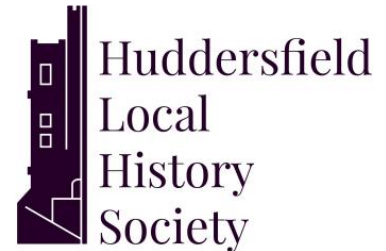


## HLHS Members Newsletter

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*"View from Mill Hill towards Victoria Bridge" – an engraving from the Illustrated London News (6 March 1852) showing the aftermath of the Holmfirth Flood*

Welcome to our January 2022 newsletter, and Happy New Year! 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 February

*David Griffiths and Dave Pattern*

## **HLHS Committee**

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our own web site,  
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## **Talks Programme**

As well as the continuing difficulties caused by Covid, a couple of our planned speakers for the early part of 2022 have been unable to proceed with their talks, and we have had to juggle with the programme. As things stand, our plans are as follows:

Monday 31 January – no meeting.

Monday 28 February – committee members Chris Verguson and Beverley Norris will make an on-line presentation about the Society's **Memories of our Square** project. As we've got used to now, links to this talk will be [on the website](#) from that date.

Monday 28 March, 7.30 pm – Dr Stephen Caunce will speak on **Financing Huddersfield's industrialisation. Learning from the banking crash of 1826.** All being well, we intend this to be our first face-to-face meeting for two years! If so, it will be at Huddersfield Town Hall, as the University campus has not reopened to the public. Please check the February and March newsletters for confirmation.

## **Another Sad Loss**

We are sorry to announce the death of another valued Society member and local historian, Robert Carter of Kirkburton. A noted researcher and writer on themes in the history of Yorkshire and of his home village, he was a one-time press photographer and the leader of his own long-running local history class and study group. A full obituary will appear in the Society's next annual *Journal*.

## **HLHS Publications Archive**

In the last newsletter we reported that the Society's administrative papers, for 1978-2017, had been deposited for posterity at the West Yorkshire Archive Service. We can now add that Local Studies at Huddersfield Library have accepted a complete set of the Society's publications. Many were already available on their shelves, but this deposit will be maintained as a discrete collection and listed in the Library catalogue.

## Local Studies – Open for Business, Looking for Help

Kirklees Local Studies Library, based at Huddersfield Library, would like to invite local history enthusiasts to consider volunteering in the library. There are all kinds of interesting activities available, from sorting and labelling collections of photographs, indexing local newspapers, producing displays and study packs for libraries around Kirklees, to helping investigate public enquiries.

For an informal discussion please telephone the Local Studies team on 01484 221000 extension 79753, or email [localstudies.library@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:localstudies.library@kirklees.gov.uk)

You can pick up an application form at the library or call **01484 414868** and ask for 'Huddersfield Library' or email [volunteer.recruitment@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer.recruitment@kirklees.gov.uk).

Local Studies is now open Tuesday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm (7 pm on Thursdays) and Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. They are still encouraging people to book in advance but are also open for people to drop in without appointments.

## Memorabilia Offered and Wanted

Committee member Richard Hobson would be happy to part with the following historic items:

- Booklet produced for the visit of Princess Margaret, Friday 14th November 1958 when she opened Huddersfield High School, Salendine Nook Secondary Modern and Huddersfield New College.
- Huddersfield Examiner's Borough Centenary (1868-1968) Supplement, Monday July 8th 1968
- Huddersfield Official Handbook (1968?)

If you would like any of these, please email <[brianrichardhobson@hotmail.com](mailto:brianrichardhobson@hotmail.com)>

Meanwhile **Kirklees College** are looking to open up their College History collection in Pioneer House (Dewsbury) library, covering the College's history in both Huddersfield & Dewsbury. If you have any spare items, please contact [John.Lambe@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:John.Lambe@kirklees.gov.uk)

## Local history themes for 2022

Two programmes to which the Society contributes will focus on particular themes in the coming year.

