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Chairs Report

Marian Morrison

Welcome to the onset of winter which seems strange as in my last update I was encouraging you to get out and enjoy the summer, to embrace the opportunities for field studies and exploring history live in the community. From the posts and hits on the Facebook page it's been a bumper opportunity in the North East even if the weather has struggled to please.

The summer period is mostly housekeeping for your committee. Sarah has been busy getting things sorted for the winter Zoom Talks programme, not a quick or simple thing to organise however when we last discussed it the attendance is steady and world wide thanks to those secretaries who pass the joining instructions to their membership.

Margaret has done a quick turnaround as the Bishop Auckland Heritage Event History fair in the town hall, was only being pulled together late in July. Thanks to all member groups who took up the free places making it a good show. Margaret has done a full report for this newsletter.

Back to our housekeeping, we have to start planning the AGM now, dull I know but "you know. It has to happen". We have been looking at the really dull admin stuff by updating the publicity flyer and membership application form ready for the Bishop Auckland event. The next will be the Banner hopefully ready for the AGM. Following the great reaction to the Facebook page, you would be surprised how many people turned up at Bishop after seeing the posts on Facebook, we need to explore websites. Our current one is still working well but it could do with a refresh. We must be aware that all these fabulous ways of getting information out to the membership require considerable backroom investment, not just finance, a wealth of human input. I as chair am cautious about projects that require committee members to increase their time commitment to your organisation. So watch this space as we rush into winter, sitting here in Lanchester on the third wet day of the week I am wondering if I need to launch the Ark. Cheers Marian.

Bishop Auckland Heritage Festival

Margaret Hedley

We had a very good take-up from Forum members this year for the Bishop Auckland event. Groups that hadn't been involved before became involved, and judging by their feedback, enjoyed it. It's a great opportunity to network and see the work other groups are doing as well as showcasing the varied and high quality research that is going on around the region.

The staff at the Town Hall and the Town Council along with Bacchanalia, the social enterprise group working to support events in Bishop Auckland, worked alongside the Forum to make sure the organisation of the event went smoothly, and it did!

We are hopeful of another event next year, so early warning for groups who think they might like to be involved to start discussions in your meetings.

**AYCLIFFE VILLAGE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
2024 PROGRAMME**

New Chairman: David Blair

6 Nov William Denton of Darlington C Reynolds
4 Dec AGM & Social Evening

All Meetings are held in
Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Admission: Members £1.00/Non-Members £3.00
includes tea/coffee/biscuits

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

**CROOK & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
2024 PROGRAMME**

25 Nov AGM & Members Night

Meetings held at
Methodist Church Hall, Dawson Street, Crook
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Admission – Members £5.00/Non Members £6.00

More information:

Dennis Scarr – 07745018272

**ARCH & ARCH
Lecture Programme 2024/2025**
Face to face meetings held at 2.30pm in
Room ER140

Elvet Riverside, New Elvet DH1 3JT

9 Nov Hartlepool Conservation T Bailey
Area
14 Dec What the Romans did for D Mason
Durham and Northumberland
2025
11 Jan Community Archaeology in R Young
Teesdale

*Afterwards, for those who would like to join us we will go
for a drink (tea/coffee/or stronger) at the public bar,
Royal County Hotel*

archandarch.dandn@gmail.com



**WHEATLEY HILL HISTORY CLUB
2024 MEETINGS**

Information: history.club2@btinternet.com

Meetings are held in
Wheatley House, Woodlands Avenue
at **11.00am** £3.00 includes tea/coffee/raffle

27 Nov **Hard on the Outside** G McCormick
This is the Story of
Gregg's great grandfather, a Durham miner
who travelled to the US and brought his
experiences back with him

Latest newsletter:

