

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 8TH – 11TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Ken Bradshaw of the Limestone Landscapes Partnership is looking for volunteers to staff the following sites for half days during the period 8th – 11th September 2011:

- Seaham St Mary's Church and Headland
- Bishop Middleham: site of the Bishop's medieval residence
- Old Cassop and Cassop Vale
- Garmondsway: site of medieval village
- Coxhoe Hall site
- Ludworth Tower
- Dalden Tower and dene
- Church of St Mary, Monk Hesledon
- Hawthorn Dene and Beacon Hill
- Windlestone Hall and park
- Quarrington Hill Crowtrees Colliery and Cold Knuckles quarry
- Haswell Plough Engine House and former colliery.

If you would like to help, please contact Ken Bradshaw on 0191 383 3359.

CBA FESTIVAL IN DURHAM: EATING THROUGH TIME

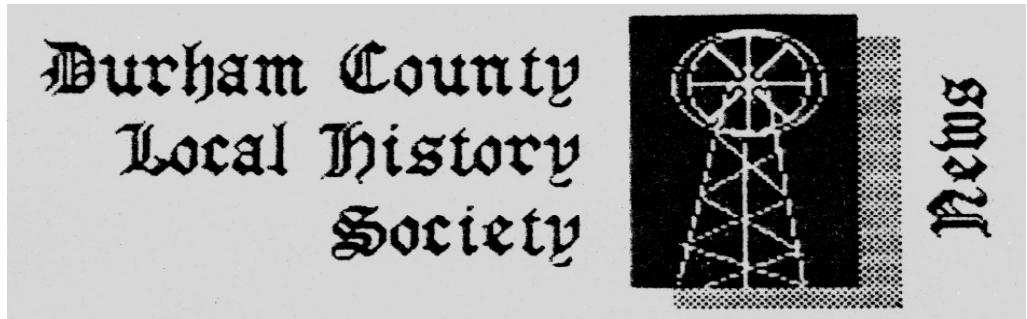
The CBA Festival of Archaeology will take place in Durham University on Saturday 30th July. The theme will be "Eating through Time" and will explore how archaeologists learn about food in the past, and the effects of diet on the human body. There will be short talks and practical sessions in the Department of Archaeology. The event is free and there is no need to register. For further information please see the web page: www.dur.ac.uk/cba.festival2011

FERRYHILL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY – NEW HERITAGE CENTRE

Ferryhill Local History Society has opened a heritage centre in Duncombe Cemetery Chapel in Ferryhill. For further details of their activities and opening times, see www.ferryhillarchives.com

LOCAL HISTORY COURSES IN DURHAM CITY

For details of new courses in Durham City please phone (0191) 373 9252.



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SUMMER 2011

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the society:

- Craig Hunter, Shildon.
- Society of Antiquarians, Great North Museum, Newcastle.
- Mr J. W. Dunn, Consett.
- Mrs Claire Harrison, Bishop Auckland.

DURHAM COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALKS

All talks are to be held at St.Giles parish hall, Gilesgate, Durham DH1 1QQ

Saturday 17 Sep 2011	2.00 pm	John Addyman	How they built them: early civil engineering in County Durham with particular reference to railways
Saturday 15 Oct 2011	2.00 pm	Richard Hird	Nelson & Co. – organ builders of Durham
Saturday 19 Nov 2011	2.00 pm	Sir Arnold Wolfendale	Celebrating the tercentenary of Thomas Wright's birth
Saturday 21 Jan 2012	2.00 pm	Jenny Garnett	The history of Burn Hall
Saturday 18 Feb 2012	2.00 pm	Dr Joan Heggie	The life and art of Viva Talbot (1900-1983)
Saturday 17 Mar 2012	2.00 pm	John L Dixon	Researching the 70 th Brigade

DURHAM COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY AGM

Next year's AGM and David Reid Memorial Lecture is planned for Saturday 12th May 2012 and we are pleased to announce that Roz Southey, the music historian and novelist, will be our speaker. Details of the venue are still being arranged and will be announced later.

LIMESTONE LANDSCAPES DAY OF DISCOVERY

The event on Saturday 6th August, 2011 at Rainton Meadows is fully booked. Another event is being planned for later in the year. For details contact Ken Bradshaw : email: ken.bradshaw@durham.gov.uk Tel: 0191 383 3359.

SUNDERLAND HISTORY FAIR

The 4th Sunderland History Fair will be held at the Seaburn Centre, Sunderland on Saturday 2nd June 2012. Details will be available later. For further information please email: Historyfair2012@uwclub.net or phone 0191 567 8887.

KILLHOPE LEAD MINING MUSEUM

The August issue of **Who Do You Think You Are?** Magazine, will include a feature on lead mining in the Pennines, with information from Killhope Lead Mining Museum.

NEW WEBSITES

Sunderland History Forum has a new website: www.sunderlandheritage.org.uk
The Victoria County History's site is now: www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk
Durham in Time has a new website : www.durhamintime.org.uk

BOOK ABOUT LONGOVICIUM

The Lanchester Partnership and the Friends of Longovicium launched their new book, *A Roman Town at Lanchester* on 9th July 10.30 am – 2.30 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. For more details phone 01388 762620.

NEW BOOKS

Sunderland Wills and Inventories, 1601-1650, published by the Surtees Society, is edited by Joan Briggs, Rita McGhee, John Smith, Jennifer Tindell, Ann Tumman and Xenia Webster. Printed and distributed by Boydell and Brewer at the price of £50, the book provides transcriptions of wills and inventories which can be used by family and social historians. The Surtees Society Publications are taken by most local studies libraries up and down the country. More details of this book can be seen at its page on Boydell & Brewer's website:

www.boydellandbrewer.com

Fishing in Hartlepool by Malcolm Cook, is published by The History Press (price £13.49). The book traces the rise and fall of fishing in this area from open cobles and steam trawlers to the present-day decline of just a few inshore trawlers. Widely illustrated, this book also includes a comprehensive register of Hartlepool-owned fishing vessels since 1869, revealing the strong generational links that local families have always had with the sea.

The Keelmen of Tyneside: Labour Organisation & Conflict in the North-East Coal Industry, 1600-1830 by Joseph M. Fewster is published by Boydell and Brewer, price £60. This book charts the history of the keelmen from the early seventeenth century to the point where technological advances made them redundant in the course of the nineteenth century. It describes how the importance of their work placed them in a strong position in industrial disputes, especially since they could shut off the coal supply to London. It examines their numerous turbulent battles with rapacious employers and unsympathetic magistrates [often themselves involved in the coal trade], their struggles against poverty and eventually against redundancy, and their attempts to gain redress in Parliament and in the law courts. The book also describes the squalid conditions in Sandgate where, as recounted in the folk song, many keelmen and their families lived with a reputation for independence and savage roughness but exhibited impressive solidarity both as an early industrial labour organisation and as a tightly-knit, mutually supportive, and highly self-reliant community.

Durham City in Colour 1960 to 1970 by Michael and Michelle Richardson is published by Amberley Publishing at £14.99. The book includes 180 photos with informative captions capturing a period of great change in Durham City, when a lot of old buildings were demolished. The book can be ordered direct, at a £2 discount, [from gilesgatearchive@aol.com](mailto:fromgilesgatearchive@aol.com) or by phoning 0191 386 5568.