



# County Durham History & Heritage Forum

News from the Forum, Issue 15, September 2012

Dear Members

Here is the 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the CD History and Heritage Forum newsletter. I hope, despite the weather, that you have had an enjoyable summer.

The Forum hosted a Family Weekend at Hardwick Park in June of this year. This was the second year that we held the event and it was felt that it had gone well. The weather was not as kind at the previous year which was particularly warm but considering this summer's rainfall we got off pretty lightly. We plan to host the event again next year so please put the 22/23 June, 2013 in your diaries. We would like to have more children's activities to encourage interest at next year's event so please have a think and let us have your ideas.

This year's AGM will be held in Committee Room 2 at County Hall, Durham on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30-1.00pm. John Grundy will give a welcome and introduction and we have Chris Lloyd of the Northern Echo coming to give a talk on the journalist and editor, W.T. Stead, who died on the Titanic in 1912. There will also be an opportunity for members to speak on current projects. A booking form is available from the Forum's website.

Plans for next year's *Yesterday Belongs to You* Local and Family History Fair are progressing. If you would like to book a table or need further information please contact Allan Harley on 01207 504392 or email: [allanharley@aol.com](mailto:allanharley@aol.com)

We would welcome more articles and snippets of news for future newsletters so please keep them coming in.

Julie Hawthorn, Committee member

## Contact Us

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 via email at [cdhhforum@googlemail.com](mailto:cdhhforum@googlemail.com) or on [blair@bdavid071.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:blair@bdavid071.orangehome.co.uk)

If you have items for the newsletter please send via email to [cdhhforum@googlemail.com](mailto:cdhhforum@googlemail.com) or c/o 19 Aldin Grange Hall, Bearpark, Durham, DH7 7AR

You can forward items for inclusion on the website to John Banham at [cdhhforum@googlemail.com](mailto:cdhhforum@googlemail.com)  
Website: <http://www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum/index.html>

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## THE CLEVELAND AND TEESSIDE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY PRIZE 2013

### (The J.T.Packett Prize)

Every two years the Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society awards a prize of £200 for a newly researched essay on a local history topic. This was made possible by a bequest from the late Mr. John Packett, who was a member of the Society for many years. The closing date for entries for the 2013 prize is the end of March 2013. The competition is open to any amateur historian or student whether they are a member of the society or not.

Under the rules of the competition, the judges, at their discretion, may award an additional prize of £50 for an essay which, in their view, shows potential. The entries will be forwarded to the judges anonymously.

Your subject must be a local history topic, related in some way to the Cleveland and Teesside area. It could be something which relates to the whole district, or just to a small part – a town, a village, a street or a building. It could be about a person, a place, an activity, or a comparison between things. The possibilities are legion! If you are not sure whether your chosen subject is suitable, or if you'd like to write about something more than about 20 miles from the River Tees, please contact our Secretary straight away to check whether your choice will be acceptable.

Your sources of information must be clearly identified. You can include illustrations if you wish, but your entry will be judged on what you have written, so an essay with no illustrations will stand just as much chance as any other. You'll be expected to confirm that your entry is original and has not been submitted for publication anywhere else, or for any other prize. The length of your essay isn't important really. The judges will be looking for quality, not length. As a rough guide, you should be aiming at somewhere between 2,000 and 5,000 words, but that's only a very rough guide. Longer or shorter essays will be accepted. Each entrant will be expected to give permission for his or her essay to be published by the Society. This means that your essay could be published in *Cleveland History*, at the Editor's discretion of course. Even if you don't win the £200 prize, you might still have the satisfaction of seeing your work in print.

The next step is to send for an application form and a set of rules. You can get these from the society's secretary: Geoff Braddy, 150 Oxford Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough TS5 5EL (or e-mail [gibraddy@btinternet.com](mailto:gibraddy@btinternet.com) )

Please remember that this competition is not open to professional historians. The prize is intended to encourage amateurs and first-time writers to have a go. Even if you don't win, you will enjoy researching your chosen subject, and your finished work might still be suitable for publication in *Cleveland History*.

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#### **Local Publication**

The first two volumes of *Steetley: Dolomite and Seawater Operations in the North of England* by Robert Dunn and John Smiles are available for purchase from J Smiles. Email: [smilesjohn0@gmail.com](mailto:smilesjohn0@gmail.com) or tel: 0191 3846215. The final book, Volume 3 is currently being prepared.