<https://wheatley-hill.org.uk/newsletters/>

For more information:
history.club2@btinternet.com

**SEDGEFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
2024 PROGRAMME**

Meetings are held in

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm
First Monday of the Month

4 Nov A Walk in the Park C Lloyd
(South Park, Darlington)
2 Dec Wynyard Teacher Training H&N Neal
College

For more details:
Suzanne 01429 882250



**EGGLESCLIFFE
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
2024/2025**

Thurs 28 Nov Life & Death T Nicholson
in the early Cleveland
Mining settlements
No meeting in December
2025
23 Jan Mail to the Highlands P Chadwick

Meetings are held in
St John's Church, Butts Lane, Egglecliffe
at 7.30pm
Admission £2.00

For more details:
david_j_bate@ntlworld.com

Wheatley Hill History Club

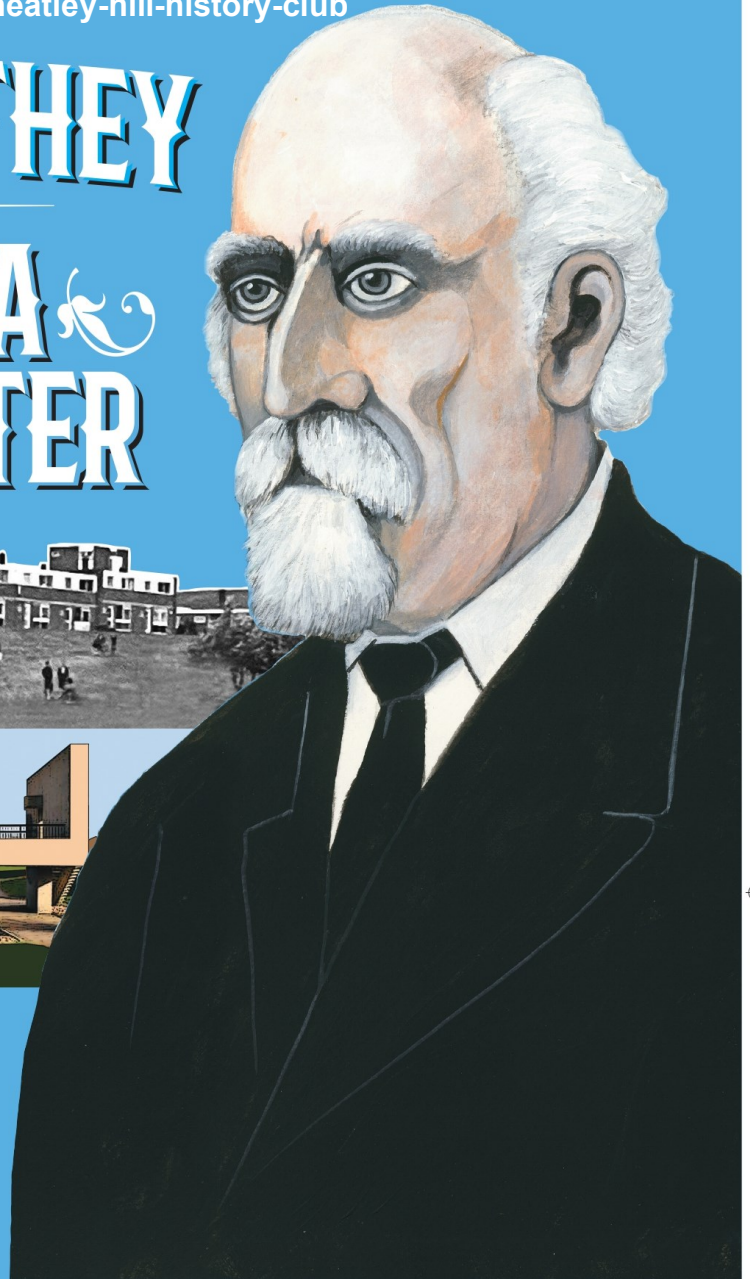
This is the final production in our long-running project about Peter Lee, the man who had a town named after him in East Durham.

