

## What's Going On Between the Tyne & The Tees 2 ?

Saturday 19 March 2011.  
9.30 am – 1.00 pm  
County Hall, Durham

The second annual conference will, once again, be held at County Hall. We hope you can join us. The morning will start with a welcome and introduction from the Forum's President, Mr John Grundy.

The session will include short presentations by Forum members on current research and projects, these will include John L Dixon, 70<sup>th</sup> Brigade researcher and past founding member of the North East War Memorials Project and Jane Whittaker, Principal Keeper at the Bowes Museum.

The main speaker will be John Charlton of the North East Labour History Society.

Booking is required for this event (£3.00 per person to include refreshments). The programme and booking form will be forwarded to the main contact for your society and it can be downloaded from the website:

[www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum](http://www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum)

Please make your booking



# County Durham History & Heritage Forum

News from the Forum, Issue 9, February 2011

The months seem to be moving on at quite a pace so here is the first newsletter of 2011. It's the Forum's ninth issue so now seems a good time to think about the purpose and content of future issues. What would you like to read about? How can the newsletter be of interest or relevance to you or your society?

In the last newsletter I mentioned that we would like to focus on the activities of members and include updates on projects, both old and new as a way of getting to know more about your group and community. At the AGM in November it was mentioned that groups know very little about other Forum members and, in fact, who is actually a member. Whilst the website includes an up to date listing of our membership the newsletter could provide an opportunity to put the focus on yourselves. How about an 'In the Spotlight' feature? This might be an update on projects both old and new, a short 'walk' around your village or community or an update of research, speakers etc. What do you think? I'd welcome your comments on this before the May (our 10<sup>th</sup> issue!) is due.

Whilst we would like you to continue sending in your programme information this may, from time to time, be circulated as a separate item rather than within the newsletter, depending on the amount of copy that we receive. That way we can have a more 'newsy' newsletter. So...please let us have your news! Let's spread the word.

Julie Hawthorn, Committee Member

### Forthcoming local history event

Saturday 14th May 2011 (10 am to 5 pm).

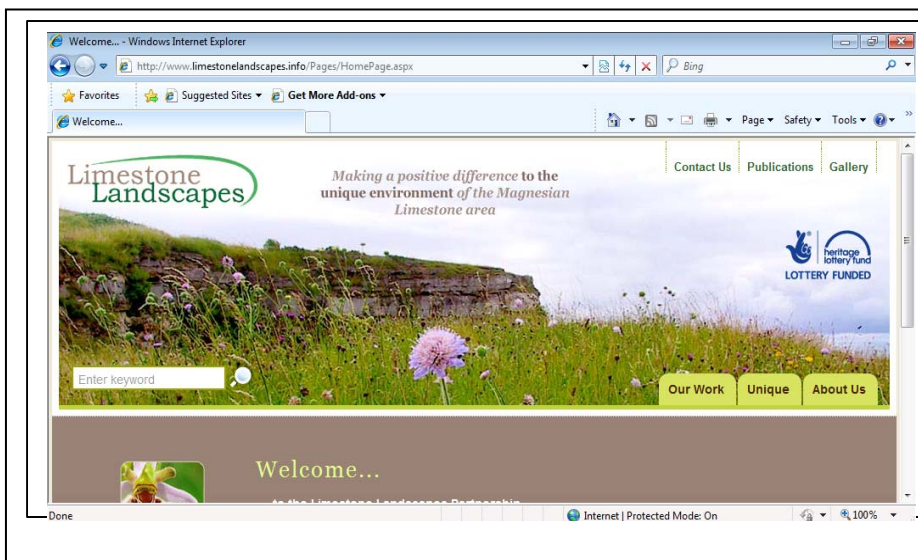
Durham County Council's local and family history fair

#### Yesterday Belongs To You 10

Locomotion - The National Railway Museum at Shildon

Please contact the museum for further details

Hon. President: Mr John Grundy. Chair: Dr Winifred Stokes



## Durham Amateur Football Trust

The Durham Amateur Football Trust (D.A.F.T.) was established in 2006, with the help of an Awards For All lottery grant, in order to celebrate and preserve the rich heritage of North East England. Over the years and with the help of further lottery grants and funding from the County Durham Foundation the Trust has gone from strength to strength.

