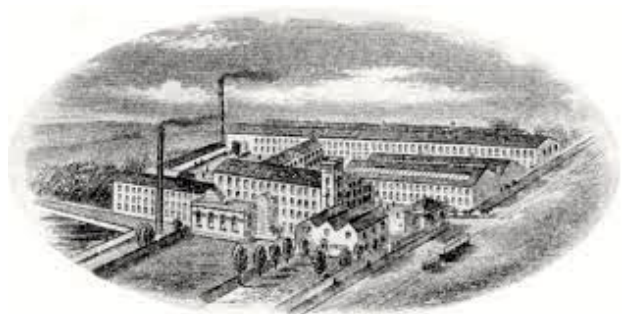


Our E-NEWSLETTER

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 first for the Society

This year's Heritage Open Days may have just come to an end but it is worth saying that the Society joined forces with Ramsay Clay, the present owners of the building, to celebrate Huddersfield's Hall of Science, built by followers of Robert Owen in 1839. HLHS member Alan Brooke had a packed house for his talk on this fascinating building.

Our Society is a partner in Heritage Open Days in Kirklees and in addition to Alan's talk, our chair Cyril Pearce also led a walk focusing on Huddersfield's Radical Heritage which ended outside the Hall of Science in Bath Street.

Image courtesy of Chris Marsden.

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It's YOUR society? Can you help it stay healthy and grow?

In advance of next month's AGM, **Cyril Pearce** writes:

In many ways the Society's 2018-2019 year has gone as well, or even better, than ever before with membership steadily over 200, a successful new publication, an excellent annual Journal and a succession of well-attended and popular meetings, not to mention our Study Day at the Tolson Museum on Women and the First World War. At the same time we have been battered by two major losses with the deaths of George Redmonds and our long-serving – and much missed – Secretary, Hilary Haigh. Despite this, the strength of the Committee has shone through as its members have stepped up to do new things and take on different roles.

Nevertheless, no matter how talented and energetic my colleagues might be, there is no hiding the fact that if we are to maintain our very high standards we need to be able to call on new people to come forward either as Committee members or to offer special contributions in a less formal way. The Annual General Meeting in October is the formal opportunity to elect a new Committee but for those who would prefer a different role there are opportunities all the year round – please, just let us know who you are and what you would like to offer.

Huddersfield in 50 buildings? Really?

These are the questions Chris Marsden will be answering in the first talk of our 2019-2020 season on Monday 30 September, prompted by the research and writing for his new book. If you've not yet seen Chris's book – and even if you have – then you may want to check out HLHS member's Alan Brooke's review. Alan believes the book may both encourage us all to take a fresh look at Huddersfield's buildings while encouraging others to visit the town. Go here for

Alan's review:

<https://undergroundhistories.wordpress.com/huddersfield-in-50-buildings-book-review/>

EVENTS – OCTOBER 2019

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

Tuesday 1 October

Halifax Antiquarian Society: *Fired Earth: Decline of the industry 1935-2019*, Speaker: Chris Bateman, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax, 7.30pm. 900 German officers were imprisoned in Germany during the First World War.

Wednesday 2 October

Friends of Greenhead Park History Hour: *Two hundred years of Holy Trinity Church*, Speaker: Rev Mike Wilkins, Greenhead Park Community Room, café building by tennis courts, 12.30pm.

Wednesday 9 October

Friends of Tolson Museum: *Tea and Cake – The Jewellery Trade*. Speaker: Ian Fillan, Tolson Museum, 2pm-3.30pm

Thursday 10 October

Honley Civic Society: *Ann Lister*. Speaker: Christine Booth. St Mary's Church, Church St, Honley, 7.30pm *NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE*

Thursday 10 October

National Trust Supporters, Holme & Calder: *From copper to shepherd*. Speaker: Sue Woodcock. Old Court Room, Huddersfield Town Hall, 10.30am. Non members £4 including refreshments.

Sunday 13 October

Friends of Tolson Museum: *Lecture – Huddersfield War Hospitals Magazines*. Speaker: Alice Bumbry, Tolson Museum, 2pm. Magazines produced at the First World War hospital which are now in the care of the museum will be on display at the lecture.

Tuesday 15 October

Halifax Antiquarian Society: *Kriegsgefangen in Skipton*, Speaker: Anne Buckley, Caygill Rooms, Piece Hall, Halifax, 7.30pm. 900 German officers were imprisoned in Germany during the First World War.

Thursday 17 October

Holme Valley Civic Society: Living in the Medieval Holme Valley, Speaker: Peter Burton. Civic Hall, Holmfirth, 7.30pm. £3 admission.

Wednesday 23 October

History Jar: Sons of the Conqueror – struggle for power. 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.

Thursday 24 October

Annual J. H. Whitley Lecture: Riding the Storm – the political legacy of John Ruskin. Speaker: Howard Hull, 6pm, Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield. See below for booking details.

Holme Valley Civic Society: Living in the Medieval Holme Valley, Speaker: Peter Burton. Civic Hall, Holmfirth, 7.30pm. £3 admission.

