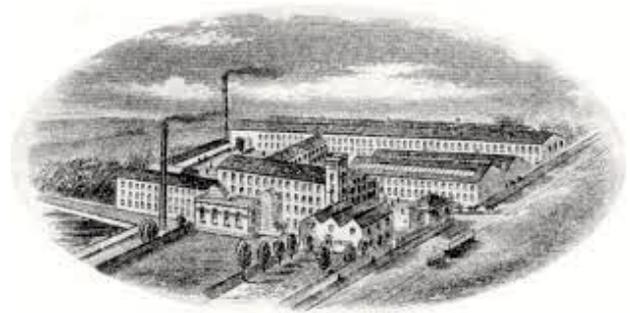




Our E-NEWSLETTER

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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As all of you will know by now, 2018 ended on a very sad note with the loss of our secretary, Hilary Haigh. On a personal note I have found it difficult to begin this newsletter, having first worked with Hilary in the Huddersfield Local History Library and Archives department in 1973. The obituary published in the *Examiner* was written by our chair Cyril Pearce and is reproduced below. There Cyril writes about the 'quiet and unassuming but important part' that Hilary played in the Society and, as we pick up the threads of Hilary's activities on our behalf, we've been reminded how big a part that was, and also the knowledge that Hilary brought to that role. In the coming months we will be thinking of what the Society might do by way of commemoration. Plans were already underway for our Study Day which will focus on the work and achievements of HLHS member and well-known historian, Dr George Redmonds, who also died in 2018.

This year will see the publication in book form of the *Yorkshire Historic Dictionary* by the Borthwick Institute at the University of York in partnership with the Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society and builds on Dr Redmonds card catalogue of thousands of terms and phrases he collected over 60 years but the website is now live and it is very impressive. I've been looking at a few words that are associated with Lindley where I live: chain, clough, dearn and nook. Go to <https://yorkshiredictionary.york.ac.uk> to find out more about the project and words associated with your bit of Huddersfield.

Christine Verguson, Publicity officer

HILARY HAIGH 1945 – 2018

This tribute to Hilary, written by Cyril Pearce on behalf of Huddersfield Local History Society, first appeared in the Huddersfield Examiner on 17 December 2018.

Hilary was born Elizabeth A. Hilary Turner in 1945, grew up in Honley and attended what was then Holme Valley Grammar School, now Honley High. After 'A' levels she went to the University of Leeds before training first as a librarian in Aberystwyth and then as an archivist at the University of Liverpool. She married John Haigh in 1978 and their daughter Sarah was born in 1981. Her professional career began in 1968 as Huddersfield's Archivist and Local History Librarian, a post which she held when the borough was absorbed into Kirklees and retained under the new authority. Having left Kirklees in 1982 she spent some time as a freelance researcher and adult education tutor until 1991 when she was appointed Archivist at the University of Huddersfield, then the Polytechnic. She remained there until retirement in 2010, after which she was appointed Visiting Research Fellow.



Over the years, as Archivist, both for the local authority and for the University, she supported the work of countless people, some to higher degrees and others, bitten by the local history bug, simply to a better understanding of their home area. She has been a major contributor to the publication of books and journals on the history of Huddersfield and district. Her painstaking and patient approach to editing was more than demonstrated when in 1992 she edited the now classic collection of essays *Huddersfield, a Most Handsome Town*, drawing on the work of more than twenty scholars, and in 2012 she co-edited with John Hargreaves *Slavery in Yorkshire* which marked the life and times of Richard Oastler, Huddersfield's nineteenth century factory reformer. More recently, published only shortly before she died, she wrote, edited and secured Heritage Lottery Funding for *A Parish at War*, a study of life in her adopted home of Netherpton and Middlestown, near Wakefield, during the first world war – a splendid epitaph to every aspect of her work.

Alongside all of this, and after John's untimely death, Hilary has played a key role in the Huddersfield Local History Society (HLHS). She was one of the handful of people who came together almost forty years ago fired by the idea that it was about time Huddersfield had an organisation which shared and celebrated the history of the town and its area. From those modest beginnings in the late 1970s HLHS can now boast more than two hundred members, a substantial catalogue of publications and its own Journal. In all of this, most recently as Secretary, Hilary has played a quiet and unassuming but important part. Her final achievement in which she was unable to share was a successful HLHS study day, for which she had done most of the organising, which celebrated the centenary of the success of the campaign for votes for women.

