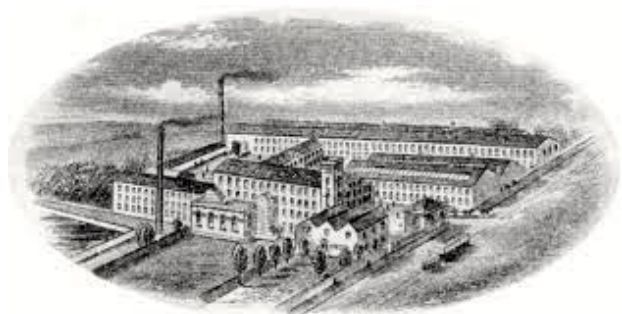


Our E-NEWSLETTER

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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A summer break...

Not quite! Please remember that if you want to join us on our summer excursion on Monday June 24 then please do return the booking form and payment to Steve by Friday 7 June at the latest. No confirmation will be sent out – you will only hear from Steve if there aren't any places left. I hope the following listings will show that although most societies take a break, Huddersfield history related activities are still happening in the summer. And, of course, we also have the new Journal to keep us going!

But this e-newsletter (and its editor) are definitely taking a break. The next newsletter will be sent out towards the end of September and will include October events. Due to personal commitments, the October edition will be the last that I will edit. I do hope that one (or more) of you, may be interested in taking over the editorial role after our AGM in October. Please do read Cyril Pearce's appeal for help on page 2 of this newsletter. I am sure you will agree that at the moment we have a very active and successful society but, if this is to be maintained, then we need new people to get involved in its running. It's YOUR society and we want to hear from you. Cyril says this so much better and he also suggests several specific ways in which members could help out, depending on their interests. And you may have some skill or interest that you think may be of benefit to the society which we haven't even thought of.

The first talk in the 2019-2020 programme, *Huddersfield in 50 buildings? Really?*, is on September 30 when Chris Marsden will be reflecting on how he put his new book together. Until then, have a very good summer!

Christine Verguson

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

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Huddersfield Local History Society - an appeal for help

The untimely death of Hilary, our Secretary, has forced us to get to grips with how best to manage the Society and its ever-expanding membership and activities. Every current member of the Committee now has a role and a great deal to do but it does mean that when additional tasks crop up or when Committee colleagues, for whatever reason, feel they have to reduce their contribution, then we are in difficulties.

To have some new Committee members would help since there is now at least one vacancy. At this autumn's AGM it would be good to see some new names put forward.

On the other hand, Committee work doesn't appeal to everyone. That being the case, there are some jobs for which joining the Committee is not essential. For example, helping compile the eNewsletter which many regard as an invaluable source of information about what's going on in the local history world, is something that can be done with minimal Committee contact. Help with proof-read drafts of the Journal or our other publications would be very welcome as would recommendations of names and details of potential speakers for our monthly meetings and where we might go for our annual excursion.

If you feel able to help, do, please, let us know, HLHS is currently healthy and growing – we would like to keep it so, now and for the future.

Cyril Pearce, Chair

Local Film & Holmfirth Histories: *An all-day celebration*

Sunday 9 June, 12.00-6.00 | £10 Ticket includes entry to all events/venues:
Picturedrome, Large & Lesser Civic Hall, Holmfirth Tec

A cornucopia of local historic films, photographic exhibitions and talks. The events take place throughout the afternoon on a continuous roll in six different venues.

Tony Earnshaw on Films made in Yorkshire, Ian Baxter and Lucy Fairbanks, Miss Lockwood, Bailey's Bath, John Murray's films, Walk and Film Talks, Bamforth, Andrew Sanderson, Brian Lawton and Holmfirth Camera Club photographs, and lots more ... celebrating the Holme Valley as a special place!

Ticket/Website includes a full programme of the day's activities and events.



For more details and to purchase tickets go to:

<http://www.holmfirthfilmfestival.com/content/festival>

EVENTS – MAY 2019

Thursday 30 May

Kirkheaton History Group: Kirkheaton in the Middle Ages Speaker: John Lindrop, Kirkheaton Community Centre, 7.30pm, entrance £2.50 including light refreshments.

