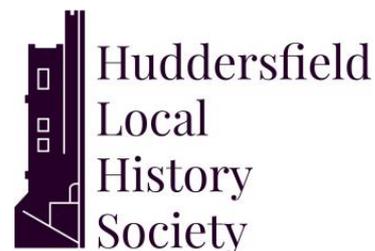


HLHS Members Newsletter

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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 huddshistorynews@gmail.com



Huddersfield Market Place, featuring the Jubilee Fountain (later relocated to Greenhead Park)

Welcome!

Welcome to our February newsletter in which you can find details of upcoming events and news which we hope will be of interest to our members.

Dave Pattern

Our Next Monday Evening Talks

Our next Monday evening talk will be given by Jo Stanley on 24th February on the topic *Your Kirklees pinta? Changes in local dairy farming 1850-2020*. The Huddersfield Thespians will present *"The Play Must Go On": 100 Years of the Huddersfield Thespians* on 30th March. As always, further details can be [found on our web site](#)

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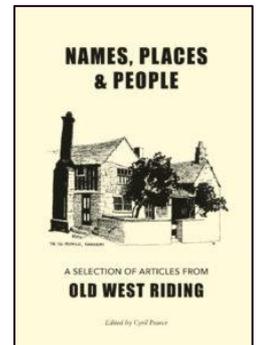
Bill Roberts

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

New Publications

The Society's most recent publication is *Names, Places & People: a selection of articles from Old West Riding* which was formally launched at our [Annual Study Day](#). Priced at just £6.95 for 160 pages, copies are available at our meetings or [via our web site](#).

Old West Riding published 23 editions from 1981 to 1995 and was a joint venture by three local historians – Jennifer Stead, Cyril Pearce and George Redmonds. This collection of over a dozen articles is dedicated to George, who died in August 2018. The [table of contents](#) is available online. ISBN 9780992984120.



As part of this year's celebrations to mark the centenary of Huddersfield famously becoming "The Town that Bought Itself", the Society is partnering with the [University of Huddersfield Press](#) to publish a full-length book on the Ramsdens in Huddersfield, edited by Edward Royle. For further details of the upcoming events and the book, please keep an eye on the following web site:

huddersfield2020.org.uk

...and, just in case you haven't already seen it, we've partnered with Huddersfield Civic Society and Huddersfield Exposed to make a copy of Clifford Stephenson's book *The Ramsdens and Their Estate in Huddersfield* available to read online.

"Jane Austen meets Quentin Tarantino"

Canadian writer Brian Van Norman's new novel *Against the Machine: Luddites* (ISBN 9781771834797) is expected to be available at the start of April and plans are afoot for a UK launch in Huddersfield. During his research for the book, the novelist visited Alan Brooke and Alan's review can now be [found online](#):

"Over 200 years on, thanks to writers like Van Norman, the Luddites are not only remembered, but celebrated. For that alone this book deserves a place on the shelves not only of the general reader, seeking a well written historical adventure story, but of all those concerned about the direction of our technology driven world."

Discover Huddersfield

The printed programme for the 2020 season of guided walks will be “hot off the press” in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for it in the usual places. Full details will also be available on the [Discover Huddersfield](#) web site.

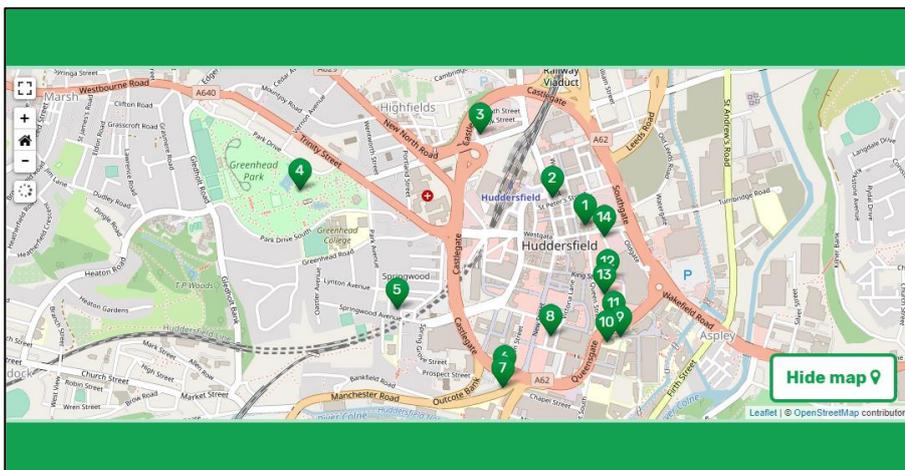
To whet your appetite, the proposed walk titles include:

- *Celebrating ‘The Town That Bought Itself’*
- *Walking the Banks of the River Colne*
- *European Exile Communities Walk*
- *The Irish in Huddersfield*
- *Huddersfield’s Historic Transport Systems*
- *Not Any Old Iron*
- *Huddersfield’s Radical Heritage*
- *Beerhouses, Brothels and Bobbies*
- *Sites from Slaithwaite’s Radical Past*
- *Georgian Huddersfield*
- *The Age of Architectural Decoration*

Coming Soon to a (Small) Screen near You...

A joint project between Discover Huddersfield, Huddersfield Civic Society and Huddersfield Local History Society to develop an online “web app” for mobile devices is also nearing completion.

As you can see from these exclusive screenshots, this complements the ever-popular printed trails and will allow you to take a self-guided themed tour around the town armed only with your mobile phone or tablet.



Events

For further details of the following events, please click on the links. 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.

Thursday 20th February 2020

Holme Valley Civic Society: [The 1852 Holmfirth Flood](#) – screening of the film by Mike Wade. 7:30pm, Holmfirth Civic Hall. Non-members £3.

Monday 24th February 2020

Huddersfield Local History Soc.: [Your Kirklees Pinta? Changes in Local Dairy Farming 1850-2020](#) – Jo Stanley. 7:30pm.

Friday 6th March 2020

Huddersfield & District Archaeological Soc.: [Sheffield Castle – Archaeology, Archives and Augmented Reality 1927-2020](#) – Prof. J. Moreland. 7:45pm to 9:15pm, Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield. Members £1, non-members £2.50.

Saturday 7th March 2020

Holme & Calder Assoc. (National Trust): AGM followed by *Ann Lister* – Christine Booth. 2pm at Blackley Baptist Church, Elland. Members £3, non-members £4. Refreshments after included. Further details, call 01422 355315.

Monday 9th March 2020

Marsden History Group: [Peterloo Retold, 1819-2019](#) – Janette Martin. 7:30pm, Marsden Mechanics Institute. Fee for non-members.

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Kirklees Libraries' Lunchtime Club: ["I Wished to Tell the Truth": Ann Brontë at 200](#) – Diane Fare (The Brontë Society). 1pm, Huddersfield Central Library.

Friends of Tolson Museum: [Mining Disasters and the changes they made](#). 2pm.

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Huddersfield Literature Festival: [Discovering Ann Brontë](#). 1:45pm onwards, University of Huddersfield. Free (pre-booking required).

Thursday 21st March 2020

Holme Valley Civic Society: [The History of Holmfirth Parish Church](#) – Pam Cooksey. 7:30pm, Holmfirth Civic Hall. Non-members £3.

Monday 30th March 2020

Huddersfield Local History Soc.: ["The Play Must Go On": 100 Years of the Huddersfield Thespians](#) – Huddersfield Thespians. 7:30pm.

Press Release: Burial Ground Management System

The United Benefice of Kirkburton, All Hallows and Shelley, Emmanuel is excited to launch their Burial Ground Management System project – thanks to the support of the National Lottery.

