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YESTERDAY BELONGS TO YOU **2015**

Following the success of the *Yesterday Belongs To You Event 2013*, the project team at the Forum have evaluated the questionnaires from both stall holders and visitors. Generally all felt that the event was a success, and were pleased to see so many exhibitors. There were a lot of supportive comments and suggestions.

One with which we all agreed was that the event was fragmented, with stalls spread across so many rooms. We had to book four separate rooms as well as the Council Chamber, to fit all of our events in and it is clear that over the years at County Hall, the space available for this event has been dramatically reduced.

With this in mind, we felt it was maybe time to move to another venue, if possible one which had a hall large enough for all exhibitors. We have evaluated several sites within the area, conscious of the need to keep it as central as possible, as our membership stretches into Northumberland as well as south of the Tees.

We should like refreshments to be on hand, and not too far away from the event. In addition to that, there is the question of parking, which needs to be adjacent and if possible free. Venues which meet all of this criteria are difficult to find in the Durham City area, but we have set a date for 2015 - it will be 9 May so please put that date on your calendars, and in your diaries, and let us try and make that event even better.

Your comments regarding a change of venue would be appreciated.

YESTERDAY BELONGS TO YOU **2013**

If you attended the above event this year either as an exhibitor or a visitor did you take any photographs of the exhibitions etc? If so, would you be willing to pass on any images to the Forum to be used as advertising for the next event in 2015?

If you have any images that you think might be suitable, please email them to history.club2@btinternet.com

FORUM COMMITTEE

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(Beamish Museum)

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(DCRO)

Anita Thompson

(Clayport Library)

DURHAM COUNTY HISTORY & HERITAGE FORUM VACANCY FOR TREASURER

It was with regret that we were informed at the AGM of the intended resignation of our treasurer. Geoff had only held the office for a year but it was the year of the Forum's successful revival of YBTU at County Hall which made the treasurer's role a much more demanding one than in the past. However Geoff has put in place a system which will ensure that his successor will not have to confront such demands which in conjunction with those of his paid employment led to his decision to resign. He has declared himself happy to brief any prospective candidate and will continue to fulfil the routine duties required until a successor is appointed but this appointment is a matter of urgency since constitutionally the Forum can't operate without a treasurer. If you're interested in the post, please contact our Chair, Win Stokes at: win@clarence8.fsnet.co.uk

**ARCHITECTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL
SOCIETY OF DURHAM AND
NORTHUMBERLAND**

Saturday 23 November

A talk on Roman Wales
by
Dr David Mason
(Principle Archaeologist,

Saturday 7 December

Members Meeting at the Bowes Museum
(Details to follow)

**All Meetings will take place in:
Elvet Riverside,
Room 141, New Elvet, Durham
2.30pm unless otherwise stated**

**WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB
Monthly Meetings 2013/2014**

27 Nov	Orange, Green & In Between - The Story of The Irish in NE England	Rebecca Dinsdale
2 Dec	Ludworth Tower	Geoff Wallis
<u>This talk will be held in Youll House, Thornley</u>		
29 Jan	Archaeology from the River Wear	Gary Bankhead
26 Feb	A Stroll through France	Neil Straughan

Meetings held at 7.00pm
Wheatley House, Woodlands Avenue
DH6 3JX
£2.00 admission includes
refreshments & raffle

**For more details: E: history.club2@btinternet.com
W: www.wheatley-hill.org.uk**

**NORTHALLERTON & DISTRICT
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

12 November 2013	Traditional Windmills Peter Morgan
10 December	Presidents Evening 'Northallerton: the Evolution of a County Town' Jennifer Allison

The presentation start at 7.00 pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall
Thirsk Road, Northallerton

**AYCLIFFE VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY
2013/2014 PROGRAMME**

4 Dec	Social Evening
15 Jan	Filming of Archaeology and the Mystery of the Picklehaulbe By Angela Jobson
12 Feb	W T Stead and The Titanic By Chris Lloyd

**All meetings are held in
Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Admission: Members £1.00
Non Members: £2.00

**CROOK & DISTRICT
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

26 Nov	The Gunpowder Plot	Arthur Dodds
28 Jan	The Golden Age of Football 1945-1960	John Phelan
25 Feb	Auckland Castle - History with Humour	Jim Cole

All meetings take place in the
RAFA Spitfire Club, North Terrace, Crook

**Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Admission non-members £3**

For more information
crookhistorysociety.btck.co.uk

SEDFIELD LOCAL HISTORY MEETINGS

Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgfield
first Monday of each month 7.45pm