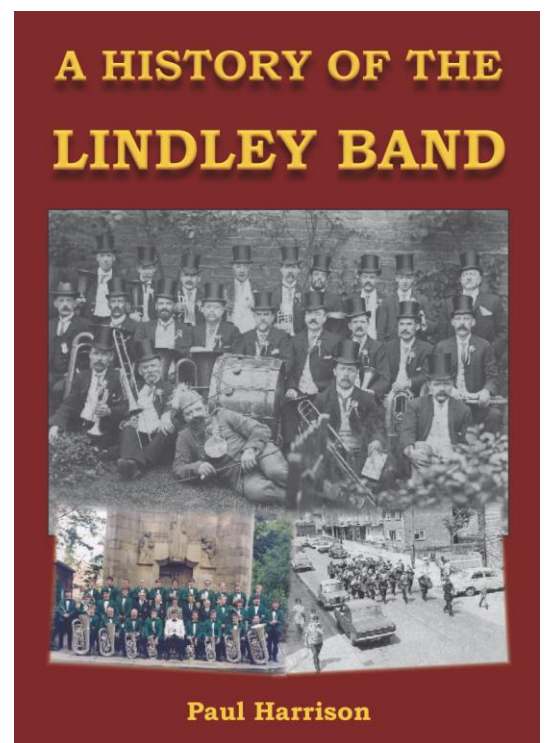
In the **Huddersfield High St Heritage Action Zone**, around St George's Square, the theme for the 2022 cultural programme and related events is **Arrivals**. This will celebrate the diverse communities that have made their home in Huddersfield over the years, with focal points including St Patrick's Day, Caribbean Carnival, the Windrush story and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947. It is also 100 years since the only 'arrival' in the town of the FA Cup, and the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first passenger train into Huddersfield Station, and it is hoped that these events among others will also be woven into the programme.

Some HAZ events, as last year, will take place during **Heritage Open Days** (9-18 September). However, the national theme for HODs this year is **Astounding Inventions** – 'celebrating England's rich history of invention, industry and innovation'. This gives great scope for imaginative events, and public openings of buildings, to celebrate Kirklees' rich industrial heritage. Suggestions and proposals from HLHS members for suitable sites and events will be most welcome – please contact [kirkleeshod@gmail.com](mailto:kirkleeshod@gmail.com)

## A History of Lindley Band

A new book by Paul Harrison relates the history of the famous and long-established Lindley Band. Referring to activities in every decade from the 1830s through to the present, his book also gives snapshots of social life in the village and Huddersfield, and the activities which working men could aspire to, if they learned to play a brass instrument. Lindley Band became British Open champions in 1900 and for many years were the most prominent band in the Huddersfield area, performing for visits of the King in 1912 and the Queen in 1971. Paul Harrison has himself been a Band member for 35 years.

The book is priced at £10 and is available in the Children's Bookshop in Lindley, or you can contact Paul direct by email, <[paulcharrison1@gmail.com](mailto:paulcharrison1@gmail.com)> or phone, 07958 227529. Postage and packing is an additional £3.





## Crossland/de Morgan Event at Hoylandswaine

An event at Hoylandswaine Parish Church, on Thursday 10 March, will celebrate the work of Huddersfield's W H Crossland, the architect of the church and John Roddam Spencer Stanhope, the painter of the mural inside. Speakers will be Sheila Binns, author of the recently published book on Crossland (who spoke of course at our public meeting in September) and Sarah Hardy of the de Morgan Collection, part of which is housed in nearby Cannon Hall, the Stanhopes' seat. She will talk about the links between Roddam Stanhope and his niece and her husband, the celebrated pre-Raphaelite ceramicists Emily and William de Morgan. The evening will include music, diary readings, an exhibition and the opportunity to view the mural, stained glass window and architecture of the church.

The event is organised by the de Morgan Museum at Cannon Hall and Hoylandswaine Arts Group as part of Penistone Arts Week. The church will be open from 6 pm with the main event beginning at 7 pm. It is at Haigh Lane, Hoylandswaine (near Penistone), S36 7LW.



## 1921 Census Now Available

As has been widely reported, the 1921 Census has now been released by the National Archives via their commercial partner, Find My Past. It will no doubt be of interest to many members, but records are quite costly to access. However:

The Huddersfield & District Family History Society can obtain substantial discounts for its members – [see here for details](#).

Free access is available at the National Archives at Kew and, perhaps more usefully, at Manchester Central Library – [details are here](#).

The British Association for Local History are running a webinar, 'The 1921 Census: opportunities for local history' on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7:00pm, with a speaker from The National Archives. This is free to individual BALH members but other HLHS members [can book here](#) at the reduced price of £3.00 using our BALH discount code, which is F-27428X.

