

HLHS Members Newsletter

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We would like to hear from you! Please send any news, details of events and books, requests for information and comments that you think may be of interest to other Huddersfield Local History Society members to publications@huddersfieldhistory.org.uk



postcard of the Colne Valley, sent in October 1914 by Minnie to her brother Philip

Welcome to our October 2021 newsletter. In this month's edition, you'll find details of upcoming events and Society news and plans. We hope you enjoy it. The next newsletter will appear towards the end of November.

David Griffiths and Dave Pattern

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of our own web site,
Huddersfield Local
History Society is
not responsible for
the content of any
web sites linked to
in this newsletter.*

Our Autumn Talks

These continue as follows:

25 October 2021

Rob Vincent, *The history of the Colne Valley landscape*

A long-term resident of the Valley, Rob will unpick its various elements – its field pattern and walls, quarries, the effects of its economy on the settlement patterns, the legacy of Non-Conformism on the hillsides, its roads, canal, railway and tracks, and its reservoirs. But he will stress that it's the combination of all those things that makes the landscape.

29 November 2021

Lewis Allen, *'Fired with Love Unfeigned' - Discovering the Life and Labours of the Reverend Henry Venn, Vicar of St Peter's Parish Church, Huddersfield 1759-1771.*

As we've got used to now, links to the talks, when the time comes, will be on [our website](#) and in future newsletters.

A Reminder about Subscriptions

In his annual report, Cyril thanked many of you who have kept the faith and renewed your subs for 2021/22. If this has so far slipped your attention, you can do so by cheque, standing order or PayPal, and all the details can be found at:

www.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk/membership/

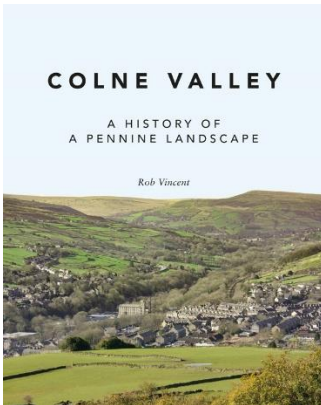
Study Day Postponement

We have reluctantly decided to POSTPONE our planned study day on Saturday 27 November, *Huddersfield at Play*. We were disappointed not to be able to offer the usual refreshments, and it seems you were too, as to date there have been too few bookings for a viable event. We hope to be able to rearrange the Day in the New Year.

AGM Postponed Too

The Society's Annual General Meeting would normally precede our October talk but, as previously announced, has been postponed in the hope of holding it 'in the flesh' early next year. This means that the existing committee, listed above, will continue for now. Our annual accounts for 2020/21 have been approved and [can be found here](#).

The Society's New Book



But our new book, *Colne Valley: A history of a Pennine landscape*, by Rob Vincent, is now available – just in time to fill those Christmas stockings!

Retailing at £11.95, it is available to members post-free [via the website](#) or by sending a cheque for £11.95, payable to Huddersfield Local history Society, to HLHS, 24 Sunnybank Rd, Huddersfield HD3 3DE.

Full details of the book appear in the [attached flyer](#).

Forthcoming Events

Black History Month

This national programme runs throughout October. Details of Kirklees events [can be found here](#).

Booth factory fire commemoration

A reminder that members are invited to the 80th anniversary of the Booth factory fire in Huddersfield town centre, taking place at the Memorial in Edgerton Cemetery (near the Blacker Road entrance) on Sunday 31 October at 12.00. The event will be attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr Nigel Patrick and Mayoress Mrs Judith Patrick, and the Mayor will lay a wreath at Midday. Richard Heath, the historian of the fire, in which 49 people perished, has published a new article about a survivor, 'The Amazing Barbara Chadwick', on the ['I grew up in Bradley' Facebook page](#).

Marsden Mechanics' Men – Movers and Shakers of 19th Century Marsden

Our Treasurer, Steve Challenger, will be speaking on this subject to [Marsden History Group](#) on Monday 8th November, 2021 at 7:30pm at Marsden Mechanics Hall, Peel St, Marsden, HD7 6BW. All are welcome; admission £3.00 on the door.

Heritage Open Days Success

The Society made two successful contributions to September's Heritage Open Days programme. Sheila Binns' lecture on celebrated local architect W H Crossland was attended by about 70, while there were over 500 visitors to the 'heritage hub' at the temporary WYAS office on the Piazza, where we ran a successful pop-up bookshop and gathered memories for the Society's [Our Square project](#). The lecture and shop were both organised jointly with Huddersfield Civic Society, with Holme Valley Civic Society and Marsden History Group also taking part in the shop, and the two events generated over £500 of sales income all told.