4 Nov	The History of Photography	Robert Cooper
2 Dec	Frances, A Victorian with a Russian connection	Dr Tony Nicholson

Entrance Fee £3.00

Everyone Welcome

THE ELGEE MEMORIAL LECTURE 2013

Organised by the Cleveland & Teesside Local History Society

GENTRY AND PEASANT HOUSING In the North Riding and County Durham 1300-1750

By
Barry Harrison

10.00am for 10.30am Saturday 7 December 2013

The Dorman Museum
Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6LA

01642 813781
www.dormanmuseum.co.uk

ADMISSION FREE - ALL WELCOME

HEART OF TEESDALE FREE TRAINING - RECORDING FIELD BARNs

DAY 1

by Dr Robert White MIFA, FSA

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

9.30am - 4.30pm

**BOWES PARISH HALL
BOWES, BARNARD CASTLE DL12 9HU**

**20 places available
No previous experience required**

DAY 2

(deposit required)

By Dr Robert White MIFA, FSA

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER

9.30am - 4.00pm

**BOLDRON VILLAGE HALL
BOLDRON, BARNARD CASTLE DL12 9HT**

**10 places available
No previous experience required**

For more information or bookings: 03000 260 830 or honia.devlin@durham.gov.uk

New Local History Book by Sam Turner, Sarah Semple and Alex Turner *Wearmouth and Jarrow: Northumbrian monasteries in an historic landscape*

University of Hertfordshire Press is delighted to be publishing *Wearmouth and Jarrow* with the support of English Heritage. These twin Anglo-Saxon monasteries, home to the great scholar Bede, were amongst the most sophisticated centres of learning and artistic culture in 7th- and 8th-century Europe. Thanks to the survival of a large body of archaeological evidence, they are also two of its most important early medieval sites.

This book presents new research on the influence of the sites on the surrounding region from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present day. The ambitious project involved researchers from many different backgrounds, including

archaeologists, historians, archivists, geographers, environmental scientists and geologists and revealed not only the links between the churches and the region's political and economic history but also how their cultural significance for the people living around them has changed over time.

Wearmouth and Jarrow can be ordered directly from our website or from all good bookshops. To view the full table of contents and read an extract, go to: www.herts.ac.uk/uhpess and visit our History page. We would be most grateful if you could pass on details of the book to other interested members of your groups.



The Western Front Association Durham Branch

2014 SPEAKER PROGRAMME

13 January 2014 John Sneddon
1st Battalion Northumberland Fusilier at Mons

10 February 2014 Rob Langham
The North East Railway in the First World War

**Meetings the 2nd Monday of each Month
7.30pm
Durham Companions Club, Ainsley Street,
Durham City DH1 4BG**

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W: [facebook.com/durham.wfa](https://www.facebook.com/durham.wfa)

FRIENDS OF DARLINGTON RAILWAY CENTRE AND MUSEUM TALKS - 2013/2014

**5 December 2013
1.45pm
PRIZE QUIZ AND
CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER**

9 January 2014
The transport infrastructure for the 2012 Olympics
Vic Branfoot

6 February 2014
Different fixed-track local public transport systems
In Britain
Graham Jellett

If you would like to join the Friends of Darlington Railway Centre and Museum we would be delighted to welcome you as a member.

Please contact the Friends' Membership Secretary
[June Palmer:](#)

Tell us what you are doing David Blair, Membership Secretary

I am sure that everyone would agree with me, when I say that I like to know what is going on! That is one of the reasons that the Forum exists, to ensure that all of our membership is aware of all relevant events in the region that may be of interest, either in an historical concept, or linked to our heritage in general. However, I keep reading items in the local press telling me what various members are undertaking.

Be they talks, 'History Days' and even guided walks around sites. It's then when I think 'Gosh I would have liked to go to that, but why didn't they share it with us all?'

So if you are doing something, that other members would probably be interested in, tell us! Send me an email, give me a ring, and we will publicise it, and hope fully boost your attendance. I will finish with an example.

At Darlington, the council are currently digging up the rear car park at the Town Hall. They invited anyone who wanted to have a look around to contact them and they would arrange a tour and two time slots were allocated. One of our members received notification and we shared it out there with you all. The Council had to increase the number of time slots and the size of the groups to accommodate all interested parties. If like me you attended, you will agree it was a really interesting and one off opportunity, to see the remains of the Old Poor House, the scattered remnants of the 11th century Bishops Palace, and even the bits of pot and bones. The site will now be covered over again, a definite one off opportunity to see some history. The response shows the power of communication. So don't keep your work a secret, share it.