Public launch of the pilot project by Ven Dr Anne Dawtry

Wednesday 26 February at All Hallows, Kirkburton, 10:30am

Thursday 27 February at Emmanuel, Shelley, 10:30am

Everyone welcome

Kirkburton, All Hallows, and Shelley, Emmanuel, two churches near Huddersfield in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, received a Sharing Heritage grant of £6,100 in March 2018 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for the pilot project focused on their two churchyards. The reality of this project was made possible by money raised by National Lottery players. This innovative project involved pioneering research to develop the distinctive heritage of the two churchyards, and will add great value for the local and wider communities of all ages.

It is the first project of its kind in the UK to go live!

Genealogists, historians and interested parties will benefit greatly from easy online-access to search for information. Atlantic Geomatics (UK) Ltd digitally mapped the historic churchyards of Kirkburton and Shelley. Volunteers from the churches and local history group were trained to take high-quality photographs of approximately 6000 memorials, which are now linked directly to the memorial location on the map. The burial registers were scanned and the volunteers transcribed the text in the registers onto the portal, linking them to the images and map.



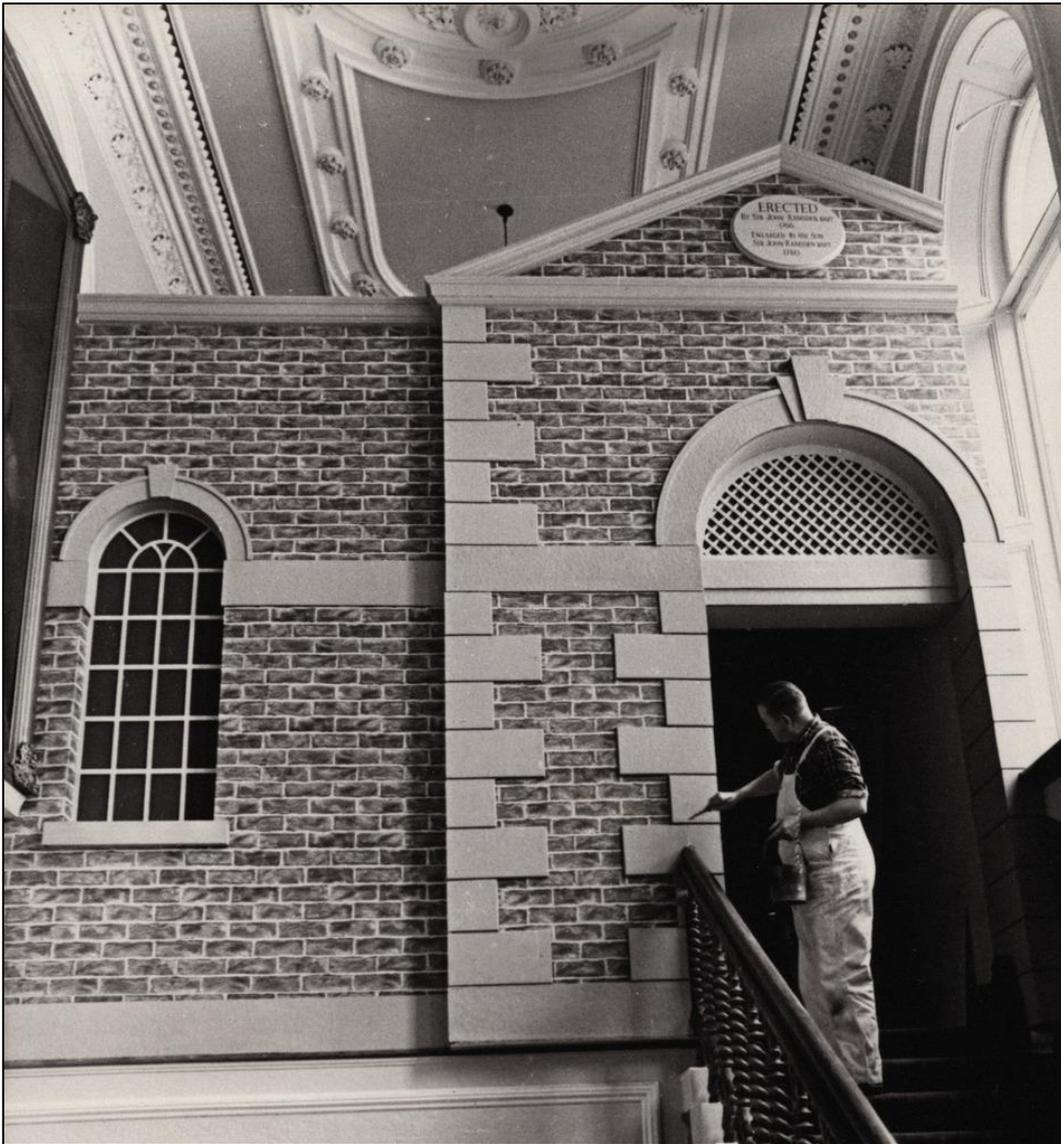
This project in conjunction with existing information, benefits the conservation areas of both churchyards, in particular in All Hallows' Churchyard which for many years has won the Green Flag Community Award. We are committed to upholding our conservation responsibilities and this project helps us to do this in a systematic way.

