

E-Newsletter, March 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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# The Luddite Memorial Lecture

Just a reminder that April's meeting will also be the sixth annual Luddite Memorial Lecture, held jointly with the University of Huddersfield. This year Society member Dr Janette Martin, Modern History Archivist at the John Rylands Library, University of Manchester will be talking about the many ways in which the Peterloo Massacre of 1819 has been remembered and retold. The lecture is free for non-members so please bring all your friends. More information on this, and other events and exhibitions commemorating Peterloo, can be found in February's newsletter. And the good news is that past newsletters are now linked to from the Home Page of our website so there is no need to scrabble around in your old emails.

We are nearing the end of the Society year so please don't forget that Alan Brooke's talk on the 'Rise and Fall' of the district's mills will take place on Monday 20 May, not on the last Monday of the month as this is a Bank Holiday. And in June we have an excursion to Standedge Tunnel and Visitor Centre. See page 2 for further details.



Janette busy preparing the Peterloo exhibition at the John Rylands Library

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#### Our summer excursion

Many of you will have heard Trevor Ellis at the start of our current talks programme explain how and why the Standedge tunnel was constructed. Now is your chance to see inside as our summer excursion on Monday 24 June will be a visit to the Standedge Tunnel and Visitor Centre in Marsden, run by the Canal & River Trust.

Our party will be split into groups so that everyone will experience a 30 minute boat trip into the tunnel and be able to visit the Centre with its permanent exhibition on the history of Standedge.



Photo: Janette Martin

We will meet at the Visitors Centre at 6.00pm and the cost of the evening will be £6.00 which includes light refreshments. There is disabled parking at the Centre, others are advised to park at the train station and walk along to the Visitors Centre on the canal towpath.

You can find a local map on the Visitor Centre's webpage (<a href="https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/standedge-tunnel-and-visitor-centre">https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/standedge-tunnel-and-visitor-centre</a>)

Further information and a booking form will be sent out to members with the journal.

## And another date for your diaries...

Our Study Day this year, *Language, people and places: a tribute to Dr George Redmonds, his life and work* will take place on Saturday 23 November 2019. Further details to follow.

### **EVENTS – MARCH 2019**

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

Thursday 28 March

Kirkheaton History Group: Shop Lane Mills, Kirkheaton – an illustrated talk Speaker: John Taylor. Kirkheaton Community Centre, 7.30pm, £2.50 (including light refreshments) in support of Yetton Together.

Sunday 31 March

Discover Huddersfield / Huddersfield Literature Festival: Literary Huddersfield Walk, Join Chris Marsden for a guided tour. Pre-booking essential, go to <a href="https://www.huddlitfest.org.uk">www.huddlitfest.org.uk</a> for further details. SOLD OUT!

### **EVENTS – APRIL 2019**

Tuesday 2 April

Halifax Antiquarian Society: Halifax 1842 - a year of crisis (preceded by AGM), Speaker: Catherine Howe, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax, 6pm

Thursday 4 April

National Trust Supporters Group, Huddersfield and Halifax: 'Interior Worlds' Speaker: Simon McCormach, curator of an exhibition at Nostell Priory in 2018 celebrating the work of Thomas Chippendale, The Old Court Room, Huddersfield Town Hall, 10.30am, £4 non-members, refreshments from 10am included.

Wednesday 10 April

Friends of Tolson Museum: Tea and Cake – The history of our many and varied war memorials. Tolson Museum, 2pm-3.30pm.

Thursday 11 April

*Honley Civic Society: A history of Farnley Tyas* Speaker: Caroline Page, Parish Rooms, Church St, Honley, 7.30pm.

Tuesday 16 April

Halifax Antiquarian Society: Ripponden's Second World War decoy site – Operation Starfish Speaker: David Taylor, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax, 6.30pm

Wednesday 17 April

Huddersfield Military History Society: The real robin Hood and the Kirklees connection Speaker: David Pinder, Huddersfield Town Hall, 7.30pm

Thursday 25 April

History Jar: Joan of Kent, princess of controversy and first Princess of Wales. Tutor: Julia Hickey. The Learning Studio, The Piece Hall, Halifax. 10am-3.30pm, £20. Go to <a href="https://thehistoryjar.com/day-schools-halifax-2018-19/">https://thehistoryjar.com/day-schools-halifax-2018-19/</a> to book a place. Note change of venue.

Monday 29 April

Annual Luddite Lecture: Peterloo Retold 1819-2019 Speaker: Janette Martin. University of Huddersfield, Brontë Lecture Theatre (room BLG/05), 7.30pm, Free. A joint endeavour with the University of Huddersfield.

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.

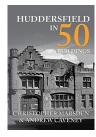
## Discover Huddersfield: April walks



Sunday 14 April, 2.30pm, £3

#### The University Campus Trail

Meet at the Ramsden Building in Queensgate, opposite Alfred St car park. Explore how the campus has developed over the past 150 years from Victorian interiors to very recent buildings including the award-winning Oastler Building and the Barbara Hepwoth Building which is nearing completion in the company of university archivist Lindsay Ince.



### Huddersfield in 50 Buildings

Chris Marsden, a former Chair of Huddersfield Civic Society who will be known to many of you, together with photographer Andrew Caveney, explores Huddersfield's history through 50 of its buildings in a new book just published by Amberley. A description of the book together with a quote from Chris about the book can be found on the Civic Society's website at

https://www.huddersfieldcivicsociety.org.uk/news. Chris will also be giving an illustrated talk to Huddersfield Civic Society at approximately 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 April, following their AGM, in the Reception Room of Huddersfield Town Hall.

Thanks to Val Davies who has been in touch to say that the dedication in the book includes the following, 'in memory of the giants on whose shoulders we stand: Hilary Haigh (1945 – 2018) and George Redmonds (1936 – 2018)', words I am sure that will be much appreciated by members of our Society.

### And talking about buildings...

Do take a look at the Buildings of Huddersfield project hosted on our Society's website at <a href="https://buildings.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk">https://buildings.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk</a>

The project explores the development of central Huddersfield through planning and other records and focuses on the area covered by the central wards of the former Huddersfield Borough. The entries are based on the approvals contained in the Huddersfield Building Registers of 1868–1974 and on all the listed buildings in this area. The plans themselves are held by the West Yorkshire Archives Kirklees office and can be inspected by appointment.

The initial Buildings of Huddersfield project was made possible by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to the University of Huddersfield. This website is the result of a collaboration between the Huddersfield Local History Society and the Huddersfield Civic Society, and was developed by <a href="Huddersfield Exposed">Huddersfield Exposed</a> where you will find even more information about the information of buildings, past and present, across the district.

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