

# DURHAM COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

August 2013

Dear Member,

Please find on the following pages the papers for this year's AGM.

As the Report of Council on pages 9 and 10 of this booklet demonstrates, it has been a struggle to maintain services to Members in 2013 due to illness, bereavement and resignations.

However, I am looking forward to the publication of Journal 78 in September and to the planning of a 50th Anniversary edition next year.

The arrangements that have been put in place to manage our publications, following the death of Gordon Batho and the winding up of the *History of Education* project, mean that some of our books can now be bought at Durham County Record Office. I see this as a major step forward for the Society and would like to thank the County Archivist, Liz Bregazzi, for the support she has given us, particularly in providing storage for our books.

Nevertheless, there are a number of challenges facing the Society in its 50th year. The need for *new blood* on the Council will be a key issue at this year's AGM. In the next year we will need to appoint a new Editor and Treasurer and review the duties of the Secretary so that more help is provided to arrange meetings and events.

I do hope that you will come and support the Society on 21st September; we have an excellent speaker after lunch in Chris Lloyd from the Northern Echo.

I look forward to seeing you.

Win Stokes - DCLHS Chair

**The 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Society will be held in  
the Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham  
on Saturday 21 September 2013 at 11.00 a.m.**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting held on May 2012 (see pages 3 & 4)**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Report of Council for 2012/2013 (see pages 9 & 10)**
- 5. Report of Secretary**
- 6. Report of Journal Editors**
- 7. Report of Newsletter editor**
- 8. Election of Council Members (notice on page 12)**
- 9. Appointment of Auditor**
- 10. Report of Treasurer and Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2012/2013 (see pages 11 & 12)**
- 11. Appointment of two representatives to St. Mary-le-Bow Trust**
- 12. Any other business**

**At 1.15 p.m, following a buffet lunch, the David Reid Memorial Lecture will be given by Chris Lloyd entitled :**

***Of Fish and Actors*  
*a history of the Darlington Theatre***

**Tea/coffee will be served from 10.45 a.m. for those attending the AGM**

# **Minutes of the forty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Saturday, 12 May 2012 at 11.00 am at Durham County Hall.**

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Lord Barnard, Jennifer Gill, Canon Ian Gomersall, Beryl & Murray Hinton, Martin Roberts and Jean Stirk.

## **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the forty-seventh AGM, previously circulated, were adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair (Dr. Stokes).

## **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Report of Council 2011/2012**

The Council's report was approved by the AGM. There was, however, discussion about the membership numbers given in the report. Dr Burdon said that receipts from membership fees in 2011/2012 showed that a significant proportion of members were in arrears with their payments. Mr Robson agreed and said that he considered that reminder should go out in the next Newsletter requiring payment from those who had not paid by 31 December 2012 in order for them to continue membership and receive mailings. This course of action was agreed.

## **5. Report of Journal Editors**

Miss McCollum reported that Journal 77 would shortly be published and that there were a number of articles awaiting publication for future volumes. It was agreed that the possibility of publishing a second volume of the Journal in 2012 should be considered at the next Council meeting.

## **6. Report of Editor and Sales Organiser**

Professor Batho said that no new publications had been started this year and that he was still awaiting manuscripts for those publications discussed at the 2011 AGM. Sales of our existing, now ageing, book stock had generally been slow.

## **7. Report of Newsletter Editor**

Dr Hamilton asked for items for Newsletter 88, which, it was agreed, should be sent out in the same mailing as Journal 77. Mrs Graham suggested that, in order to save postal costs, the Newsletter should be sent out by e-mail if possible. It was, therefore, agreed to request members' e-mail addresses in the next Newsletter and to include that request on a revised Membership Form.

## **8. Election of Council members**

The following members were elected to serve on the Council:

Professor G R Batho	Ms M-T Pinder
Mr J R Race	Mr G K Wallis

## **9. Appointment of Auditor**

Mr Nigel Ball was reappointed as Auditor, with the Society's thanks for his efforts.