Across Kirklees as a whole, 60 HOD events attracted over 6000 visitors to sites and participants in events, a record total. Any members with suggestions for new sites of interest for 2022, or offers to organise an opening or an event, are welcome to contact the Kirklees HOD Committee via kirkleeshod@gmail.com

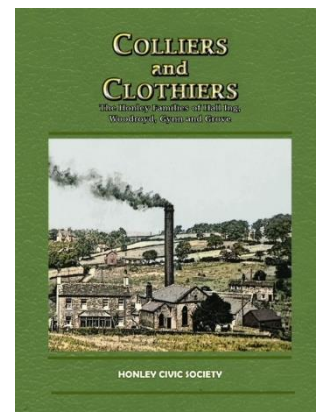
Other New Publications

Our friends at Honley Civic Society have just published ***Colliers and Clothiers: The Honley Families of Hall Ing, Woodroyd, Gynn and Grove***:

A history of Honley families who lived and worked in the valley of the Lud Dyke on the eastern slopes of the Holme Valley. As you look across the Holme Valley from the centre of Honley the green fields on the opposite slopes give the impression of a tranquil pastoral are. However, this was not always the case as the latest village history book from Honley Civic Society reveals. Coal mining and woollen mills dominated the neat valley of the Lud Dyke for most of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Colliers and Clothiers, is an introduction to the people who lived and worked from Hall Ing to Grove Mill. With fascinating background details of the life and times of the mills, dyeworks and coal mines, their owners and their families.

120 pages and around 150 illustrations, many never published before, bring the story of Honley people to life. At just £10.00, it would make an ideal Christmas gift for anyone with an interest in the village and its valley.

Full details can be found on the [Honley Civic Society's website](#).

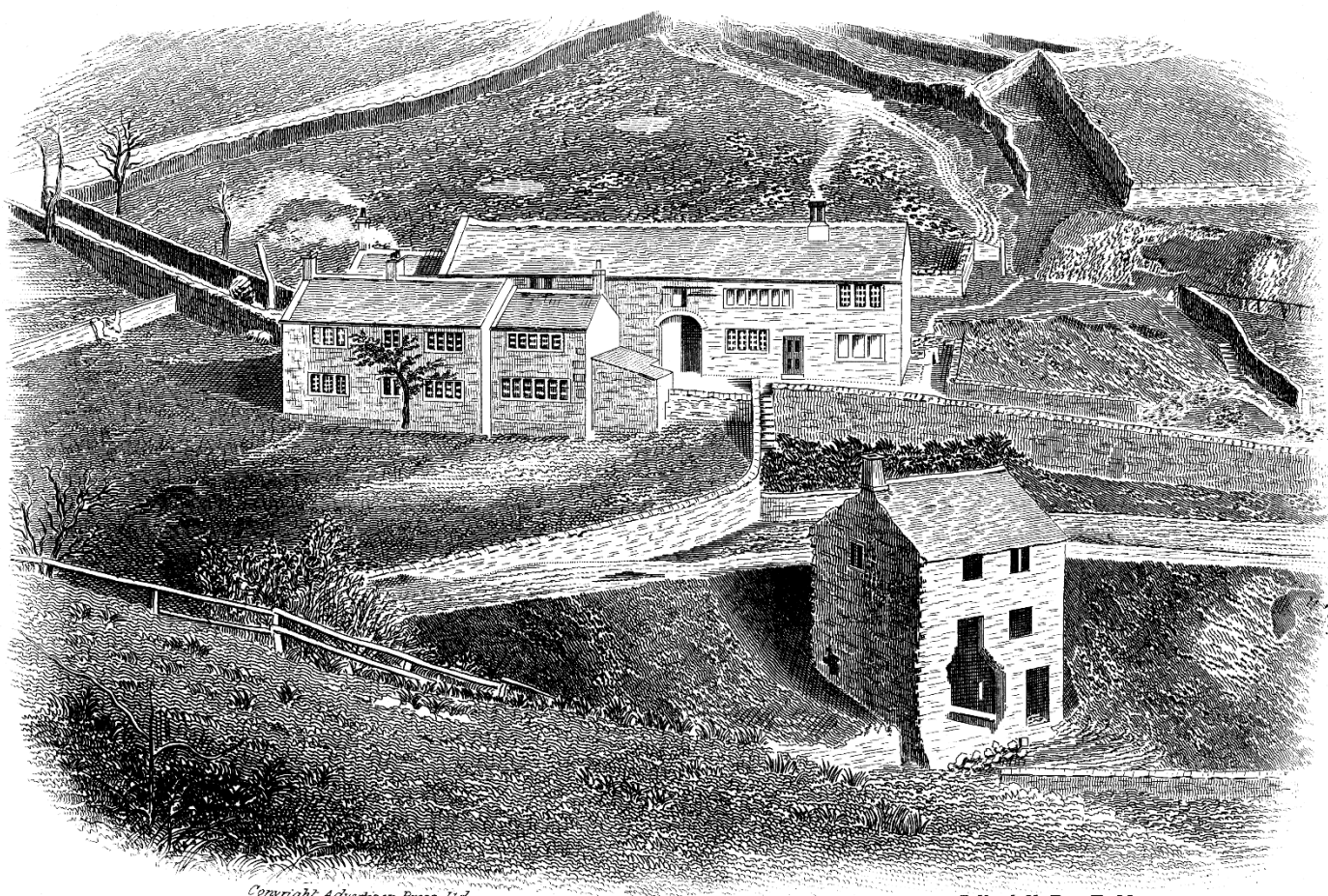


Could YOU be the Local History Photographer of the Year?

The British Association for Local History have launched a new competition to find some great local history images from around the country. Submissions are open from the start of January 2022 so there's plenty of time to take images through the changing seasons, of your favourite local history views and places. Full details [can be found here](#). The BALH website also contains information on a wide range of forthcoming on-line events.



Undated photograph of Wilshaw by photographer Charles Henry Waterhouse (1873-1946) of Meltham



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The oldest Mill in the Colne Valley.

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(in the foreground.)

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