Link for Tickets:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wheatley-hill-history-club>

THE MAN THEY

NAMED A TOWN AFTER



Performer

Shelley O'Brien

Written by

David Naphine

Set and costume design by

Alison McCaw

Thursday 7 November, 6.30pm

Tickets £2 (children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult)

The Lubetkin Theatre

East Durham College, Willerby Grove, Peterlee SR8 2RN



Produced by Wheatley Hill History Club in association with Durham County Council Community Arts

Hartlepool Headland Local History Group

Drop In Sessions are held
Second Tuesday of the month
11.30am—3.30pm

Headland Baptist Church
Baptism Street
HARTLEPOOL TS24 0QN

Drop in session Tuesday 12 November 11.30-3.30
Tuesday 10 December

Business Meeting Monday 18 November 6.45
Members Only



Meetings are held on the
Third Monday of the month
6.45pm—9.00pm



COXHOE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

MEETINGS HELD THURSDAYS 7.00pm
St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Street

7 Nov	A Coxhoe Connection to Slavery—How the Barret Family were connected to slavery	B Leo
5 Dec	A Christmas Activity	

Website:

coxhoehistory.org.uk

Contact:

Jack Turton: 0191 3770771
Barbara Leo: barbaraleo88@googlemail.co

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Durham Postcard, Cigarette Card & Stamp Fair

Bowburn Community Centre DH6 5AT

Disabled Access

10.00am—3.00pm

Entrance £1.00

Accompanied children FREE

SATURDAY
16 November 2024



Free Valuations

NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY



Check out the following website for details of:

Branch meetings
Regional Meetings

<https://www.ndfhs.org.uk/diary/>

NDFHS
Branch Meetings held at:

Blyth
Belmont, Durham
Consett
Hexham
London
Newcastle
Wansbeck
North Tyneside
South Tyneside

LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings are held on
1st Friday of the month at 7.00pm

Room 3, Lanchester Community Centre DH7 0JQ
(check online at times of Public Holidays)

£3 for members £5 guests

1 Nov	Two Tragedies to End all Tragedies (a fire at Sunderland Empire)	D Griffiths
6 Dec	Christmas Social	
2025		
3 Jan	Show and Tell	

[https://www.durhamweb.org.uk/
historyforum/
cdfhhlanchesterhistory.html](https://www.durhamweb.org.uk/historyforum/cdfhhlanchesterhistory.html)

History of Consett Steelworks

Silver Friends Men's Group Session Friday 26th July 2024

The History of Consett Steelworks project team were delighted to be invited to host an interactive session at Glenroyd House for the Silver Friends Men's Group from Karbon Homes



Peter Shaw who leads our Mapping group (see link) presented and interacted with the attendees who were all very interested

<https://historyofconsettsteelworks.wordpress.com/steelworks-mapping-project/>

We also showed a film made by Billy Ellwood another part of the project team

<https://youtu.be/tyEKWA3JPVY>

We would be delighted to hear from any local groups who may interested in hosting a similar session.

History of Consett Steelworks 2025 plans and goals

A number of plans and goals - we would welcome any and all input to support these activities

- 1 Consett Story Volume 2 - hoping for publication Dec 2025
- 2 Continued work on how to archive our material/donations- ongoing discussions with National Archives and The Story
- 3 Continue to work with the Mapping of the Steelworks Project with more interactive sessions
- 4 Continue Steelworks Walks for Schools and ad hoc public/private groups
- 5 Begin Department Family Tree Project from Jan 2025
- 6 Increase events and displays
- 7 Continue to partner and add partners from local area
- 8 Fundraising including grant applications and merchandise like postcards, calendars, mugs etc
- 9 Continue to collect more memories
- 10 Add more content to website - look to get some volunteers to assist

TEESDALE RECORD SOCIETY

2024 Programme

Wednesday 6 November	Maps of Teesdale and what they tell us Cotherstone Village H all 7.30pm	Professor Gerald Blake
Wednesday 4 December	Middleton-in-Teesdale Railway and associated lines Cotherstone Village Hall 7.30pm	Tim Meacham

Visitors are welcome. Please check with the Secretary

Further information: Judith Phillips: E: judyphillipsnott@hotmail.com M: 07816327209

North East War Memorials Project

It is now 10 years since we all started the Commemoration of World War One in 2014.