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## Events Around the County

### **North Yorkshire County Record Office in association with Northallerton & District Local History Society – Lunchtime Talk**

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, at 12.30**

Venue: North Yorkshire County Record Office, Malpas Road, Northallerton

‘A Singular Act of Lunacy – the Howsham Mill Project’

By Mo McLeod, Chair of the Renewable Heritage Trust

Entry fee for talk is £2.00 and includes light refreshments

For bookings contact John Sheehan on 01609 771878

### **Local Family History Day, Wheatley Hill History Club**

**Saturday, 29 September. 9.30am – 1.30pm**

Venue: Wheatley Hill WMC

Admission £1.00

A Unique Event in East Durham – refreshments, Family & Local History Publications, Displays, Classic Cars, Cleveland Family History Society, Northumberland Family History Society and much more...

Also open:

All Saints Church from 1pm – 3pm photo displays and opportunity to search the Parish Registers

Heritage Centre from 2pm – 4pm, Search the Burial Register and the huge photo archive

Refreshments available at all three venues.

Further information from: [history.club2@btinternet.com](mailto:history.club2@btinternet.com)

### **The British Association for Local History in conjunction with Northallerton & District Local History Society**

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am – 5.00pm**

Day Conference

‘The North Riding of Yorkshire in an Age of Transition 1750-1820’ The social and economic development of a rural county

Fee: £12.50 (includes refreshment breaks) a finger buffet is available at £5.50

For further information and booking please contact John Sheehan on 01609 771878 or visit the website as [www.northyorkshistory.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshistory.co.uk)

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**Northallerton & District Local History Society**  
**Country House visit, Swinton Castle, Masham**

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am – 5.00pm**

Part of the weekend of 'The North Riding of Yorkshire in and Age of Transisiton 1750-1820' conference

A series of talks on the Swinton Castle Estate and opportunity to visit the town for the Sheep Fair

Inclusive cost for the day (including lunch and refreshments) £35 per person

For further information visit the website: [www.northyorkshistory.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshistory.co.uk) or call John Sheehan on 01609 771878

**Sedgefield Local History Society**  
**Talks programme**

**Monday, 1 October**

Chris Clennell: 'Dilston Castle and its Ghosts'

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Alison Hodgson: 'Sedgefield in Victorian Times'

**Monday, 3 December**

Eve Gamblin: 'A German Christmas'

Venue: Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield at 7.45pm Further information from

<http://www.durhamintime.org.uk/Sedgefield/index.htm>

**Durham County Local History Society**  
**Talks Programme**

**Saturday, 22 September, 2.00pm**

Talk in conjunction with Durham University's North East Heritage Partnership to be held at the Lakeside Dining Room in Van Mildert College, Mill Hill Lane, Durham

Dr Craig Barclay: *A Little Barrel of Ducatoons: medieval and early modern coinage in North East England*

**The following talks will be held at St Giles Church Hall, Gilesgate, Durham**

**Saturday, 20 October, 2.00pm**

David Butler: *Christina's Bridge: The Origins of Stockley Railway Bridge*

**Saturday, 19 January 2013, 2.00pm**

Rev. Ruth Crofton: *Dickens in the North*

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## **Tudhoe & Spennymoor Local History Society**

### **Talks Programme**

Meetings are held at St. David's Church Hall, Tudhoe Lane, Spennymoor

#### **Monday, 24 September at 7.30 pm**

Chris Lloyd: *Darlington Civic Centre*

#### **Monday, 22 October at 7.30 pm**

Annual General Meeting: *Mike Ord's Armchair Walk no. 14*

#### **Monday, 26 November at 7.30 pm**

Martin Roberts: *Slipping down the ladder: the decline of Weardale's great Elizabethan houses*

## **Barnard Castle United Reformed Church and Barnard Castle History Society**

### **Saturday, 6 October 2012, 10.00 am – 4.00pm**

Venue: Barnard Castle United Reform Church, Hall Street, Barnard Castle

Dissent in Teesdale in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and its Legacy

A seminar to commemorate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'The Great Ejectment' of 1662

Speakers:

Win Stokes: The Great Ejectment and the Origins of nonconformity in the North East

Elizabeth Conran: Some Early Dissenters in Teesdale

Lindsay Varner: The Rise of Quakerism in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Teesdale

David Clarke: Early Baptists and Hamsterley Baptist Chapel

Eric Barnes: Legacy – The Revd. William Luke Prattman jr and the Congregational Chapel in Barnard Castle

Bring your own picnic lunch. Hot drinks will be provided.

