

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**NEWSLETTER** **WINTER 2010**

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY - forthcoming lectures**

Thursday, 10 March\*

**Our Church and Chapel Heritage in Greater Manchester**

Revd. Brian Hartley

\* **Please note** that in the SHS Lecture Programme leaflet this date is given incorrectly as 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Never Judge a Book by the Cover: 1885 velvets and fashions**

Sue Seeger M.A.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

**The Religious Houses of Yorkshire**

Dr. Judith Frost

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June

**Manchester Board Schools, 1870 - 1902**

Samantha Barnes

All lectures are at Saddleworth Museum and start at 7.30 p.m.

**SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST**

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Saddeworth Past - Saddleworth Present**

Illustrated presentation by Michael Fox.

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April

**New Uses for Old Buildings in the North West of England: the work of Heritage Trust**

Illustrated presentation by John Miller, Chairman of Heritage Trust NW.

All lectures are at Saddleworth Museum and start at 7.30 p.m.

For further details contact Charles Baumann, Hon. Programme Secretary:  
01457 876858, e-mail: [charles.baumann@sky.com](mailto:charles.baumann@sky.com)

## SADDLEWORTH ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **The John Buckley Lecture - The Legacy of Mining in Oldham and its Implications for Land Development**

Slide lecture by Dr. Laurance Donnelly, Forensic Geologist

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April

### **Archaeological Projects in the Castleshaw Valley**

Slide lecture by Norman Redhead, County Archaeologist for Greater Manchester

All the above will take place at the Masonic Hall, 138 High Street, Uppermill - 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm.

Further information:

Mrs Edith Howarth, 01457 873354    [edith.howarth@sadd-arch.org.uk](mailto:edith.howarth@sadd-arch.org.uk)

## *Saddleworth Museum*

### **Museum Exhibitions – a small charge applies**

**These small-scale exhibitions will be on display until further notice.**

**‘In the Mill Pond’** - With the restoration of the millpond at what was Dam Head Mill, now Willowbank, the excavations have revealed a number of interesting objects that over the years have found their way into the mud to be lost and rediscovered. The exhibition includes other curiosities that have been found in similar situations around Saddleworth from ponds and the canal and we already have a Viking ring on display found in Greenfield Brook.

**‘In Uniform’** – The Museum has been showing various pieces from its costume collection over the last year and this small display continues the same with a selection of uniforms from our collection, including Dobcross Brass Band, the local Saddleworth W.R.V.S. and St John’s as well as uniforms worn by the armed services.

### **PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR FUTURE EXHIBITIONS**

Following on from the success of the *In Your Pram* exhibition; we want to do a similar themed exhibition –

*On Your Bike*            So, if you have any memories / photographs of owning / riding a bike, please write them down and let us borrow a picture (to scan and return).

We are also interested in doing an exhibition on

*What did your ancestors do?*

If you have any photographs and memories of yourself or relatives at work we would love to hear from you – the photographs, if local, would be copied and added to our archives.

## Saddleworth in Film – SEARCH YOUR LOFT !!!!

We are currently doing a project collecting old film for the Museum Archives – if you have any old cine film or video footage of the area we would love to hear from you and possibly incorporate it into another DVD following on from the success of *Saddleworth Past and Present*, which is still available.

Telephone: 01457 874093 E-mail: [curator@saddleworthmuseum.co.uk](mailto:curator@saddleworthmuseum.co.uk)

## Gallery Oldham

15<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### A Collector's Life: The Story of Francis Buckley

Francis Buckley of Tunstead as a young man inherited a large fortune. This allowed him the time and wealth to pursue his wide interests. He collected and developed an expertise in items as diverse as watches, Chinese porcelain, English glass buckles and love tokens. He was also an expert on Neolithic flints found on the local moors. He donated many of his treasures to local and national museums and those in the Oldham collection form the basis of this exhibition.

Further information: 0161 770 4653

One of Francis Buckley's books *Q.6.a and Other Places* recounting his WWI experiences is available online as free download. It is on the Canadian libraries site at: <http://www.archive.org/details/q6aandotherplaces00buckuoft>

## Publications

Society member Julia Dawson is the owner of the sole remaining Rothwell car, a 4-litre 1910 tourer, built by her great-grandfather's firm. The story of the car and Eclipse Machines Company's other products is told in *Rothwell of Oldham* by John Warburton.

Available from Saddleworth Museum, priced £10 with all proceeds donated to Dr Kershaw's Hospice, Oldham.

Alison Wild has written and published *Mossley Shops through the Years*. A book of now & then photographs, maps and text it gives an account of the changes over the last century and more. There is a section on the Mossley Industrial Co-operative Society and a transcription of the 1905 Kelly's Directory for Mossley.

A4 88pages

Price £8.99 free local delivery, postage £1.32, Europe £3.25, rest of the World £5.67

Payment by cheque or PayPal [Alison.wild@tesco.net](mailto:Alison.wild@tesco.net)

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## Archives

Society member Dannie Wright has kindly donated his work on Saddleworth family history. Dannie has spent many years gathering information from the censuses and other sources and also has a great deal of personal knowledge. His papers will add a useful resource to the Archives.

## Subscriptions

The AGM decided that there would be no increase in subscriptions for 2011.

# Saddleworth Historical Society

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