Looking back, it was a time of intensive activity throughout the County's local history groups.

NEWMP would like to add details of any Commemorative publications to the relevant Memorial Files and if possible secure a copy of the publication.

If your group produced a book or booklet either for the Commemoration or before or since can you let me know by emailing me at: dorothy@newmp.org.uk.

Many thanks
Dorothy

Brancepeth Village Hall

Celebrating its 100th birthday in December this year

To mark this centenary, the Community Association and Village Archives have produced a book that charts the past 100 years of our village Hall—from the idea of having a Hall, how the money was raised to build it, the ups and downs of keeping it going, improving facilities over the years, groups and activities that have come and gone.

Saturday 16 November
10.00am - 4.00pm

BOOK LAUNCH & EXHIBITION

In Brancepeth Village Hall

Entry is FREE
light refreshments available

CLEVELAND AND TEESIDE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

“Research on the Rails” Prize Essay Competition

Our Society was founded in 1968 as the result of a conversation between Barry Harrison, a university lecturer, and Tom Sowler, the Stockton historian, so naturally we are looking forward to celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 2025.

At the moment, we are working in partnership with the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in planning a prize essay competition, open to the general public. We are looking for essays based on original research on any subject connected to the history of the Stockton & Darlington Railway up to 1863, including its impact beyond that date. It can be about people, technology, events, archival research - the choice is yours.

The final date for entering this competition will be
31 August 2025
so there's plenty of time for research and writing.

A sizeable cash prize will be provided jointly by Cleveland & Teesside Local History Society and The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. You don't have to be a member of either group to take part, so why not have a go?

You can find more details on either of these links:

<http://ctlhs.co.uk/research-on-the-rails-prize-essay-competition/>

<https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/events/sdr-200-research-on-the-rails-prize-competition/>

History of Consett Steelworks

Corbett Family Memories of The "Works" and Town

Thanks to Brenda for putting this together and agreeing to share

My name is Brenda Corbett née Hegarty, born in Consett 1957.

My dad was John (Johnny) Hegarty who worked down the blast at CIC and later became a shift manager there. He was born in 1920. His dad, also John, along with his brother Patrick, came over from Northern Ireland for work. They initially went to the west coast of Scotland and worked at a steel works there. John then came down to Consett. He married Catherine McGurk and they had 7 children, 6 boys and one girl ...the girl died as a baby. The lads all worked down the works, apart from Bill who went to Australia and Andrew who had an accident as a young lad and ended up being physically disabled.



The Consett Iron Company Tug 'O' War team at the turn of the century. Back row: J. Struthers, J. Minnighan, H. Murphy, J. Dunne, W. Arthurs, R. Young, J. Daly. Third row: H. Donnelly, J. Heggerty, B. Mullen, T. Dunne, M. Donohue (president), D. Rafferty, J. Kempson, P. O'Brian, M. Donnelly (trainer). Second row: M. Scott, W. Lavery, M. Murray, B. Young (captain), M. Grimes, J. Lee, J. Loughran. Front row: B. Duffv, W. Dunne, P. Young

John Hegarty in Consett Ironworks Tug-O-War Team



John Hegarty Jnr 2nd Right
At the black furnace, Consett ironworks 1978

They initially lived Puddlers Row, subsequently Edith Street very near Berry Edge, and then to Beechdale Road, Consett where my dad grew up with his 6 brothers and as children we spent a lot of time there visiting Gran Hegarty.

Dad married Veronica Page, born 1927 of Mortimer Street Blackhill (one of 10 children) . Bill Roberts was his best man, but I don't remember anything about him.

The Page family had the coal yard at the top of Mortimer Street. and another one on Blackfyne/Blackhill Bank, opposite Queens Road, (where part of the

Derwent Walk is now).

My mam worked part time in a hut in the coal yard and I remember going down to see her. The office subsequently moved to Medomsley Road.