Hilary has been one of the unsung heroes of much of what makes the study of local history in our own area so rich and vibrant. She will be sadly missed.

EVENTS – January 2019

Sunday 27 January

Holocaust Memorial Day – Torn from Home – Service of Remembrance in Dewsbury, Outside Dewsbury Town Hall, 2pm-2.30pm,

<https://communitydirectory.kirklees.gov.uk/communitydirectory/eventdetails.aspx?eventid=25258>

Through Our Eyes – Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre, Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield. Permanent exhibition and a talk by Trude Silman, 2pm-3pm. For further

information and to book tickets (£6, concessions £4) go to

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/activity/survivor-talk-trude-silman/>

The exhibition is not suitable for under 12s.

Monday 28 January

Our Monthly Talk: Interpreting the Unthinkable : the making of the Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre, Speaker: Emma King. **Bronte Lecture Theatre (room BLG/05),** University of Huddersfield, 7.30pm. The Centre, situated in the Schwann Building at the university below Heritage Quay, will remain open until 7pm for those who would like to visit it prior to our talk but please note the talk will take place in our usual venue.

Tuesday 29 January

Holocaust Memorial Day – Torn from Home – Procession of Weeping Sisters, Sets off from Commercial Hotel, New St, Huddersfield at 6.15pm. See below for details.

Commemorative event with candle lighting, Oastler Building, University of Huddersfield, 7.15pm.

<https://communitydirectory.kirklees.gov.uk/communitydirectory/eventdetails.aspx?eventid=25258>

February 2019

Friday 1 February

Huddersfield & District Archaeological Society: ‘The art of interpreting geophysical data’

Speaker, Dr Chris Gaffney. Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield, 7.45pm, all welcome, entrance charge

Sunday 3 February

Bagshaw Museum: Guided House Tour. Take the tour of this stunning Victorian Gothic building and discover more about the history of the Sheard family and Walter Bagshaw, the first curator. 1pm and 2.30pm. Free but book on the day at the reception desk.

Wednesday 7 February

Royal Armouries Museum: Conserving the treasures of the Royal Armouries, The museum’s conservators provide a behind the scenes perspective through a variety of case studies, Royal Armouries, Leeds, 3pm, Free

Tuesday 12 February

Huddersfield and District Family History Society: Packhorse Days and Packhorse Ways, Speaker: Janet Niepokojczycka. Huddersfield Town Hall, 2pm, £2.

Wakefield Historical Society: Potwallopers – the story of Britain’s first secret ballot, Pontefract 1872 Speaker: John Whitaker, Wakefield Museums Curatorial and Collections Officer, Elizabethan Gallery, Brook St, Wakefield, 7.30pm, non-members £2

Thursday 14 February

Honley Civic Society: ‘A Painted Veil, the story of Edgar Wood, architect’ A film by Anthony Dolan. (A pioneer of Art Nouveau and the Modernist Movement in architecture, Wood designed several celebrated buildings in the Huddersfield district) Parish Rooms, Church St, Honley, 7.30pm.

Sunday 17 February

Tolson Museum: Tour, Discover more about the people who lived and worked here, 1pm & 2.30pm, Free – book on the day at reception desk.

Tuesday 19 February

Halifax Antiquarian Society: Paternalism in mid-19th century Halifax, the Ackroyds and the Crossleys, Speaker: Chris Toole, 7.30pm, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax

Wednesday 20 February

Huddersfield Military History Society: The battle for Kohima Speaker: Bob Cook, curator of the Kohima museum at Imphal Barracks, York. Huddersfield Town Hall, 7.30pm

Saturday 23 February

National Trust Supporters’ Group, Huddersfield & Halifax: Halifax Philosophical and Literary Society, Speaker, Corinne McDonald, Blackley Baptist Church, 2.15pm. Non-members £4.

Monday 25 February

Our Monthly Talk: Dispersal Bussing in Huddersfield during the 1960s and 1970s Speaker: Joe Hopkinson. Bronte Lecture Theatre (room BLG/05), University of Huddersfield, 7.30pm Non-members £2

Tuesday 26 February

West Yorkshire Archive Service: Yorkshire Historical Dictionary Tour Speaker: Alexandra Medcalf, project archivist. West Yorkshire History Centre, Wakefield, 11am-12.30pm. Free, tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-historic-dictionary-talk-tickets-52522096003>

Holocaust Memorial Day



TORN FROM HOME

A programme of events for Holocaust Memorial Day. Community groups and young people respond to the stories of Jewish, Burundian, Bosnian, Kurdish, Roma and Syrian survivors of genocide in words, music, pictures and processional figures.

