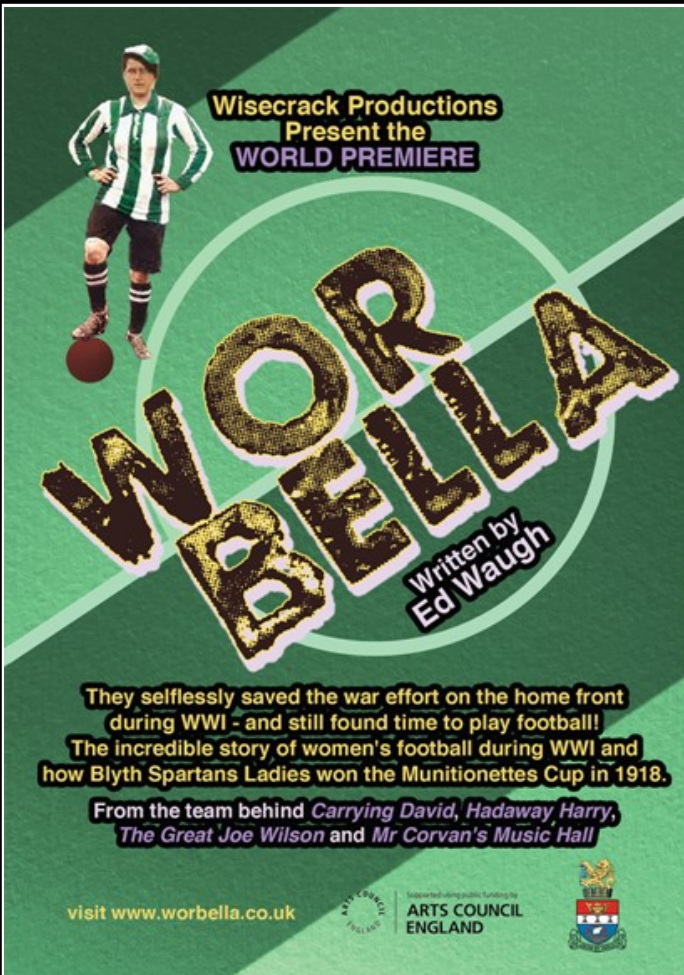
**KEITH BELTON
1939-2021**



Image from The Northern Echo

We were saddened to read in The Northern Echo of Keith's death on 18 September. He represented the DAFT (Durham Amateur Football Trust) Group who were members of the Forum for many years and he was also a member of the Tees Valley Jazzmen.

Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time. RIP Keith.



Wisecrack Productions
Present the
WORLD PREMIERE

WOR BELLA

Written by
Ed Waugh

They selflessly saved the war effort on the home front during WWI - and still found time to play football! The incredible story of women's football during WWI and how Blyth Spartans Ladies won the Munitionettes Cup in 1918.

From the team behind *Carrying David*, *Hadaway Harry*, *The Great Joe Wilson* and *Mr Corvan's Music Hall*

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Despite their daily, hard, physical work - and competition from dozens of women's teams based on Tyneside, Wearside, County Durham and Teesside - Blyth Spartans Ladies became the best side in the North East in 1918, with Bella Reay scoring 133 goals in 30 matches. Attracting crowds of 5,000 to 22,000, these heroic munitionettes have been largely forgotten... until now!

FRI 25 MARCH BLYTH PHOENIX THEATRE 2.30pm & 7.30pm
SAT 26 MARCH BLYTH PHOENIX THEATRE 7.30pm
 BOOK: (01670) 367228 or via thephoenixtheatre.org.uk

MON 28 MARCH QUEEN'S HALL ARTS CENTRE HEXHAM 7.30pm
 BOOK: (01434) 652477 or via queenshall.co.uk

TUE 29 MARCH NEWCASTLE THEATRE ROYAL STUDIO 7.30pm
WED 30 MARCH NEWCASTLE THEATRE ROYAL STUDIO 2pm & 7pm
 BOOK: 08448 11 21 21 or via theatroyal.co.uk

THU 31 MARCH ALNWICK PLAYHOUSE 7.30pm
 BOOK: (01665) 660550 or via alnwickplayhouse.co.uk

FRI 1 APRIL PLAYHOUSE WHITLEY BAY 7.30pm
 BOOK: (0191) 251 5484 or via playhousewhitleybay.co.uk

SAT 2 APRIL WESTOVIAN THEATRE, SOUTH SHIELDS 2.30pm & 7.30pm
 BOOK: 07960 066 377 or via worbella.co.uk

To book online visit worbella.co.uk/tour-dates
 A collection for the Alan Shearer Foundation will be held after every performance.

Directed by
Russell Floyd
(Hadaway Harry, The Great Joe Wilson, Carrying David)

Starring, as Bella Reay,
Lauren Waite
(Vera, The Dumping Ground)

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Kevin Maguire, associate editor Daily Mirror, on HADAWAY HARRY

"Exhilarating"
The Northern Echo on THE GREAT JOE WILSON

"Emotionally charged. Had the audience on its feet"
Belfast Telegraph on CARRYING DAVID

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FRIENDS OF DURHAM MINERS GALA (MARRAS)



The 150th anniversary of the **Durham Miners Gala** will be celebrated at **Durham Cathedral**.

A special evensong service on **Friday 29 October at 5.30pm** will honour the Gala and the communities that have sustained it for a century and a half. All are welcome.

Actor **Charlie Hardwick** will read a new poem celebrating the Gala and **Matt Wrack**, General Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, will pay tribute to key workers at the service, which will feature performances from the **Durham Miners Association Brass Band**.

There will also be readings by the **Bishop of Jarrow Sarah Clark**, **Dean of Durham Andrew Tremlett** and DMA chair **Stephen Guy**.

In the interests of public safety, face coverings should be worn throughout the service, and people will be seated socially distanced in the Cathedral. Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms should not attend.

We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate 150 years of the Gala in this wonderful setting.