I also remember my mam having great memories and stories about going to the 10 till 2 am dances!

The family later moved to Ashdale Road, Consett. which I remember from my childhood because my Gran Page lived there. I was one of 3 children, born in Taylor Street. behind Woolworths and lived there when I was little. I remember the train line at the bottom of the street (now where the bypass road is) and trying to watch the trains over the wall; Spratts bakery (on the corner of Taylor Street and Seymour Street) where we would knock on the door on a Saturday morning and get some iced buns....the smell was delicious! I also remember Pearsons, a little shop on Taylor Street, just after Palmerston Street where you could get a lot of black jacks and fruit

salads for a penny! We used to make mud pies, play blocky and have concerts in the back yard ,using a sheet as the curtain...great times.

We had an outside toilet and no bathroom for quite a while; I remember the cut up newspaper as loo paper (much better than izar), and getting a wash in the kitchen sink or bath in front of the coal fire. Mr McKinnell put in a bathroom for us and indoor loo in an extension to the back of the house.

A Mr Dean lived in the Street and he was a door-to-door salesman and I remember a Mrs Entwhistle who was a very talented dressmaker. There was a hairdressers on the corner of Taylor Street and Palmerton Street called the Cameo.

We moved to Delves for a few years where I remember very deep snow one year (though Consett always seemed to have more snow than anywhere else!) and building a snow house with my brother. We used to play on the building sites down Castledene Road....brilliant fun! (wouldn't be allowed now with H +S). We then moved to The Crescent (where No.1 seam of coal had been at some point). Mam and dad lived there for the rest of their married life. Dad died in 1999, just missing the millennium and his 80th birthday.

We had no central heating for a long time and I remember ice on the inside of the bedroom windows and wearing a few layers for bed!

There was always a big gang of us out playing ...levo was a popular game. We also used to go over Belle Vue field when the tent men came to put the tents up for Consett show and we had a great time playing round in the tents. Sherburn Park (no longer there) was a big favourite in the 6 weeks holidays with the tennis courts and watching the bowls. A great at place for chasey and hide and seek, but we always had to watch out for the Parkywho was always keen to tell kids off!! We used to go sledging in the winter down the blue heaps along the promoften falling into the gorse bushes!

Dad worked for Walter Willson's when he left school delivering groceries on a bicycle. I'm not 100% sure when he started at the works, but I know he worked there after WW2 (probably before the war as well). He also did some painting and chimney sweeping for a bit of extra money. He was a keen gardener of flowers and veg when we got a house with a garden, but also used to grow things down our grans garden in Ashfield Road. He had been a gunner on the convoy ships across the Atlantic and other places. He didn't talk about the war a lot and looking back I wish I had asked more questions, but you don't have that interest when you're younger, then it's too late.

The works was always part of our lives.

Dad did shift work: 6-2, 2-10, 10-6. He regularly came in with burn holes in his socks or vest. Besides goggles, helmet and steel toe cap shoes, I don't remember other safety equipment.

I was very proud when the Red Dust book was published and a picture of dad with some work mates down the blast was on the front cover. He had a good friend at work, Norman Stewart, who sadly was burned so badly following a blow out, he died in hospital from his injuries. It must have been an awful thing but men of that generation never did really show their feelings.

I remember when I passed my driving test, going down to pick dad up from work and parking by the offices. I felt dwarfed by what was around me and there was always an eerie quiet, but a soft hum and a high pitched whistle type noise.

I loved my childhood in Consett and never thought of it as a dirty town, it was just home, but I do remember the red dust and the smell .We used to say as kids that 'the works has let off again'!!

I went to St Patrick's infant and junior school and remember the Easter fayre being a big thing with brilliant fancy dress contests. Also doing concerts and going to jumble sales in the Church hall, which my mam helped at.



St Patrick's Easter Fayre. Brenda Little Bo Peep

I remember coming back home from holidays in Blackpool over the moors and seeing Consett from above Castleside and thinking wow, what a massive area the works covered. I was always proud to say I came from Consett with its history and place in the industrial world.

