

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2006

Come out, the Spring is roaming,
We'll follow to the hills,
And see her spilling coltsfoot
And dropping daffodils;
She's laughing o'er the meadows
With the wind of the south,
And flinging joyous music
Into the skylark's mouth.

Come Out, the Spring is Roaming.
Ammon Wrigley.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY 1966 – 2006

This year is very special because 40 years have passed since the Saddleworth Historical Society was formed and commenced to hold lectures at Saddleworth School, Uppermill, later moving to the prestigious gallery at Saddleworth Museum & Art Gallery. The anniversary will be celebrated with a first class dinner in Saddleworth surroundings at The White Hart Inn, Lydgate, on Friday the 20th October, 2006 and you are cordially invited to attend supporting the various speakers extolling the Society's activities over this very long and productive period. On the day afterwards Saturday the 21st October, 06, during the afternoon a Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture will be presented at the Museum, by a notable speaker, followed on Sunday the 22nd October, 06, with a conducted walk around a Saddleworth village explaining its history and vernacular architecture. If any member knows of a past member who would wish to attend this historic event could they please inform Mrs. Elsie Broadbent, on 0161 785 8268 giving their full name and address and telephone number

A booking form is at the rear of the bulletin and we would be pleased to receive a reply by the 31st July, 06.

DAY SCHOOL – SPRINGHEAD THE BUILDING OF A COMMUNITY

Another event is to be organised at the Congregational Church, Radcliffe Street, Springhead, Saddleworth -Saturday 10th June, 2006, Commencing at 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. with a series of illustrated talks this Day School will investigate the change and development of the area with illustrations of what still remains and what has gone as well as with accounts of the people and families who have made its history.

The lectures will be given by Neil Barrow, Mike Buckley, Peter Fox and Alan Petford and we can look forward to a very interesting day.

A booking slip is enclosed for your attention and your support of this local effort would be most helpful. Please return your application form as soon as possible.

A FAMILY HISTORY Weekend is being arranged inviting Overseas Members and UK Members to this event which may be suitable for your family tree researches or a social attraction giving you the opportunity to meet and involve yourself with other members of the Society in congenial surroundings conducting Historical investigations into the Society's & Museum Archives.

Saturday 8th July, 06 Day School on Saddleworth Family History
Saddleworth Museum, High Street, Uppermill.

9.30 a.m. Coffee 10.00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions.
10.15 a.m. -12.30 p.m. LECTURES.

12.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m. Lunch Break (Provide your own lunch - plenty of places in Uppermill.

2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. LECTURES & WORKSHOP SESSION

4.30 p.m. CLOSE

Lecture details to follow, but will include:

Worked example of tracing a Saddleworth Family illustrating records available.
Saddleworth Historical Society & Museum Archives.
Saddleworth Church Records.
Saddleworth Families - an overview.

Saturday Evening 8th July, 06 DENSCHAW VILLAGE HALL
8.00 p.m. Reception, Social Occasion, Buffet & Bar. A small charge to
cover the cost of food.

SUNDAY 9th JULY, 2006 GUIDED WALK
Venue and meeting place yet to be decided to be announced
Saturday evening. Tour round Saddleworth visiting main
villages, churches and explaining geography.

LUNCHTIME FINISH - LUNCH AT VARIOUS PUBS, not formally
organised, but will suggest a few suitable venues.

UK Members cordially invited - please contact Mr. Brian Kenworthy, 20 Main Street, Greetham,
Oakham, Leics. LE15 7NL. Tel. No. 01572 812026. email - bandpkenworthy@aol.com

SOCIETY COACH TRIP - SATURDAY 15th JULY, 2006

This year's Summer Coach Trip is to the Shropshire County Town of Shrewsbury, sitting splendidly upon the banks of the beautiful River Severn complete with classic bridge crossings and fine 18th Century half timbered buildings adorning the intriguing alleys and bye ways for example the Lion Hotel an old posting-house with Henry VII's house and the Unicorn in Wyle Cop. The castle of pink sandstone was converted by Telford into a private dwelling now occupied by the Corporation. The Abbey Church, by the English bridge is mainly late Norman and Early English.

The coach will leave Uppermill Square, near the turning circle at 8.30 a.m.
Price is £14.00 per person, Cheques made out to Saddleworth Historical Society and forwarded to Mr. Michael Fox, no later than the 30th June, 2006.
See booking slip. Any queries to Mr. Keith Taylor 01457 87 9345

LECTURE BY MR. MICHAEL FOX AT THE MUSEUM 16th MARCH, 06

Michael Fox gave an excellent talk on 'Governing a Saddleworth Village: The Uppermill Local Board 1868 - 1895 and using extracts from the Minute Books of the Uppermill Local Board he painted a detailed picture of how Uppermill was governed in the Victorian period Standards of

public health have changed in the village since those days: pigs are no longer kept in pub yards and rubbish is not thrown into the river.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM.

Coffee Morning & Boutique.	2nd Wednesday of each month 10-30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Farmers' Markets.	2nd Sunday of each month.
Friends of the Museum AGM	Tuesday 6th June, 2006. 7.30 p.m.
Model Railway Exhibition.	Saturday & Sunday 17th and 18th June, 06
Beer Festival.	Friday & Saturday 1 st and 2nd September, 06

ART GALLERY

Toni Rigby.	17th June - 9th July, 2006
Saddleworth Group of Artists.	15th July -12th August, 2006
Joumess de Peinture.	5th August -12th August, 2006
Chameleon Group	18th August-17th September, 2006

Secretary & Treasurer.