## **10. Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2011/2012**

Dr. Burdon gave a presentation on the accounts, which demonstrated that subscriptions were not covering expenditure, although donation and gift aid income meant that the Society still had a surplus for the year. In view of the large increase in postal charges and the need to ensure that donated income was reserved for the purposes of funding publications other than the Journal, he recommended an increase in subscriptions starting on 1 April 2013. There was a lengthy discussion on what the new subscription rates should be. This resulted in the following being approved by an almost unanimous vote :

Individual Members	£15.00
Joint Members (two individuals living at the same address)	£18.00
Students & those on means tested benefits	£5.00
Institutions	£20.00

## **11. St. Mary-le-Bow Trust**

Miss McCollum and Dr. Banham were re-appointed as the Society's representatives on the St. Mary-le-Bow Trust.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Dr Stokes said that, in addition to initiatives by the County Durham History & Heritage Forum, in particular, the organising of a revived Yesterday belongs to you at County Hall in May 2013, there were some new extra mural developments related to Durham and Newcastle Universities that would be being publicised shortly. Durham University's North East Heritage Project, which had been launched with Heritage Lottery Funding on 28 April, had asked her to serve on its steering group. Related to this, Dr Banham raised the question of whether these extra-mural initiatives might influence the Society's programme running up to the 50th Anniversary in 2014. He tabled a partial programme for the period up to May 2014 and asked for feedback on this and suggestions for events. Dr Hamilton suggested that to mark the 50th Anniversary that the Society should institute a prize for the best article/monograph submitted for publication.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm and was followed at 1.15 pm by the David Reid Memorial Lecture given by Dr Roz Southey entitled :

*Entertaining and useful - North East music round 1800*

**This year's David Reid Memorial Lecture  
will be given by Chris Lloyd**

**Deputy Editor of the Northern Echo**

Chris will give a multi media presentation on the  
history of the Darlington Theatre entitled



**... OF FISH  
& ACTORS**

**1.15 pm Saturday  
21 September at  
County Hall, Durham**

**BOOK FOR THE AGM BUFFET BEFORE THE LECTURE**

Please send me ..... buffet tickets at £6.00

Total    £ .....

Make cheques payable to **DURHAM COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
and send a stamped/addressed envelope to Mike Robson, DCLHS,  
2A The Links, Belmont, Durham DH1 2AG by Tuesday 10 September  
***You will then receive a ticket for the buffet, which will start at  
approximately 12 noon following the AGM***

As well as being the Society's 50th year, 2014 sees the start of the national commemoration of the First World War. It is hoped that DCLHS members will take the opportunity to attend the two events shown here and that proposals will be forthcoming for relevant articles for the DCLHS Journal.



# The Western Front Association

## Durham Branch

In Partnership with Beamish Museum

### 1914 - 2014 Centenary Conference

### Britain, Germany and the First World War

#### Dr John Bourne

(University of Birmingham Centre for War Studies)  
Britain's 'Way in War':  
British Strategy in 1914

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#### Prof. Holger Afflerbach

(University of Leeds)  
Germany's Strategy in 1914

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#### Prof. Eric Grove

(University of Salford)  
British Naval Strategy in 1914:  
Decisive Action Prevented?

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#### Peter Hart

(Imperial War Museum)  
The British Expeditionary Force in 1914



**Saturday 6 September 2014**

10:00 - 16:30 (Doors open 09:00)

Cornerstones,  
Chester-le-Street Methodist Church,  
North Burns, Chester-le-Street  
DH3 3TF

Ticket Price £20  
(includes tea/ coffee, buffet lunch)

For Tickets Please Contact:

Phone: 07594964930

E-mail: [wfadurham.events@live.co.uk](mailto:wfadurham.events@live.co.uk)

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# County Durham History & Heritage Forum



Commemorating  
World War One  
**CDHHF AGM**

Saturday 16 November 2013

9.30 am - 1pm

COUNTY HALL, DURHAM.

