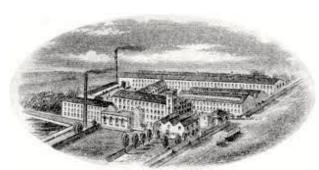


E-Newsletter, February 2019

Our E-NEWSLETTER

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



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Looking ahead...

Our February meeting provided us not only with the opportunity to see Joe Hopkinson's thoughtful and thought-provoking film about the bussing of migrant school children in Huddersfield in the 1960s but also to hear about the processes involved in putting the film together. In March Dr Stephen Caunce's talk, 'You always remember your Co-op number', may well bring back our own childhood memories — I remember that in our house we had more than one number because we belonged to more than one Co-op Society! And in May Alan Brooke will be guiding us through the rise and fall of Huddersfield's mills which will almost certainly provoke more of our memories. Once again our April meeting will also be our Annual Luddite Lecture which will be given by HLHS member Dr Janette Martin — see page 2.

Plans are now in hand for our annual excursion – we will be visiting the Standedge Visitor Centre at Tunnel End, Marsden on Monday 24 June in the evening, and a boat trip and refreshments will be included in the price. Further details and booking arrangements will be available nearer the time.



And don't forget to check out the Society's website at http://www.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk

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Remembering Peterloo 1819-2019



As all of you will know, the bicentenary of the Peterloo massacre of August 1819 is being commemorated by many events across the country, and by our Society in our sixth Luddite Memorial Lecture, 'Peterloo Retold'. HLHS committee member Dr Janette Martin is Modern History Archivist at the John Rylands Library in Manchester and she will be talking to us about the way Peterloo has been remembered and retold and will also be exploring the reaction of West Riding Radicals on the events in Manchester. Janette is in a very good position to do this as she has curated the Peterloo exhibition at the John Rylands Library which runs from 21 March 2019 to 29 September 2019. She has also led a project to digitise the Library's sources on the massacre including the Report on the Relief of the Manchester Sufferers which includes the names of the 'sufferers' and the extent of their injuries. For more about the John Rylands Library including opening hours go to https://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/

Just a stroll across Manchester city centre, an exhibition telling the story of Peterloo and its relevance today, 'Disrupt? Peterloo and Protest', kicks off at the **People's History Museum** on 23 March 2019 and runs until 23 February 2020. To finf out more go to https://phm.org.uk/exhibitions/disrupt-peterloo-and-protest/. In neighbouring Salford The **Working Class Movement Library** has a number of Peterloo-related events across the year On the afternoon of 3 July Alison Morgan will be talking about poems and broadside ballades from 1819, with musical examples, and the Library also has an exhibition using its own collections, 'Peterloo: news, fake news and paranoia', which runs from 31 May to 19 September 2019. Go to https://www.wcml.org.uk/events/ for more information and other events. And there are still tickets left for this year's 'Radical Readings' on 14 April where the people at Peterloo have their say. Christopher Eccleston and Maxine Peake are just two of those who are booked to appear and all proceeds go to support the Library. Further details can also be found on the Working Class Movement Library's website events page.

EVENTS - MARCH 2019

Tuesday 5 March

Halifax Antiquarian Society: Locked Away – unlocking the lives of the women of the West Yorkshire Lunatic Asylums 1818-1918 Speaker: Jennie Kiff, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax, 7.30pm

Thursday 7 March

Huddersfield & District Archaeological Society: Castle Hill Almondbury, excavations 1939-2017. Speaker: Ian Roberts, consultant archaeologist. Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield, 7.45pm, all welcome, entrance charge

Saturday 9 March

National Trust Supporters Group, Huddersfield and Halifax: National Trust Properties in the York area Speaker: David Morgan, National Trust General Manager, York area, Blackley Baptist Church, 2.30pm. 2.30pm, £4 non-members, refreshments included. Preceded by AGM at 2pm. For further information phone 01422 355315.

Monday 11 March

Marsden History Group: Crossing the Pennines: the Turnpike Road, Speakers: Mike Pinder and Roger Logue. Marsden Mechanics Hall, 7.30pm, entrance charge

Tuesday 12 March

Brockholes Village Hall: The Holmfirth Flood of 1852. A film produced and introduced by Mike Wade. Brockholes Village Hall, 7.30pm, £5

Wednesday 13 March

Friends of Tolson Museum: Tea and Cake – The story of Hope Bank, Honley's Pleasure Grounds. Tolson Museum, 2pm-3.30pm, free

Thursday 14 March

Honley Civic Society: Heroes of a Different Kind Speaker: Cyril Pearce, Parish Rooms, Church St, Honley, 7.30pm.