Monday 28 October

Our October talk & AGM: Not simply children, dogs and tea cups: exploring the cine film legacy of Lucy Fairbank and other Yorkshire women filmmakers Speaker: Heather Norris Nicholson. Brontë Lecture Theatre (room BLG/05), University of Huddersfield. 7.30pm, non-members £2

Discover Huddersfield: October walks



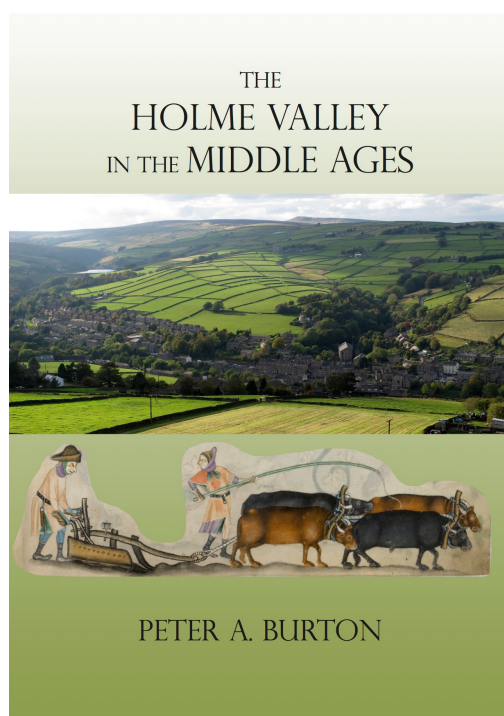
Please see Discover Huddersfield's leaflet for further details of all the walks below (<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Aascds%3AUS%3A0ec4753f-6612-4147-bb3c-85541cf8141c>)

Sunday 13 October, 2.30pm, £3, meet St George's Square
Huddersfield History with a Caribbean Flavour

Sunday 27 October 2.30pm, £3, meet outside St John's Church, St John's Road, Birkby, HD1 5EA
The Changing Face of Birkby: From Green Hamlet to Global Suburb

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.

This new book by HLHS member Peter Burton has been published by Holme Valley Civic Society, priced at £9. See listing for Thursday October 17 for details of the book launch:



And for a talk in the park:

**History Hours**

**Two hundred years of
Holy Trinity Church**



Wednesday 2 October
12.30 to 1.30pm

Greenhead Park Community Room
(in the cafe building by the tennis courts)

Holy Trinity Church, which stands just across Trinity Street from Greenhead Park, is celebrating its 200th birthday this year. The church was founded and endowed by Benjamin Haigh Allen, who lived at Greenhead Hall. An illustrated talk by the vicar, Rev Mike Wilkins, will trace the history of the church and its links to Greenhead Park.

Free - all welcome

Friends of Greenhead Park, c/o Refreshment Rooms, Greenhead Park, Huddersfield HD1 4HS
Website: www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk

EXHIBITION AT THE TOLSON MEMORIAL MUSEUM -A WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

An exhibition of photographs of women at work in the 19th and 20th Centuries which captures their everyday hardships as they fought for equal opportunities and better conditions. These themes still resonate today with gender pay gap and equality issues all over the world, so it's important we tell the stories of these women's struggles in order to inspire current and future generations. The exhibition is part of the **We are West Yorkshire: A Celebration of People and Place** project supported by Arts Council England. The project brings together five exhibitions from the county's local authority museums (Leeds, Calderdale, Bradford and Wakefield), each celebrating some of the different qualities that make West Yorkshire unique. Kirklees Museums has drawn extensively from its digitised collection of over 60,000 local images to explore the lives of women from the region up until 1918, as well as a small selection of images from each of the other local authority services. The exhibition runs until 31 March 2020.

For more at the Tolson please see the listing for October 13 when Dr Alice Brumby will be speaking on Tommy Talk: Huddersfield War Hospital Magazine. Alice will suggest that the articles offer a invaluable insight into the experiences and thoughts of the Tommies undergoing different treatment regimes.

J.H. Whitley Lecture 2019

Riding the Storm: the political legacy of John Ruskin

Although John Ruskin eschewed direct engagement in politics, his influence on the character of late 19th and early 20th century political discourse was immense. Taking this as his starting point, Howard Hull, Director of the Ruskin Foundation and the Brantwood Trust, explores the universal reach of Ruskin's ideas and their continuing relevance to the nature of politics today. Whitley was the Liberal MP for Halifax 1900-28 and Speaker of the House of Commons 1921-28 and he named his own house Brantwood in admiration of Ruskin. This Whitley Lecture is the University of Huddersfield's contribution to Ruskin 200, a worldwide programme of events marking the bicentenary of Ruskin's birth.

Thursday October 24, 6pm, Heritage Quay, University of Huddersfield. Free event with refreshments available from 5.15pm.

For further details and to reserve a place go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/8th-annual-jh-whitley-lecture-tickets-56790389584>