# DCLHS PUBLICATION PRICES 2013

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THE MINERS' HALL IN DURHAM**

## **Available from DCLHS**

D. Butler (ed) <i>Durham 1849 Public Health Report</i>	£6.00
D. Butler <i>Tithe Apportionments and Maps of the City of Durham</i>	£6.00
T. Corfe et al (ed) <i>An Historical Atlas of County Durham</i>	£6.00
D. Cross <i>Joseph Bouet's Durham</i>	£5.00
C. Newman <i>The Bowes of Streatlam</i>	£4.00
J. V. Stirk <i>The Lost Mills - a history of papermaking in County Durham</i>	£10.00
W. Stokes (ed) <i>Henry Green - memoirs of a Primitive Methodist</i>	£4.00

## **Available from both Durham County Record Office and DCLHS**

G.R. Batho (ed) <i>Durham Biographies Volumes 1-4 and Volume 6</i>	£4.00 each
G. Bush <i>Durham &amp; the Pilgrimage of Grace</i>	£3.00
K. Emsley & C.M. Fraser <i>The Courts of the County Palatine of Durham</i>	£3.00
A. Heesom <i>Durham City &amp; its MPs</i>	£3.00
J. Lown <i>Memories of my life in Tantobie in the Thirties</i>	£3.00
D.S. Reid <i>The Durham Crown Lordships</i>	£3.00

Copies of the current **DCLHS Journal** are available at £5.00 each (sent to Members at the time of publication)

Off-prints from all DCLHS Bulletins and Journals are available from PDF at a cost of £2.00 per article (including postage) – see [www.durhamweb.org.uk/dclhs](http://www.durhamweb.org.uk/dclhs) for titles of all articles.

To purchase books from DCLHS please send a cheque made payable to  
*Durham County Local History Society* to :

**The Secretary DCLHS, c/o 21 St. Mary's Grove, Tudhoe Village, Spennymoor DL16 6LR**

Unless otherwise stated STANDARD POSTAGE & PACKING is £2.50 per item.  
For bulk purchases contact the Secretary by e-mail before placing your order :

[jdbdclhs@gmail.com](mailto:jdbdclhs@gmail.com)

# REPORT OF COUNCIL TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

The Council of the Society has met five times since the last AGM in May 2012. Meetings took place on 12 July 2012, 6 September 2012, 7 February 2013, 4 April 2013 and 27 June 2013. The April 2013 meeting was not quorate.

## Membership

By 31 March 2013 membership of the Society had declined substantially to about 160 compared to the 279 calculated for 31 March 2012. The increase in subscription and a request to non-payers to pay by November 2012 has meant that we have lost significant numbers of members.

## Finance

The Society's Accounts for 2011/12 have been certified by our auditor. Details of the Accounts for 2012/2013 are on pages 11 & 12.

## Events

The Society has been represented at the following events during 2012/2013 :

- 2 June 2012 Sunderland History Fair
- 23/24 June 2012 CDHFF History Awareness Days, Hardwick Park
- 18 May 2013 Yesterday belongs to you at County Hall

This latter event was organised for the first time by the County Durham History & Heritage Forum. The Society is represented on the Committee of the Forum by its Chair, Secretary and Council member, Geoff Wallis. A contribution of £250 as sponsorship for the event was approved by the Council at its meeting held on 7 February 2013 and an extract from the Minutes of that meeting is given below:

### ***County Durham History & Heritage Forum/ Yesterday belongs to you***

*The Chair reported that the Forum had received a grant of £1,000 from the Sir James Knott Trust towards the cost of the event (this would be administered by the County Durham VCH as the Forum was not a registered charity). The Secretary said that, following the Council meeting on 29 November, Dr. Burdon, Professor Batho and Ms. Pinder had all indicated support in principle to a grant being made by the Society towards the costs of the event. Dr. Stokes, Dr. Banham and Mr. Wallis then declared an interest as officers of the committee of the County Durham History & Heritage Forum and did not take part in the following decision. Miss Gill, Dr. Hamilton, Miss McCollum, Mr. Hird, Mr. Race and Mr. Robson unanimously agreed to a grant of £250 being given by the Society towards the costs of Yesterday belongs to you.*

## Talks

Six talks were arranged during the year. In September, at Van Mildert College, Dr Craig Barclay spoke on *A Little Barrel of Ducatoons: medieval and early modern coinage in NE England*. In October we returned to St Giles Church

Hall and David Butler gave his talk on *Christina's Bridge: The Origins of Stockley Railway Bridge*. In January, Rev. Ruth Crofton spoke on *Dickens in the North*. This was followed in February by Francis' Gotto's presentation on Durham Guilds. In March, Martin Roberts talked about *The Architectural Woodwork of John Cosin*. However, a Programme Secretary is urgently needed and no talks have been arranged for October and November 2013.