Tuesday 19 March

Halifax Antiquarian Society: From the mill to Monte Carlo, Joseph Hobson Jagger said to be 'the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo Speaker: Anne Fletcher, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax, 7.30pm

Wednesday 20 March

Huddersfield Local Studies Library Lunchtime Club: Marsden's Inns and Alehouses Speaker: Judi Thorpe, Huddersfield Central Library, 1pm

Huddersfield Military History Society: The search for the ideal tank Speaker: Peter Sizer, Huddersfield Town Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday 21 March

History Jar: Isabella of France, the She-Wolf, her husband and their lovers. Tutor: Julia Hickey. The Learning Studio, The Piece Hall, Halifax. 10am-3pm, £20. Go to https://thehistoryjar.com/day-schools-halifax-2018-19/ to book a place. Note change of venue.

Monday 25 March

Our Monthly Talk: You always remember your Co-op number Speaker: Stephen Caunce. University of Huddersfield, Brontë Lecture Theatre (room BLG/05), 7.30pm, non-members £2

Sunday 31 March

Discover Huddersfield / Huddersfield Literature Festival: Literary Huddersfield Walk, Join Chris Marsden for a guided tour. Pre-booking essential, go to www.huddlitfest.org.uk for further details. See below for link to Discover Huddersfield's 2019 programme.

Whilst every effort has been made to check the accuracy of the information included in these listings, it is up to members themselves to check that the event is happening and that any arrangements have not been changed.

Discover Huddersfield 2019

David Griffiths writes:

'The new season of Discover Huddersfield walks kicks off on Sunday 31 March with a Literary Huddersfield walk - unusually, this must be pre-booked, via the Literature Festival website, www.huddlitfest.org.uk After that, from April to October there are 12 walks for which no booking is needed (plus four more bookable ones for Heritage Open Days in September). The programme includes new ones covering Birkby, Lockwood and Chris Marsden's personal selection of significant buildings, as well as the return of old favourites including Radical Heritage, public art and hidden Highfields. The programme will be available at the Society's March meeting and is already available on the Discover Huddersfield website.'

(<u>http://www.discoverhuddersfield.com/walks/</u>) as well as our own Society website. Download the PDF at https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/0ec4753f-6612-4147-bb3c-85541cf8141c.

Hansard at Huddersfield

Hansard at Huddersfield is an exciting project from the University of Huddersfield which provides a new way of accessing and analysing Hansard, the official report of the debates of both Houses of Parliament. The project's website will be launched in Huddersfield on 13 March 2019 in Heritage Quay, at the University of Huddersfield, and YOU are invited. There is such a thing as a free lunch!

Hansard at Huddersfield team member **Fransina de Jager** explains how this is a different way of searching Hansard:

'We are using techniques borrowed from linguistics to produce a website that makes Hansard, the public record of the U.K.'s Houses of Parliament, more accessible to everyone and in a format that can be searched in new and interesting ways. The current Hansard search functions are rather inflexible and require considerable levels of knowledge of the internal workings of parliament in order to make sense of the search findings. To create a highly usable website that addresses those issues and helps researchers find new ways into the data, we have collaborated with potential users to create a website that responds to real-world research needs. The resulting website simplifies methods that linguists use to find patterns in large bodies of text and displays interactive visualisations to make the exploration of Hansard intuitive and informative. For example, you can search to see when Huddersfield is mentioned in the House of Commons from 1803 to 2005 compared to Leeds (the answer is that only in 1818, 1872 and 1913 Huddersfield is mentioned more!). This information comes in the form of a distribution graph which – when the website goes live - you can click to see a chronological list of the contributions in which Huddersfield and Leeds are spoken of and by which members of the House.'



The launch event will start at 11.30 a.m. with a presentation of the website and time to ask questions, followed by lunch and the opportunity to try out the website hands-on from 12.30 p.m. To attend the project launch, please register via Eventbrite on http://hud.ac/e38.

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