EVENTS – JUNE 2019

Wednesday 5 June

Friends of Greenhead Park History Hour: 'For the pleasure and enjoyment of the people of Dewsbury' – the story of Crow Nest Park Speakers: Gill Young and Jenniver Devlin, Greenhead Park Community Room, café building by tennis courts, 12.30pm.

Friday 7 June

Huddersfield and District Archaeological Society: New tricks for old dogs: innovative survey techniques to our forgotten past Speaker: Jamie Quartermaine, Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield, 7.45pm, free entry.

Saturday 8 June

Wakefield Socialist History Group: Peterloo: the massacre, its background and its aftermath Speakers: Paul Fitzgerald and Eva Schlunke (creators of the just published graphic novel on Peterloo) and HLHS member Alan Brooke on the Grange Moor uprising of 1820, Wakefield Labour Club, WF1 1QX, 1pm-4pm

Sunday 9 June

Holmfirth Film Festival: Local Film and Holmfirth Histories 12-6pm, various venues, £10 for entry. See below.

Monday 10 June

Discover Huddersfield: AGM & talk, 'Building on strengths: textiles & music', Speaker: Kath Davies (Kirklees Council), Unit 3, Piazza Centre, 5.30-7.30pm. See below for RSVP details.

EVENTS – JULY 2019

Wednesday 3 July

Friends of Greenhead Park History Hour: Huddersfield in 50 buildings Speaker: Chris Marsden, Greenhead Park Community Room, café building by tennis courts, 12.30pm.

Friday 5 July

Huddersfield and District Archaeological Society: From Dracians to Dracula Speaker: John Rumsby, Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield, 7.45pm, free entry.

Monday 8 July

Marsden History Group: The Standedge Tunnels Speaker: Trevor Ellis, Marsden Mechanics Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 10 July

Huddersfield Local Studies Library Lunchtime Club: Patrick Bronte and his time in Dewsbury & Hartshead, Speaker: Diane Fare, Bronte Society, Huddersfield Library, 1pm

Sunday 14 July

Politics and Doves – marking the end of the First World War in Brockholes, Brockholes Village Hall, 11.30am – 3.30pm. See below for more details.

Saturday 20 July and Sunday 21 July

Honley Remembers Peace Day 1919 See below

EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2019

Wednesday 11 September

Friends of Tolson Museum: Tea and Cake – Dry Stone Walling. Tolson Museum, 2pm-3.30pm

Thursday 12 September

Honley Civic Society: Harry Bray, photographer. Speaker: Helen Bray. Parish Rooms, Church St, Honley, 7.30pm

Tuesday 17 September

Halifax Antiquarian Society: More on the Wainstall Waifs, Speaker: Kim Pearson, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax, 7.30pm

Wednesday 25 September

History Jar: Elfrida, the first crowned Queen of England. Tutor: Julia Hickey. Calderdale Industrial Museum, Square Rd, Halifax, HX1 1QG. 10am-3.30pm, £20. Go to <https://thehistoryjar.com/day-schools-halifax-2018-19/> to book a place.

Monday 30 September

Our September talk: *Huddersfield in 50 buildings? Really?* Speaker: Chris Marsden. Brontë Lecture Theatre (room BLG/05), University of Huddersfield. 7.30pm, non-members £2

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: Summer walks



Please see Discover Huddersfield's leaflet for further details of all the walks below
(<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A0ec4753f-6612-4147-bb3c-85541cf8141c>)

Sunday 9 June, 2.30pm, £3, meet St George's Square
Huddersfield's Historic Transport Systems

Thursday 20 June, 7pm, £3, meet St George's Square
Huddersfield's Significant Buildings: a personal selection by Chris Marsden

Sunday 7 July, 2.30pm, £3, meet outside Lindley Methodist Church, East St., HD3 3ND
Lindley Chapels, Grand Houses & Mill Workers – a walk through Lindley's history

Thursday 18 July, 7pm, £3, meet St George's Square
Public Art Walk

Thursday 25 July, 7pm, £3, meet Cambridge Road car park
Hidden Highfields

Sunday 11 August, 2.30pm, £3, meet St George's Square
Huddersfield's Architecture: what did the Romans (and Greeks) do for us

Thursday 22 August, 7pm, £3, meet St George's Square
Building Stones

Discover Huddersfield: Heritage Open Days

THE WALKS BELOW ARE FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL (booking details from mid-August)