WHITWELL COLLIERY



The History of Mining and the Community at Whitwell, County Durham

By E T Hancock

A new publication by Shincliffe Local History Society

(124 pages, A4, ISBN-978-1-909946-00-2)

Available from: Woodside Cottage, Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2NB

£7.00 (inc p&p)

Cheques made payable to Shincliffe Local History Society

DURHAM

Postcard, Cigarette Card & Stamp Fair



Durham County Hall Durham DH1 5UL

Saturday 1 Feb 2014 10 - 3
Saturday 19 July 2014 10 - 3
Saturday November 2014 10 - 3

Entrance fee: Adults £1.00
Free entry for accompanied children
Disabled access
Free Valuations Provided

Further Details available from Gareth Burgess
Bass Rock Fairs Tel: 01368 860365



HOUGHTON MINES RESCUE SERVICE 100 years and Still Serving the Community

OPEN DAY

3 December 2013
10.00am - 3.00pm

A tour of the station
Displays of Mines Rescue equipment
Past and present
Information and Activities
Tour of the on-site underground mine

Everyone Welcome

THE WEARDALE MUSEUM AND HIGH HOUSE CHAPEL IRESHOPEBURN, COUNTY DURHAM DL13 1HD

The Weardale Museum at Ireshopeburn in County Durham enjoys visits from Local History Societies and other groups who have an interest our heritage. If you are thinking of an outing for your group in 2014 we would be delighted to see you.

**E: dheatherington@ormail.co.uk
W: weardalemuseum.co.uk**

Our Museum offers:

A hands on experience in our Weardale Kitchen
A beautiful 15 foot tapestry
The oldest Methodist Chapel in the world to have been in continuous weekly use
Many other interesting galleries
An extensive Family History resource for those with Weardale ancestors.

Durham County First World War Centenary Project

The Archive, Museum and Archaeology services of Durham County Council are collaborating to develop an interactive mapping website which will link the people, places, events and heritage collections of County Durham in the First World War. Funding of the core of this project has been applied for from the Heritage Lottery Fund and a first phase award has been granted. Durham County Record Office are also confident that a second, larger award will be granted, providing the funds necessary to complete the interactive map.



It is anticipated that the project will be a continuous one, lasting for a period of years.

Although they are obviously an important and major element of the information being sought, the map itself will not be restricted to purely military matters. Wherever possible, information relating to the impact the First World War had on the people and organisations 'back home', will be included. When completed the map will be available on the internet to, literally, the whole world.

The results of this work will affect all areas of the historic Durham County (covering the Tyne to the Tees), allowing users to select a town or village and be linked to any records or data or pictures that relate to that particular location. It will provide a lasting and meaningful legacy of an event that is, as previously stated, rapidly disappearing from living memory.

Visit the Durham County Record Office website (durhamrecordoffice.org.uk) and follow the First World War/World War 1 HLF project reference for details about volunteer activities and how to volunteer online. There is also an example of the kind of result aimed at, describing a German submarine attack on Seaham on 11 July 1916. While this example is quite extensive, it is merely a 'flavour' and will be only one aspect of what should eventually become a much more comprehensive collection relating to the Seaham area. Its publication did, in fact, quickly lead to further information about this single incident coming to light.



First World War Home Front

For the majority of people today it is the horrors of trench warfare along the Western Front of Belgium and France that most characterise the First World War. But, largely forgotten, is the fact that virtually the whole of England was turned to the war effort: the first 'Home Front.' As part of the 2014-2018 Centenary, English Heritage has initiated a major project to record the colossal 'footprint' left by the First World War on the fabric, landscape and coastal waters of England. You can find out more about that legacy from the English Heritage website:

http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/first-world-war-home-front/?utm_source=Hootsuite&utm_medium=Hootsuite&utm_campaign=Hootsuite+Conversion



NORTH EAST WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT

NEWMP aims to record every War Memorial located between the river Tweed and river Tees.

In August the North East War Memorials Project circulated a newsletter to announce the exciting changes to the newly updated website www.newmp.org.uk

The North East War Memorials Project covers Northumberland and Durham from the Tweed to the Tees and has recorded over 4550 memorials. With the approach of the centenary of the start of the Great War, there are many projects proposed. NEWMP knows that people will be sending information about their own area or family to be uploaded on to the NEWMP website.

In order to be ready for this increased activity NEWMP has expanded its extensive website, added newspaper articles, and updated the technology to make it more i-pad and i-pod friendly. This has cost £10,000. All members of the group are volunteers; the project has no regular income. NEWMP does not qualify for HLF grants, as the project is "progressing" instead of being a discrete project with beginning, middle and end.

NEWMP is circulating this appeal requesting a contribution towards these costs and the running costs of the project over the next important four years of commemoration. Help NEWMP ensure that here in the North East the tribute to those who made the Supreme Sacrifice is available for future generations.

If you need NEWMP to fill in an application form, please e-mail it to 2014@newmp.org.uk or post it to Dorothy Hall, Secretary, NEWMP, 14 Park Road North, Chester le Street, DH3 3SD.

Donations can be made via PayPal on the NEWMP website or by cheque made payable to North East War Memorials Project to the Secretary's address