I left home to go to college in 1975, so wasn't around when the works closed. Dad was 60 then but certainly wasn't ready to retire. A lot of men felt quite lost after working their whole lives. Dad worked at Minsteracres for a while, then did a cookery course at the technical college on Consett Bank which he loved. He was a good cook and also a dab hand at making homemade wine and different kinds of toffee. Two of his brothers, Andrew and Joe were keen photographers. Andrew developed his own photos at home in Beechdale Road.

Consett was a thriving place when I was younger and had some lovely shops. I'll just mention a few that I remember. I won't write down all the pubs...that came later in my youth. So, one's I remember starting at the top of Front Street: Rossi's ice cream parlour, Thackerys butcher's, Woolworths, Davidsons, Doggarts Derick McVickers and the Empire...(still there). Middle Street

Walter Willsons, Tyler's and Clarks shoe shops, Books fashions (where my mam worked before she got married), Mortimer, new Rossi's and Greenwood's. Victoria Road - Fosters, Collinsons, big Donaghys (there was a little Donaghys further along). Yagers, Maynards sweet shop, and round the corner from the Plaza, (where we used to go for Saturday morning pictures) another sweet shopdon't remember its name. Of course not forgetting Potts clock at the bottom of the bus station.....the meeting place! There was also a garage on Victoria Road.

Also the market square, which had a brilliant outdoor market (Weatherspoons is there now and before the market its where the Company Rows were), Newmarket Street had the big Cooperative both sides of the road. Medomsley RoadLambs newsagents, Diamambros ice cream parlour, the Rex cinema (which was burned down), the Carlton, the Pramfare, Armstrongs sweet shop and Dicks Stores which we always popped into before school with our penny or threepence if we were very lucky. Then Brittons the butcher's and Bernetts TV's and electrical stuff opposite. Further up Medomsley Road, Youngs corner shop was there for a long time. There was John Street the red road as we called it where The Trades used to be, presumably because it had red surface and the black path (Ashfield Road) between Sherburn Terrace and Medomsley Road so called by us because it used to be all cinders when we were little going to ours grans.

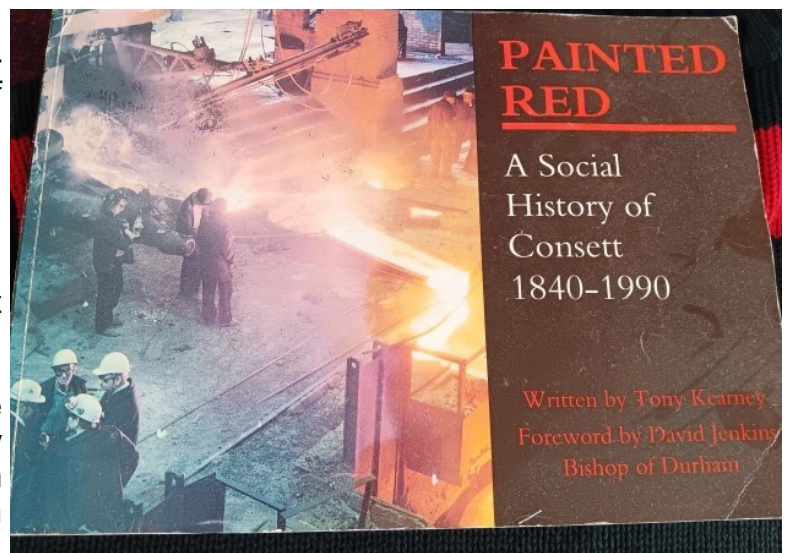
I remember going to the first supermarket in Consett, not sure if it was called Liptons on Middle Street, what a special and exciting occasion food shopping was then, actually being able to pick things off the shelves to put in your trolley!!!

There were lots of other shops down the side streets like Dorens (bread) and Della Robins, hat shops, haberdashery, others that I can't remember and pubs on a few corners.