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Procession of Weeping Sisters

6.15pm - From the Commercial Hotel, New Street, Huddersfield to the University of Huddersfield, HD1 3DH

A solemn procession of large figures, reflecting the grief of women for the events of the Holocaust and other genocides. This year, they will be joined by a Burundian figure, made by people in Dewsbury, to mark the 25th anniversary of the Burundian genocide.

Commemorative Event with Candle Lighting

7.15pm - Oastler Building, University of University, HD1 3DH

Guest speaker: Trude Silman, child refugee and life president of the Holocaust Survivors Friendship Association.

Refugees of more recent genocides and conflicts, who have found a home in West Yorkshire, will join Trude in an act of remembrance with music, poetry and the sound of tearing cloth.

FREE ENTRANCE

NEAR NEIGHBOURS **UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD** **CREATIVE SCENE**

The Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre **HSEFA** **Kirklees COUNCIL** **HOLocaust MEMORIAL DAY TRUST**

Auschwitz the Gatehouse - by artist Rob Perry

Sunday 27th January

Holocaust Memorial Day Service of Remembrance in Dewsbury

2 - 2.30pm - Outside Dewsbury Town Hall, WF12 8DG

Led by local faith leaders.

The Weeping Sisters, created by people in Dewsbury, will be part of this event.

Many thanks to the Near Neighbours Fund for supporting this project.

ALL WELCOME



Through Our Eyes

A permanent exhibition that tells the story of the Holocaust through the experiences of 16 men and women who survived and settled in Yorkshire.

Holocaust Exhibition and Learning Centre, Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield

Mon - Thurs 10am - 5pm
Friday 10am - 1pm

Also open to the public on Sunday 27th January 12 - 4pm

For further information and to book tickets for a talk by a survivor on this day, please visit <https://ticket.global-events.org/e/1854/survivortalk> www.holocaustlearning.org.uk

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Our May 2019 talk

Members may remember that we had to change our programme in October 2018 at short notice and as a result Cyril Pearce gave us a talk that was originally scheduled for this May. Alan Brooke kindly agreed to fill the May 2019 slot and will be talking about **Mills of the Huddersfield area – their rise and fall**. Alan's research into the district's mills began around 1980 when he became concerned about the acceleration in the disappearance of the area's industrial heritage. Alan began to compile a photographic record of local mills, many of which have now disappeared or remain but much altered. Not only has Alan's own photographic collection been extended over the years by many other images from various archives but he has also set out to compile a detailed biography of each mill which now amounts to over 300 sites in Huddersfield and its adjacent valleys. Please do make a note in your diaries for Monday 20 May (please note that because of the Bank Holiday we will not meet on the last Monday in May).



Starkey's mill during demolition

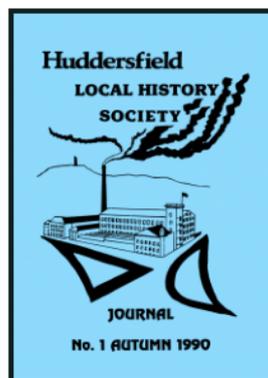
Notices

Just a reminder that if you are intending to enter the 2019 competition for the Society's Edward Law History Prize then the deadline for entering is Thursday 31 January 2019. Please email your final draft to editor@huddersfieldhistory.org.uk and make sure that the email subject is entitled **Edward Law History Prize 2019**.

Go to <http://www.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk/huddersfields-history/edwardlaw/> for more information.

And if you are not feeling competitive, but would like to share your own Huddersfield history research with others, the deadline for the Society's **Journal** has been extended until March but do please get in touch with editor Rob Piggott at editor@huddersfieldhistory.org.uk as soon as possible to let him know what you have in mind. Notes for Authors can be found at <http://www.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Notes-for-Authors.pdf>.

And talking of our Journal...



Don't forget that back issues of the Society's Newsletter (the predecessor of the Journal) and the Journal itself from 1983 to 2013 are available to download in PDF for free on our website. From Almondbury to workhouses, our past articles cover many aspects of Huddersfield's history, so if you've not done so already, it's well worth taking a look, and there is even a searchable index to browse beforehand. Go to <http://www.huddersfieldhistory.org.uk/publications/archive/> to start reading.

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.

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