Price for the day - £10.00

Tickets from Mr E Barnes, 53 Woodside, Barnard Castle DL12 8DZ

## **North East Methodist History Society (Affiliated to the Wesley Historical Society)**

### **Saturday, 13 October, 2012, 2.00 pm**

The Autumn Lecture 2012

'Sanctification and the Wesleys'

Presented by Rev. Julie A. Lunn

Venue: Annfield Plain Methodist Church, Railway Street, Annfield Plain

All are welcome: Admission £2.00 for non-members. High Tea will be available at £6.00 per person. Please notify attendance to Tel. 0191 2132205 by 5<sup>th</sup> October.

The Annual General Meeting will follow this presentation

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## **Aycliffe Village Local History Society Talks Programme**

### **10th October**

Jenny Garnett - "The History of Burn Hall Estate"

### **7th November**

Gordon Morris - "The Later Edens of Windlestone Hall"

### **5th December**

AGM and Social Evening

### **2013 Programme**

#### **16 January**

Gordon Henderson: Developments at Binchester

#### **13 February**

Dr Robert McManners: Shafts of Light

#### **13 March**

Chris Lloyd: The Rocky Road to Rockcliffe

## **County Durham History & Heritage Forum AGM**

**Saturday, 17 November, 2012 9.30am – 1.30pm**

Venue: Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

Opening and welcome by John Grundy. Chris Lloyd of the Northern Echo will give a talk on W.T. Stead who died on the Titanic in 1912.

Refreshments are available (donations welcomed)

## **Brancepeth Archives and History Group**

**Saturday, 1 December, 7.30**

Venue: Brancepeth Village Hall

Denis Jones, Architect to Brancepeth Castle, will be giving an illustrated talk on the repair and restoration work that has been done on the Castle over the past 35 years. Open meeting, likely charge of £5.00 to non members will include refreshments after the talk. For more information contact Vivienne Lowe on 0191 3780974

## **Yesterday Belongs to You, 2013 Local and Family History Fair**

**Saturday, 18 May 2013**

Venue: County Hall, Durham

Information to follow

Hon. President: Mr John Grundy.

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**Barnard Castle United Reformed Church and Barnard Castle History Society**

**present a seminar to commemorate the 350th anniversary of "The Great Ejectment" of 1662**

**DISSENT IN TEESDALE IN THE 17th CENTURY AND ITS LEGACY**

**Barnard Castle United Reformed Church, Hall Street, Barnard Castle DL12 8JB**

**Saturday, 6 October 2012, 10am - 4pm**

Speakers:

**Win Stokes:** The Great Ejectment and the origins of nonconformity in the North East

**Elizabeth Conran:** Some early Dissenters in Teesdale

**Lindsay Varner:** The Rise of Quakerism in 17th century Teesdale

**David Clarke:** Early Baptists and Hamsterley Baptist Chapel

**Eric Barnes:** Legacy -The Revd. William Luke Prattman jr, and the Congregational Chapel in Barnard Castle

At the close of the seminar, the Revd Julie Martin will dedicate a window, commemorating the Revd. W.L.Prattman jr, presented by Barnard Castle History Society

Legacy - there will be a display of photographs and objects associated with past and present nonconformist chapels in Teesdale.

Bring your own picnic lunch. Hot drinks will be provided. Price for the day, £10

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**BOOKING FORM**

**DISSENT IN TEESDALE IN THE 17th CENTURY AND ITS LEGACY**

**Saturday, 6 October 2012, 10am - 4pm**

Name .....

Address .....

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Postcode ..... Tel: .....

Email .....

Member of B'd Castle History Society Yes/No

Member of B'd Castle URC Yes/No

No. of tickets @ £10 each Total: £ Payment by cash/cheque

(Cheques payable to Barnard Castle United Reformed Church. No cash by post)

Return form and payment, with a stamped addressed envelope,

to: Mr. E. Barnes, 53 Woodside, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, DL12 8DZ

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