### **Publicity**

Media releases and posters have been sent out to mark the talks listed above.

### **Journal & Newsletter**

Journal 77 was distributed in July 2012. Unfortunately, due to the illness of our Journal Editor, Pat Mussett, Journal 78 has been much delayed. However, thanks to the efforts of Margaret McCollum publication round the time of this AGM is our target. We wish Pat all the best for his recovery.

Following the resignation of the Newsletter Editor in July 2012, only one Newsletter has been published. In February 2013, Newsletter 88 was posted on the website and e-mailed to those members who supplied their e-mail addresses. In addition, a limited number of paper copies were posted to those members who indicated that they wished to continue to receive a traditional mailing.

### **Publications**

Sadly, our Publications Editor, Emeritus Professor Gordon Batho died on 13 February 2013. Gordon had a significant impact on the Society's publications instituting the *Durham Biographies* series in 2000 and using his charity, *the History of Education Project*, to organise and distribute our publications from the MIners' Hall. Regrettably, this arrangement ended with Gordon's death and the Society's Council had to make speedy arrangements in March and April of this year to find a new store for the book stock. Happily, the County Archivist, Liz Bregazzi, has provided storage space at County Hall. As acknowledgement of this most welcome support, the Council agreed that some of our older publications be passed to the County Record Office for sale there. The Secretary is now dealing with inquiries for books via the Society's Website and has a stock of books at St. David's Church Hall, Tudhoe.

The Society has two publications it wishes to proceed with in the next year. Firstly, *A History of Coke making in County Durham* being written by Win Stokes and, secondly, a book by Colin Ryder entitled *A visit to the seaside: a history of County Durham railway excursions from the 1840s to the 1960s*.

### **Website**

This is currently being maintained by the Secretary but a Webmaster is needed to make improvements.

## Receipts and payments accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013

	Notes	2012/13	2011/12
<b>Member related</b>			
<b>Income:</b>		£	£
Subscriptions		1,868	1,713
Bank Interest		7	7
Donations		112	30
Reserved Bequest		0	884
Gift Aid	1	0	481
AGM		126	0
Journal Sales		<u>5</u>	<u>55</u>
		2,118	3,170
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Journal printing		428	570
Journal expenses		197	229
Newsletter		30	98
AGM expenses		343	135
Duplicating		0	9
Postage		510	429
Stationery		105	63
Officers expenses		0	0
Subscriptions to Societies		127	77
Room Hire		156	105
Speakers		200	160
Promotional expenses		17	0
Other		<u>79</u>	<u>66</u>
		2,192	1,941
<b>Member related Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>(74)</b>	<b>1,229</b>
<b>Publishing related</b>			
<b>Income:</b>			
Sale of Publications		321	329
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Printing publications		0	0
Publication expenses		0	0
Post & Packing		0	171
Storage		<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
		400	571
<b>Publishing related Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>(79)</b>	<b>(242)</b>
<b>Total surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(153)</b>	<b>987</b>

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## Balance Sheet at 31 March 2013

	Notes	2012/13 £	2011/12 £
Cash at Bank			
Current Account		1,498	1,658
Deposit Account		<u>14,592</u>	<u>14,585</u>
		16,090	16,243
Accumulated Fund			
At start of year		16,243	15,256
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(153)</u>	<u>987</u>
		16,090	16,243

### Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013

1. Gift Aid for the year ending year ending 31 March 2013

## ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013

### Item 8 of the Agenda

The Constitution allows for between 12 and 20 members of Council. There are currently 13 members of Council, 5 of whom retire in 2013

Nominations are, therefore, invited for Members who wish to stand for election to the Society's Council.

Nominations should be received by the Secretary at the address below no later than noon on Monday 16 September 2013

[e-mail nominations will be accepted]

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Secretary

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