Delia O'Kane and Janet Benson have occupied the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of the Friends of the Museum for 15 years and now wish to resign. The Friends are urgently in need of two public spirited people who would be willing .to take over these duties.

We should be extremely grateful if anyone wishes to help and your first contact would be to Mr. Peter Fox, Curator of the Museum on 01457 87 4093.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 15th June, 2006 Summer Coach Trip Kendal - visit to Abbott Hall Art Gallery.

Thursday 29th June, 2006 7.30 pm
Saddleworth Museum Maintenance & History Over The Centuries of Manchester Cathedral. Chris Hunwick, Archivist at the Cathedral and Alan Petford.

Sunday 23rd July, 2006 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Saddleworth Civic Trust Flea Market. Contact David Harrison Telephone 01457 87 5855 To assist or book a table -as soon as possible.

To join the Civic Trust apply to Mrs. Loma Gartside on 01457 87 3195

MEMBERSHIP SECTION

Our congratulations must be extended to Mrs. Jean Tennant of Moorside, who has represented the West Pennine Bridleways Association in our Society for many years. During April she received an MBE from the Queen at Buckingham Palace for services to the environment and to the community in Oldham. Mrs. Tennant is a former lecturer in accounts at Rochdale College and serves as Treasurer of Sport & Recreation Oldham, which represents the views of sports clubs and forwards their concerns in co-operation with the council.

We welcome nine new members who have joined the Society since the publication of the Winter Bulletin and they are as follows:

Mrs. Susan Clifford, Reading.

Mr. Norman Winstanley, Boston, Lincs.

Mr. Peter Higgins, Diggle.
Mrs. Vivienne Beasley, Eccleshall, Staffs.
Mr. Philip M. Dennett, Bristol..

Mrs. Jean Bates, Ipswich.
Dr. John Felton, Doncaster.
Mr. & Mrs. D. Heginbottom, Singapore.

Mrs. Susan Clifford informs us that her grandmother was born at The Shaws, Uppermill, and Great Aunt Buckley lived there until the age of 94, when John & Nell Buckley took up residence. A family relationship has been established and with Michael Buckley, our Chairman, who is also a cousin.

Dr. John Felton has been enrolled into the Society by his father Eddie W. Felton one time resident of Greenfield and very well known to our members.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Philip M. Dennett of Bristol, the son of Maurice Dennett, our onetime, much appreciated Curator of the Museum, whose good works in the Archives are a lasting legacy for his memory.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Heginbottom from Singapore and previously Storrington, West Sussex, have started their family tree and discovered an illustrious connection with one of St. Chad's Church foremost figures the Reverend John Heginbottom M.A. (Oxon). We are intending to forward information regarding the colourful career of this prominent Saddleworth cleric who enlivened the atmosphere of Saddleworth during his days.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2006

We are enclosing with this Bulletin a 'reminder' for members who have not yet paid their Annual Subscription and we hope they will give this matter their prompt attention and assist the Society.

Family Membership.....	£14.00	Single Membership.....	£12.00
Retired & Student	£9.00		
OVERSEAS	USA & Canada... 40 dollars or £15.00	Sterling	Australia & New Zealand..... £15.00 Sterling.

OVERSEAS - email

A second form of Overseas Membership is available using the Pay Pal system, email only for the sum of 15 dollars. Members taking advantage of this subscription will receive the Bulletin and other communications only by email. Please see separate form.

JAMES BUTTERWORTH BOOK HISTORY OF SADDLEWORTH.

After much delay the book is now at its final stage and we trust will be available in the near future. The Society's apologies are due for the inconvenience caused to our reading public, but hope for their continued forbearance in these unfortunate circumstances and look forward to the publication.

SPONSOR A TILE FOR THE MUSEUM

The Saddleworth Museum & Art Gallery are proposing to answer the need for the Gallery area to be recarpeted at a cost of over £2000.00 and we feel that our Society members will wish to be associated with the campaign currently running at the Museum to sponsor a carpet tile at £3.00 each.

Please join us in supporting this major effort by giving generously and making your cheque payable to The Saddleworth Museum, and returning to

Mr. Peter Fox, Saddleworth Museum & Art Gallery, High Street, Uppermill, Saddleworth. Yorks. OL3 6HS. We thank you most kindly for giving your attention to this worthy cause.

OBITUARIES

We regret having to announce the following obituaries of our members who will be greatly missed. Mr. John Brierley from Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, was an enthusiastic member of our Society and attended many meetings in Uppermill. His family tree was quite extensive and included the famous Morgan Brierley.

Condolences have been forwarded to Mrs. Brierley and family.

Sadly Mr. Harry Meadowcroft died on the 27th of March, 06, he and his wife Margaret have been members for many years and were very much involved with family trees. A few years ago the Society established his relationship on his mother's side with the Victorian heiress of the Coutts Banking Firm - Angela Burdett Coutts - Burdett being one of the Meadowcrofts family names and ancestors.

Our sympathy has been extended to Margaret and family in Loughborough.

J. Hindle. May 06