The local volunteers, with professional support, can share their new skills as this project continues (including photography, scanning, IT, and researching archives) and participate in a range of heritage activities centred on the burial grounds.

“A Century of Progress: 1868 to 1968”

Unfortunately this commemorative album of photographs of the 1968 “Century of Progress” exhibition fell into my hands a couple of years too late to be included in the **Huddersfield 150** events of 2018, but it has now been scanned and [made available online](#) for your viewing pleasure.

The provenance of the album – which I acquired recently via an auction in Halifax – is unknown but it was possibly compiled as a memento for a senior member of the town council. The album is now in the safe hands of [West Yorkshire Archive Service](#).



Nearly 40 years after its demolition, the Cloth Hall is resurrected inside Huddersfield Town Hall.

If you have any important photographs, documents or other similar items relating to our area’s local history which you’d like scanning so that they can be made available online, please get in touch!

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Huddersfield & District in the Past

100 Years Ago...



The Savoy Picture House, later known as the New Savoy Cinema, off Westbourne Road in Marsh opened its doors on 19th February 1920 with a screening of a silent version of *A Tale of Two Cities*. Parts of the cinema still survive, although the building has gone through a number of different uses in recent decades, including a Lodge supermarket, a DIY hardware store and an indoor play centre.

150 Years Ago...

The *Huddersfield Chronicle* (5 Feb 1870) contained the following items of local news:

A Telegraphic Station for Honley. — *Honley is no longer an isolated place, but is connected with other parts of the world by the electric wires, which stretch from the Post office to the railway, some half mile, and which workmen have been engaged in fixing up during the past few days.*

Fartown: Accident on the Ice. — *In consequence of the severe frost the three reservoirs adjoining Clough House Mill were frozen, and large numbers of persons resorted there for the purpose of skating. On Sunday afternoon hundreds of persons were on the ice at one time. About four o'clock the ice gave way, and a young man from Dalton fell into the water. Fortunately, it was only about 3ft. deep at the place, and he escaped with no other injury than a gratuitous immersion, and the inconvenience of walking home in damp clothing.*

Meltham: Lecture by an Indian Chief. — *On Wednesday night, an interesting lecture was delivered, under the auspices of the members of the Bible class belonging to the Wesleyan Chapel Sunday School, Mill Moor, in the Oldfellows' Hall, by Mar-Kar-War, an Indian chief. There was a large audience, the hall being well filled. The lecturer, in a graphic style, gave an account of the character, customs, mode of living, marriage, death, and religion of the numerous Indian tribes.*

The American Indian chief was almost certainly Nar-Kar-Wa ("Flying Cloud"), who was a "celebrated American Baptist preacher, formerly an Indian chief of the Mohawk tribe".¹ During his visit to our area, he gave talks at several chapels.

¹ https://web.archive.org/web/20120212040956/http://www.pembrokedock.org/h_religion_10.htm