Sunday 15 September, 12 noon
Walking with Women's Suffrage led by Jill Liddington

Thursday 19 September, 2.30pm

Almondbury's Astonishing Past led by Vivien Uff

Saturday 21 September, 2.30pm

Surprising Lockwood – from a beautiful spa village to an industrial hub led by Dave Pattern & Ian Stevenson

Sunday 22 December, 2.30pm

Huddersfield's Radical Heritage led by HLHS chair Cyril Pearce

And, in the meantime, Discover Huddersfield's **AGM** on Monday 10 June is open to all:



History Hours

'For the pleasure and enjoyment of the people of Dewsbury': The story of Crow Nest Park

Wednesday 5 June

12.30 to 1.30pm

Greenhead Park Community Room

(in the cafe building by the tennis courts)

An illustrated talk by **Gill Young & Jenifer Devlin** from the Friends of Crow Nest Park on the history of another much-loved Kirklees park. From its purchase for the town back in 1893, Crow Nest Park has been the place for Dewsbury residents to play and relax in as well as for ceremony and remembrance.



The Mansion, Crow Nest Park - photo www.kirkleesimages.org.uk

Free - all welcome

Friends of Greenhead Park, c/o Refreshment Rooms, Greenhead Park, Huddersfield HD1 4HS
E-mail: fogphuddersfield@gmail.com
Website: www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk

Peace Day Centenary

Following the signing of the Versailles Treaty on 28 June 1919, the British government declared that Saturday 19 July would be a Bank Holiday to celebrate the Peace. According to the *Leeds Mercury* Huddersfield was 'en fete' over the Peace Celebration weekend, the mills closing on Friday noon. The newspaper report commented that this would have provided an opportunity for a 'mass exodus' to the coast if it had not been for a strike of railway workers. The strike also led to the cancellation of a football match at Elland Road between Leeds City and Huddersfield Town planned as part of the celebrations. There was, however, a large gathering in Greenhead Park with an open-air concert given by 2000 children and sports events. The town was decorated with flags and 'electric illuminations' including an illuminated tramcar with 1000 lights.

One hundred years on, both Brockholes and Honley are marking the centenary of Peace Day.

POPPIES AND DOVES – MARKING THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR IN BROCKHOLES

HLHS member Yasmin Cross has sent us the following: 'On Sunday 14 July 2019, we intend to mark the centenary of the formal end of the First World War by remembering the people of Brockholes who took part in the War. We will remember not only the names on the War Memorial ('the Poppies') but also those who



returned ('the Doves'). There will be a small free exhibition in the Village Hall where many of the participants attended school. We hope to show details of places in the Village where they lived, worked, trained and played and we have some really interesting old photographs to display. Children from Brockholes School will be producing small posters which we hope local residents/businesses will display during the week leading up to the Peace Day centenary on 19 July. The Rifle Club and Ordinary Men Regimental Heritage Project will also be participating in this event. A

local art group will be displaying their work. The event will follow the Community Sing organised by St George's Church and will be open from 11.30am to 3.30pm. We will be running a First World War Tearooms and there will be a raffle. There will also be an exhibition showing details of archaeological investigations in this area over the last few years, which you should find very interesting. We hope you will join us at this event.'

'HONLEY REMEMBERS'

Peace Day Centenary
1919 - 2019

A Weekend to Commemorate the official
Ending of World War 1

Saturday & Sunday 20th-21st July 2019

Celebrate the Peace with us at various venues around the Village
Music, Parade, Food, Drink, Games & Stalls
Something for all ages!
Make a note in your Diaries
Contact Carol on 01484 662537
www.facebook.com/HonleyRemembers

And HLHS member Peter Marshall has produced a book for Honley Civic Society to accompany the commemoration. It costs £10 and will be available over the weekend and from the Honley Civic Society website.



WOVEN

Woven in Kirklees is very much about the here and now, and about innovation and takes place between 8 June and 16 June in venues across Kirklees. However, it is impossible to talk about industry, arts and crafts in the borough without touching on history and heritage. There are far too many events to list here so please do take a look at their website:

<https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/>

which also includes some self-guided walks in Slaithwaite, and Huddersfield and guided walks in Skelmanthorpe. Go here for further details:

<https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/events/guided-walks/>