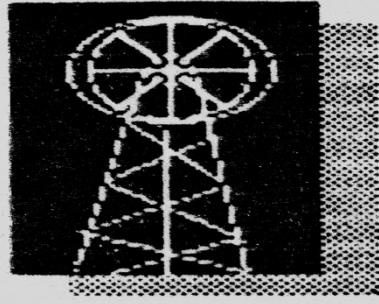


Durham County Local History Society



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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the society:

Jennifer Ward-Lee, East Finchley, London
Dave Shotten, Belmont, Durham
Walter Robert Bell, Ludworth, Durham
Mrs Lorraine Addey, Bourne, Lincolnshire
Eric Stephenson, Hartlepool
Sir Arnold Wolfendale, Durham
Mrs Elizabeth Newby, Durham

DURHAM COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY TALK

Saturday 17th March 2012, at 2.00 pm in St Giles Parish Centre, Gilesgate.
Speaker: John L Dixon, *Researching the 70th Brigade*.

DURHAM COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY AGM

The AGM and David Reid Memorial Lecture will be held on Saturday 12th May 2012 at County Hall, Durham. The AGM starts at 11.00 am and will be followed by a buffet lunch. The lecture will commence at 1.15 pm, speaker Roz Southey:

Entertaining and Useful – North East Music round 1800.

Roz will concentrate entirely on the *history* of music-making in the area and what Charles Avison, the North-east's foremost composer in the 18th century, called its "public utility".

Music-lovers in the 18th century North-East could hear music in church, in taverns, on the streets, in the theatre and in the concert-room. The talk will look at the kind of entertainments available, the musicians who put them on, the people in the audiences and the meaning music had for the average man in the street. It also looks at the involvement of such men as George Bowes of Gibside, John Buddle, the coal viewer, who helped organise concerts in Newcastle, and Spencer Cowper, Dean of Durham Cathedral, a keen observer of musical foibles.

The buffet will cost £6.00 and tickets can be obtained by sending a request with a stamped & addressed envelope to: *Mr. M. Robson, Membership Secretary DCLHS, 2a The Links, Cheveley Park, Belmont, Durham, DH1 2AG*

DEERNESS: A SHORT INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY

The society has recently acquired a small number of this popular book to sell. The book was written by Ken Clark in 1987, and is now on sale for £7 from the society, C/O Professor Batho, History of Education Project, Miners' Hall, Red Hill, Durham, telephone 0191 370 9941.

COUNTY DURHAM HISTORY & HERITAGE FORUM

The third *What's going on between Tyne and Tees* event will be held at County Hall, Durham, on Saturday 24th March between 9.30 am and 1 pm. As this is Olympic Year the theme is Sport and Leisure. John Grundy, the Forum President, will give an introductory talk and we hope to cover a number of sports, both Olympic and non-Olympic, in the subsequent contributions such as swimming, football, cricket etc.

The event is free except for a contribution to the cost of tea or coffee but is by invitation so please register your interest in attending with the Forum's Membership Secretary at cdhhforum@googlemail.com or write to him c/o 22 Oaklea Mews, Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6JP

HARDWICK PARK FAMILY AND HISTORY AWARENESS DAY

Last year the excellent weather helped to make this an enjoyable day out for all the family so the County Durham History and Heritage Forum plan to repeat this on 24th June 2012. Please put the date in your diary. Further information will be available on :

www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum/news.html

NORTHALLERTON DAY CONFERENCE

A day conference entitled *The North Riding of Yorkshire in an Age of Transition 1750-1820* has been organised by the British Association for Local History in conjunction with Northallerton and District Local History Society.

The conference is on Saturday, 29th September, from 10.00 am, finishing at 5.00 pm. The fee is £12.50 which includes coffee breaks, but not lunch. Cheques to be made payable to *Northallerton and District Local History Society – Conference Account*. Email acknowledgements will be sent, but otherwise a stamped addressed envelope is required. For further details about the venue and booking details please contact John Sheehan, NDLS, 4 Arden Mews, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL6 1EN.

THE FOURTH SUNDERLAND HISTORY FAIR

This will be held at the Seaburn Centre, Sunderland on Saturday 2nd June 2012 between 10 am and 4 pm. For details contact 0191 567 8887 or email Historyfair2012@uwclub.net

LOCAL HISTORY DAY IN MANCHESTER

For the first time the British Association for Local History AGM is moving out of London to the Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester on Saturday 16th June 2012. The speaker for the morning session will be Dr Paul Carter.

He will be talking on *Records of the Victorian Poor - Poor Law Union Correspondence: an underused source for local historians*.

Following the AGM, and presentation of the Awards for 2012, the Association's annual lecture will be *The local and the everyday: inter-war women's politics* by Professor Karen Hunt of the Department of History, Keele University.

The cost of the day is £25 for non-members including tea/coffee on arrival and a sandwich lunch. For details see <http://www.balh.co.uk/events.php>

NEW BOOKS

Living the Poor Life: a guide to the poor law union correspondence c 1834-1871 held at the National Archives by Paul Carter and Natalie Whistance is published by the British Association for Local History at £4.99 (inc. postage). It is available from Dr Gill Draper at development.balh@btinternet.com

Barnard Castle & Teesdale through time, by Paul Crystal, is published by Amberley Publishing at £14.99 (www.amberley-books.com) The book contrasts old postcards with modern photographs of settlements in Teesdale.

North East Industries Through Time, by Stafford M Linsley, is published by Amberley Publishing at £14.99 (www.amberley-books.com) It contains a selection of photographs showing industrial sites (collieries, shipyards, ironworks etc) over the last century and how the townscape and landscape of the region have changed.

A History of Sunderland (3rd Editon) by Glen Lyndon Dodds has been published by Albion Press at £24.99. The book has 320 pages, and is available from Sunderland Museum, local bookshops, and on Amazon.

THE DURHAM IN TIME WEBSITE has been expanded to include the Durham Miner Project and the Coal Mining Oral History Project, see : www.durhamintime.org.uk

THE DURHAM MINING MUSEUM has moved to Spennymoor Town Hall.

Opening hours are : Mon-Fri 12 noon to 4 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm.

SPENNYMOOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXHIBITION

An exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the opening of Spennymoor Grammar School (the Alderman Wraith School in Durham Road, Spennymoor) will be shown from 11th May – 30th June, in Spennymoor Town Hall Art Gallery. Opening hours are Mon-Fri 12 noon to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm.