

Durham County Local History Society

NEWS : APRIL 2018

FORTHCOMING TALKS AT THE CITY THEATRE **Saturday afternoons at 2.30 pm**

14 April 2018 : Dr Adrian Green

New College, Durham - the conversion of Durham Cathedral into a university in the 1650s

12 May 2018 : Dr Alex Brown

Recession and Recovery in County Durham, 1400- 1640



8 September 2018 : Dr Debbie Smith

James Losh's Diaries: What they tell us about weather and life in early nineteenth century Newcastle

6 October 2018 : David Butler

Turnpike Trustee Tantrums: The West Auckland and Darlington Turnpike in the 1780s

10 November 2018 : Dr John Banham

Behind The Lines : making a film about Spennymoor's contribution to medical services in the Great War

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all our members for continuing to support the Society.

Subscriptions are due from 1st April 2018- rates remain at £15 for individual members, £18 for joint members and £20 for institutional members.

If you are paying by a cheque please post this to :

The Membership Secretary, 2a The Links, Cheveley Park, Durham City, DH1 2AG

We have a small but significant number of members who have not updated their standing orders to the current subscription rates. It is over five years since the subscription rates were increased, so, as discussed at last year's AGM, these members will now be informed that, if the full subscription rate is not paid by 30 June 2018, we will cease sending them copies of the Journal.

AGM NEWS

The draft 2017 AGM minutes can be read on our website

A provisional date for the Society's 54th AGM has been set for Saturday 9 June at County Hall, Durham between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm. A buffet lunch will be available. The *David Reid Memorial Lecture* will also be given on that day, details of which will be in the AGM Papers.

DCLHS JOURNAL

Journal 82 is now published on the theme of the County's rivers. There won't be a theme for Journal 83, but please get to work writing up your research or let Mark Egan know of books for review or people to approach to write articles. Mark is considering having another themed edition in 2020 – it might seem a long way off but it's not! Perhaps Durham women? If you have an idea let him know at marksanddancer@googlemail.com

COUNTY DURHAM FORUM FOR HISTORY & HERITAGE

The Forum's AGM was held recently and included presentations on the theme of County Durham after the First World War under the overall title of *County Durham 1919-29 : A land fit for heroes?* The event was well received and the Forum wants to make this topic the theme for the next *Yesterday belongs to You* event in Summer 2019.

The Forum Committee is currently consulting on whether there is support from its members for this event to be held at Beamish Museum again. Details of the consultation can be seen on the Forum's website along with details of some of the presentations given at the AGM - see : www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum

The Society's Council will be discussing this shortly and if you would like to comment on either the 1920s theme or the Beamish venue please contact the Secretary at :

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