In my opinion they were a big loss when they were knocked down to build the Derwent Center which split the town in half and was never a success in my opinion.

There 'll be lots more that I've forgotten, these are just some memories.

Consett was a great town to be brought up in, with a great sense of community, everyone seemed to be related to each other somehow I suppose there were some big families back then. Inevitably when I'm away anywhere I always seem to bump into someone with a connection to Consett....it's spooky!



Painted Red—Johnny Hegarty facing camera, white hat & goggles

NEW BOOK
The Rocks at the Edge of the Empire
Society of Antiquaries, Newcastle Upon Tyne

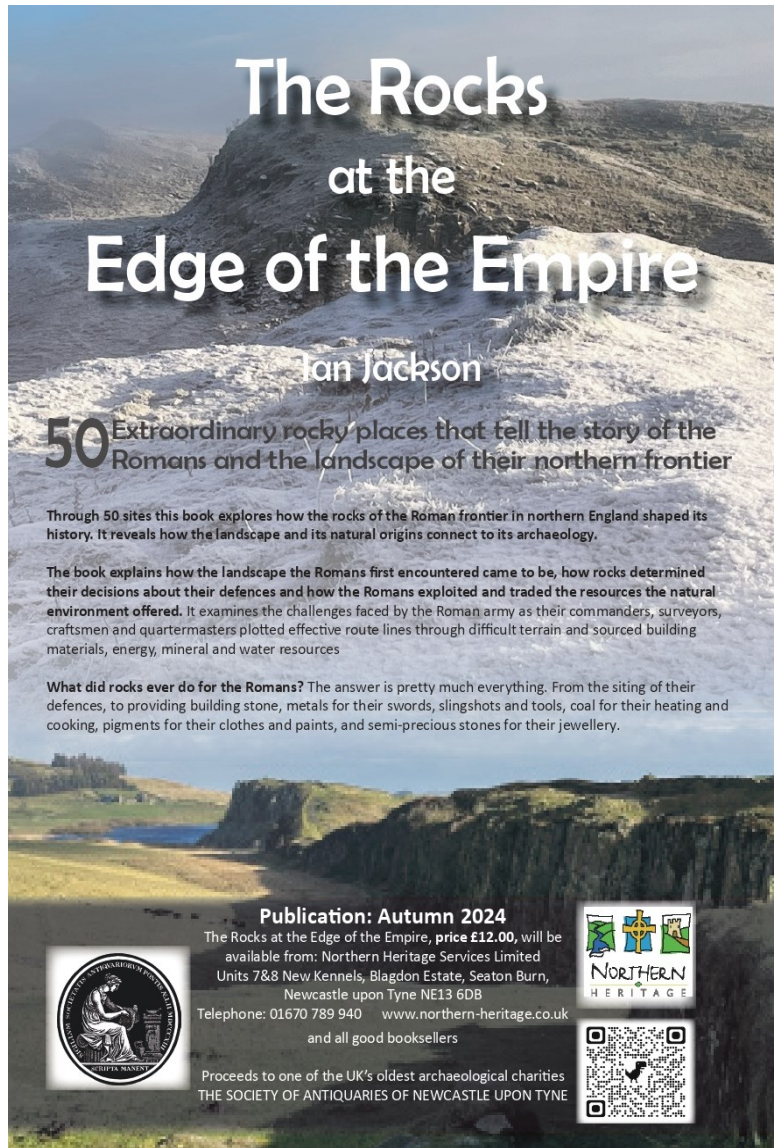
This book describes the influence of the landscape and rocks of the northern landscape on the Romans and their frontier.

Through stories about 50 remarkable places, this book explores how the rocks of the frontier shaped its history. It is intended for all those curious about the landscape who want to understand its natural origins and the way that connects to its archaeology. It uses full colour photographs and expert but accessible descriptions to explain how the landscape the Romans first encountered came to be, how rocks determined their decisions about their defences and how the Romans exploited and traded the resources the natural environment offered.