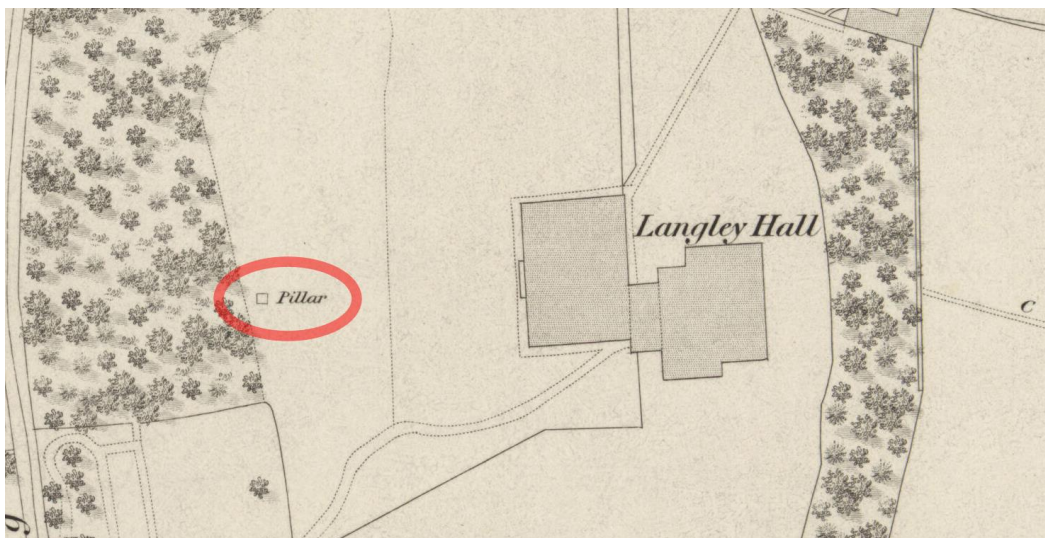
## Historic Maps

I'm sure some of you will have noticed that the Old Maps UK website ceased towards the end of last year. However, with the exception of the later 1:1,250 and 1:2,500 National Grid maps (which handily included house numbers), many of the old maps are available in higher quality on the National Library of Scotland's website. Of particular interest are the highly-detailed "Town Plan" sheets:

- [Huddersfield 1:1,056 scale sheets published in 1851](#)
- [Huddersfield 1:5,000 scale sheets published in 1890](#)

The 1851 sheets capture the town during a period of expansion, particularly with the completion of the new railway station. Sheet [number 5](#) contains much that will be of interest, including a bowling green opposite the front of the new George Hotel, as well as the old George Hotel still in situ at the head of the Market Place.

You may also notice that the Market Cross is not marked on the 1851 map – it had been removed for safekeeping by the Ramsdens around the time of the Luddites and is believed to be shown as a "pillar" to the west of Longley Hall (mislabelled "Langley" on the map). In June 1851, builder Joseph Kaye constructed a new base for the cross and it was returned to its rightful place in the Market Place.



portion of [Huddersfield Sheet 14](#), reproduced with the permission of the National Library of Scotland (CC-BY)

## The Holmfirth Flood of 1852

Next month will mark the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating Holmfirth Flood that occurred in the early hours of 5 February 1852 when the embankment of the Bilberry Reservoir failed. It is anticipated that there will be a number of events in 2027 to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Society is hoping to host a talk on the topic later on this year. In the meantime, Huddersfield Exposed is making available research into the victims as well as transcriptions of contemporary newspaper articles and documents: [https://huddersfield.exposed/wiki/Holmfirth\\_Flood\\_Project](https://huddersfield.exposed/wiki/Holmfirth_Flood_Project)

## **"Holmfirth Flood"**

*For there rolled the father, and there passed the mother,  
Both hurried along in the wave ;  
And thence shrieked the sister whilst pass'd by the brother,  
Engulfed in a watery grave.  
The babe at the breast, the mother at rest,  
The lovers which parted at night,  
No more will they gather from mother or father,  
The joys of a home or delight.*

*They are gone to their doom, alas! a cold home,  
Few kindred amongst them were found  
To follow the bier, or shed the sad tear  
At the grave where afflictions abound.  
Come, Charity, lend, for thou art a friend  
Which soothes down man's sorrows and griefs;  
Come forth with thy power, for now is the hour  
To aid and assist with relief.*

The above is a portion of a memorial poem by Keighley-born poet Abraham Wildman (1803-1870) that was set to music by Holmfirth composer Joe Perkin (1809-1868). Following Perkin's death, his widow Eliza spent her final years residing at the Holmfirth Flood Monumental Almshouses (built 1856). Their son, Mendelssohn, who became an itinerant musician in later life, also spent time living in the Almshouses.

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brave and the free," &c., &c.

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tioner; Mr. McClellan, Bookseller.

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