In 2008 the Trust moved into offices which form part of the Locomotion Museum in Shildon and now houses the collection of football memorabilia. The office is currently staffed four days a week by HLF funded Project Worker Sam Smith, and is open to members of the public Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00-16:00.

A programme of exhibitions and events are held around the County during the year...so keep an eye open for an event near you. A listing of events along with a fully searchable catalogue of the collection can be found on the Trust's website:

<http://www.thedaft.org.uk/>

Email: [daftoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:daftoffice@btconnect.com) Tel: 01388 772524

### Please note:

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Forum please contact:

The Membership Secretary c/o 22 Oaklea Mews, Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6JP or visit the website at:

[www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum](http://www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum)

If you have articles or news for the next newsletter please send the by email (preferably) to [cdhhforum@googlemail.com](mailto:cdhhforum@googlemail.com) or by post to: Glebe House, 19 Aldin Grange Hall, Bearpark, Durham, DH7 7AR

## The Limestone Landscapes Project

In December 2010, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) confirmed that the Limestone Landscapes Partnership submission to the Landscape Partnership Scheme at Stage 2 has been successful.

This has unlocked a grant worth £1.9m over three years and which will attract further match funding and in-kind contributions, to help conserve the distinct character of the Magnesian Limestone Plateau.

The partnership is now embarking on a recruitment phase, ahead of starting the programme in March 2011.

Various project will be undertaken during the next three years; one example being the Village Atlas.

‘Six villages will be engaged in documenting their historic environment and the links to geodiversity and biodiversity by using aerial photography, archives, archaeological data and historic building records and documentary sources to provide a detailed history of each village within its local landscape... The first two villages will be Elwick and Wheatley Hill.’

(Source: [www.limestonelandscapes.info](http://www.limestonelandscapes.info))

To find out more visit the website at:

<http://www.limestonelandscapes.info/pages/HomePage.aspx>

## Project News and Updates

| Organisation or Individual  | Subject 2011   | Subject 2012  | Contact details   |
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| North East War Memorials Project<br>John L Dixon<br>70 Brigade Researcher | 70 Brigade 1939-1944 supported by HLF<br>Combination of Military, Social and Family History.   | 70 Brigade 1939-1944 supported by HLF<br>Combination of Military, Social and Family History.  | 70brigade@newmp.org.uk<br>01388 609608  |
| Bowes Local History Group   | Ongoing study of local history, with particular reference to the "Yorkshire Schools", and exploration of family trees of old-established families in the Teesdale area.  | We would particularly like to hear from anyone with roots in the area who has an interest in genealogy. We have recently begun to look at the Roman history of the area, in partnership with Ken Fairless of Cotherstone. | Cliff Brown <a href="mailto:bbrowncar@aol.com">bbrowncar@aol.com</a><br>01833 628373              |
| Wheatley Hill History Club  | <p>LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY DAY<br/>SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2011<br/>Wheatley Hill Workingmens Club 9.30 – 1.00</p> <p>We are inviting anyone with a research interest in the Wheatley Hill, Thornley, Ludworth area of East Durham to use this event to showcase their family history or any other research relevant to the area.</p> <p>Tables can be booked and are free – they are only small (about 3ft x 2ft) but display stands can be used too, as long as we know in advance.</p> <p>The Durham Mining Museum, Clayport Library, The NE War Memorials Project and Durham Records online have all confirmed their attendance at the event.</p> |   | Margaret Hedley 01429 820813<br>history.club2@btinternet.com                                      |
| AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY                                    | RAILWAYS EXHIBITION<br>SEPT/OCT 2011   |   | B. Gargate, Secretary, c/o 2 Lowfields, School Aycliffe. Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QW                 |
| Anne McKenzie<br>Member of the Friends of Longovicium                     | Publishing a booklet about the vicus at Longovicium.<br>Continuing research on local Roman remains.<br>Ongoing research.   |   | Malcolm.mckenzie.<br>mckenzie@btinternet.com  |
| Durham University Library Special Collections                             | Tithe records digitisation: digital images of plans, and transcriptions of apportionments (by volunteers). Online date tbc.  |   | Francis Gotto or Richard Higgins: 0191 334 2972.  |
| Architectural & Archaeological Society of Durham & Northumberland         | Binchester Excavation Project<br><br>Hornby Castle excavations   |   | david.mason@durham.gov.uk/0191 370 8842<br><br>rubyna.matthews@btinternet.com/01609 773393        |
| Coxhoe History Group:<br><br>Barbara Leo                                  | Research any links to Coxhoe & Cornforth   |   | <a href="mailto:Barbaraleo88@googlemail.com">Barbaraleo88@googlemail.com</a><br>Tel 01740 620 869 |

