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COUNTY DURHAM FORUM for HISTORY & HERITAGE

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Special Christmas Newsletter 2024



The Forum committee would like to thank all groups and individuals for their support during 2024 and to give early warning of our proposals for the Annual General Meeting in 2025.

We are planning to hold the AGM at Bowburn Community Centre on **Saturday 29 March 2025** starting at 9.30am. It will follow the usual format and we are organising an exhibition and two speakers for the remainder of the programme. We intend the day to end at 3.00pm.

There will be more information in the January newsletter, but save the date for now!!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

for **ALL** groups and individuals become due on
31 December 2024

Membership Rates for 2025 are as follows

Societies & Organisations: £20.00
Business Members: £20.00
Individuals: £6.00

Payments can be made by cheque payable to:

County Durham History & Heritage Forum
and posted to:

Margaret Hedley
The Membership Secretary
Broadmeadows
Durham Road
WHEATLEY HILL
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DH6 3LJ

To make an automated payment through your bank the Forum bank details are as follows:

Account:
County Durham History & Heritage Forum

Bank: Unity Trust
Sort Code: 60-83-01
Account No: 20242631

Please include the name of your organisation in the reference section

If you would like to set up a standing order for this payment, please ask me for a form

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

If you would like your group's talks or other activities advertised in the newsletter, please let me have details by **24 January 2025**. If you have finalised your programme for 2025, send it along.

Please make every effort to get your events into the newsletter as I cannot guarantee circulating items separately between newsletters.

We are also encouraging the use of our Facebook pages to advertise meetings and events.























Groups Holding Regular Monthly Meetings

Architectural Archaeological Soc of Durham & Northumberland 2.30pm Second Saturday in month Elvet Riverside DH13JT/www.aasdn.org.uk E: archandarch.dandn@gmail.com		Aycliffe Village LHS Second Wednesday in month 7.30pm Aycliffe Village Hall www.aycliffehistory.org.uk/	Bowburn LHS Second Monday in month 7.00pm Bowburn Com Centre DH6 5AT www.bowburnhistory.co.uk
Brancepeth Archives & History Group First Saturday in month 9am—1pm Brancepeth Castle W: brancepetharchive@outlook.com E: 17vivienne@gmail.com		Brandon & Byshottles	Chester-le-Street Heritage First Wednesday in month 7.00pm Lambton Arms www.chesterlestreetheritage.org
Cleveland & Teesside LHS 8 Saturday mornings Sept-Apr 10.30am Dorman Museum, Middlesbrough See www.ctlhs.co.uk for dates		Coxhoe Local History Group First Thursday in month 7.00pm St Andrew's Church Hall DH6 4DD coxhoehistory@gmail.com www.coxhoehistory.co.uk/	
Egglescliffe Local History Third Thursday in month 2.00pm St John's Church, Butts Lane david_j_bate@ntlworld.com		Hartlepool Headland LHS Third Monday in month 6.45 – 9.00pm Headland Baptist Church TS24 0QN eileen.manners@ntlworld.com	
Howden-le-Wear History Soc Third Monday in month 7.00pm, Village Hall www.howdenlewearthistsoc.co.uk joan.topsat@gmail.com		Lanchester Local History First Friday in month 7.00pm Lanchester Com Centre DH7 OJQ www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum/ cdfhhlanchester.html	Middleton St George Local History Third Thursday of month 7.30pm Community Centre DL2 1JG www.msglocalhistory.wordpress.com
Newcastle Antiquaries Last Wednesday in month Check website for details events@newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk		NE Vernacular Architecture First Saturday in month Mar-Oct Guided walks etc various times & places throughout the region northeastvernaculararchitecturegroup. wordpress.com	 
Sedgefield Local History First Monday in month 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall, TS21 2AE 01740 620912		Teesdale Record Society First Wednesday in month 7.30pm Cotherstone Village Hall DL12 9PG https://www.teesdalerecordsociety.org.uk/	
Tudhoe & Spennymoor LHS Fourth Monday in month 7.30pm St David's Church Hall DL16 6LL www.durhamweb.org.uk/tslhs/		Wheatley Hill History Club Last Wed in month Mar-Nov 11.00am Wheatley House DH6 3JX www.wheatley-hill.org.uk	
Framwellgate Moor & Pity Me LHS framlochistsoc@gmail.com			

Groups Holding Zoom Meetings

Cleveland Family History Soc First Monday in month sylvia.hall2@googlemail.com www.clevelandfhs.org.uk		The Forum Usually Tuesday once a month yb2u15@gmail.com	
		Cleveland & Teesside LHS Last Saturday in month www.ctlhs.co.uk/	

Specific Interest Groups

The Auckland Project www.aucklandproject.org/	  	Durham County Local History Soc www.durhamweb.org.uk/dclhs	Durham Victoria County History Trust s.m.hingley@durham.ac.uk
Durham University Special Collections www.dur.ac.uk/departments/library/archives-and-special-collections/	  	The Fitzhugh Library Middleton-in-Teesdale, DL12 0QH E: fitzhughlibrary@gmail.com www.thefitzhughlibrary.co.uk	Friends of Vindomora www.friendsofvindomora.com/ E: juddrichard1976@gmail.com
History of Consett Steelworks www.historyofconsettsteelworks.com/ juddrichard1976@gmail.com		Memories of Leadgate www.memoriesofleadgate.com/ juddrichard1976@gmail.com	
North East War Memorials Project https://www.newmp.org.uk/dahall52@aol.com		Picture the Past Postcard Collector E: g.l.nairn@btopenworld.com	  
Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade E: admin@sunvlb.com		The Story W: thestorydurham.org	 
Weardale Railway www.weardale-railway.org.uk	 	DCC Archaeology Section https://keystothepast.info/	
Tees Archaeology https://teesarchaeology.com/		Blanchland Abbey Project www.blanchland.org/blanchland-abbey-project/	 
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