Using the latest scientific evidence, the book looks at the region's ancient history through a professional geologist's eyes, a perspective which inevitably raises questions about several long held archaeological interpretations.

The book is priced at £12, and proceeds from the book are going to:

The Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne
(www.newcastle-antiquaries.org.uk).



To order copies from the publisher, please follow the following link:
www.northern-heritage.co.uk.

The author, Ian Jackson, will be talking about the places featured in his book at three launch events soon; these are detailed below. Ian is available to give talks and if this is something that Forum groups would enjoy, see contact details for this group on back page.

Launch events

10 November, 2pm The Sill, National Landscape Discovery Centre, Northumberland
<https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/whats-on/the-rocks-at-the-edge-of-the-empire-book-launch/>

25 November, 2pm Books on Tyne Festival, Newcastle Library
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/books-on-tyne-2024-the-newcastle-book-festival-tickets-1008421605167>

3 December, 1pm Tullie House, Carlisle
<https://tullie.org.uk/events/the-rocks-at-the-edge-of-empire-free-lunchtime-talk/>

Bowburn Local History Society

Invite you to their Zoom meeting on
Monday 4 November at 7.00pm

Email bowburnlhs@gmail.com for the link to the meeting

Bowburn Local History Society
invites you join us for an on-line ZOOM meeting

Nurse Edith Cavell
(1865-1915)



**Nick
Miller**

Edith Cavell Archivist,
Swardeston, Norfolk,
asks...



**Why did a Bowburn banner
remember her in 1920?**



Monday 4th November 2024

Zoom meeting

All welcome

7.00 pm

To register, please e-mail <bowburnlhs@gmail.com> or leave your contact details
at Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn, DH6 5AT

Can you Help Sandra with her Research?



PHD SURVEY DIGITAL DIVIDE

Hello, my name is Sandra and I live in Durham.

I am doing a PhD at Newcastle University about digital citizenship and attempting to find the obstacles people face in terms of digital usage.

To learn about what people really think or issues they are facing, I have created a survey that is being distributed in several areas of the North East, and I need everybody's help and contribution, filling as many surveys as possible.

There are no personal details involved and the only detail that is asked is the post code to map the areas.

The results from these surveys will help my research, but will also provide real data from people that live in our communities and that may face many obstacles in terms of communication and service usage (like the end of landlines or booking medical appointments).

I would be very grateful if you could fill a survey, which can be collected from this organisation, and deliver it back, to the same place.

Please do not include any personal details, like your name, address or contact number.

If you prefer to fill it online, you can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYQTPWH> and follow the steps, or if you prefer to receive by email, my contact at Newcastle University is s.almeida2@newcastle.ac.uk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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/	Crook & District Local History Soc Fourth Monday in month 7.00pm for 7.30pm Meth Church Hall, Dawson Street Dennis Scarr 07745018272
Egglecliffe 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	Hetton Local & Natural History Last Monday in month 7.00pm Hetton & Eppleton Com Hall DH5 5HR www.hettonlocalhistory.org.uk/
Howden-le-Wear History Soc Third Monday in month 7.00pm, Village Hall www.howdenleweahistsoc.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/ cdffhlanchester.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	Northumberland & Durham FHS See website for individual group meetings www.ndfhs.org.uk/
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/	Thorpe Thewles History Group Contact below for meeting dates 1.30pm Grindon Parish Hall TS21 3JN www.thorpe-thewles.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/
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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 Methodist Society northeastmethodisthistory.weebly.com
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Sunderland Volunteer Life Brigade E: admin@sunvlb.com		The Story W: thestorydurham.org	Weardale Museum www.weardalemuseum.org.uk
Weardale Railway www.weardale-railway.org.uk		DCC Archaeology Section https://keystothePast.info/	Cultural Healing Communities (CIC) e-voice.org.uk/culturehealingcommunities/
Tees Archaeology https://teesarchaeology.com/		Blanchland Abbey Project www.blanchland.org/blanchland-abbey-project/	DAFT www.thedaft.org.uk E: daft.office@btinternet.com
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