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| Jack Turton                  | Coxhoe Hall, Local Pubs   | <a href="mailto:jackturton@btopenworld.com">jackturton@btopenworld.com</a><br>tel: 0191 377 0771   |
| Mr & Mrs Hepplewhite         | Winterton Hospital<br>Clarence Railway  | <a href="mailto:bhepplewhite@btinternet.com">bhepplewhite@btinternet.com</a>   |
| Thorpe Thewles History Group | War Time Memories & Monuments Project – Research into the WWII history of Grindon Parish and its immediate surroundings. This project is based on both archival and oral history research plus original field work for identifying and recording local military and civil defence works. The first part of this partially CBA Grant funded project is now drawing to close.   | Mark Smith Tel:(01740) 630014 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:tt.hg@virgin.net">tt.hg@virgin.net</a><br>For further details see the <a href="#">Meetings, News, Events &amp; Projects</a> of the TTHG Website.  |
|                              | Thorpe Leazes Farm History Project – A historical survey of the farm and land around Thorpe Leazes Farm. Commissioned by the farm’s current owners Tom Walker & Sons (Cheese Packers & Distributors). This project is primarily based on archival history plus elements of genealogical and field name research.  | Sarah Hillier<br>Tel: (01740) 630736 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:tt.hg@virgin.net">tt.hg@virgin.net</a>   |
|                              | The David McLaren Diary Project – Transcription leading to the planned partial publication of a set of recently discovered (at a car boot sale in Hull) Edwardian teenage schoolboy’s diaries (1911-13) that once belonged to David McLaren. These diaries are not only an excellent source of Grindon Parish history but also give an excellent view of one school boy’s view of national sporting plus world events in the years leading up to the Great War. David belonged to an eminent farming family who moved from Brancepeth to Thorpe Thewles in the late nineteenth century. | Sarah Hillier<br>Tel: (01740) 630736 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:tt.hg@virgin.net">tt.hg@virgin.net</a>   |
|                              | Grindon Parish Survey of Great War Service Personnel – A long-term project to record the names plus service history and family backgrounds of those from Grindon Parish who served in the Great War. While much of the research associated with those men who are recorded on the Parish’s Roll of Honour has now been completed the more difficult task of identifying and researching those from the Parish who survived the war and lived to return to the UK.   | Sarah Hillier<br>Tel: (01740) 630736 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:tt.hg@virgin.net">tt.hg@virgin.net</a><br>For a snap shot of the details of those men so far researched from the Grindon Parish Roll of Honour see the <a href="#">downloadable presentation</a> on the TTHG websites. |
|                              | Grindon Parish Area Historic Walks Booklet Project – The compilation and planned publication of a set of illustrated walks based on public rights of way in and around Grindon Parish. Each walk will incorporate a historical commentary of the places, buildings and landscape through which each path passes.  | Sarah Hillier<br>Tel: (01740) 630736 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:tt.hg@virgin.net">tt.hg@virgin.net</a>   |