

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER SPRING 2007

Like the wind among the heather,  
Just as careless and as free,  
Up and down this old moor parish,  
Let's go tramping, you and me.

We will hear the red grouse calling  
From some misty morning height,  
And we'll mark across the heavens  
Some strong kestrel's flight.

Ammon Wrigley, The Wind Among the Heather

LOCAL HISTORY WEEKEND  
SATURDAY 22nd and SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER,  
2007 SOUTH PENNINE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM

The forum will be held in the Gallery, Saddleworth Museum, High Street, Uppermill on Saturday 22nd September, 07, 9.30 pm. until 4.30 pm. Six various Local History Societies will be presenting their own particular specialty talks and papers.

Lunch will be available in the Gallery at a modest cost.

On Sunday 23rd September, 07 a guided walk around Dobcross is arranged meeting at Churchfields in Dobcross at 10.30 am. The walk lasts approximately two hours and involves a leisurely survey of the buildings and history around Dobcross.

You will find a full programme of this weekend event at the rear of this newsletter. Please return the cut-off booking form before the 8th September, 07.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES      7.30 pm. at the MUSEUM, UPPERMILL

Wednesday 3rd October, 07      Public Houses of Yorkshire.  
Paul Jenning, University of Bradford.

Wednesday 31st October, 07      Workhouses in Oldham and Surrounding Districts.  
Roger Ivens, Oldham Local Studies & Archives.

PAST LECTURES      3rd June, 2007 MAPPING SADDLEWORTH

The Museum was full to capacity for the book launch of our publication 'MAPPING SADDLEWORTH: An Enlarged and Revised Collection of Historic Maps of the Township' the Society's contribution to the Saddleworth Festival of the Arts 2007 presented by Alan Petford who has to be congratulated for his lucid discourse on this welcome project his graphic account and superb slides gave this packed audience a wondrous view of Saddleworth in its historic perspective.

Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture 3rd May, 2007

Using his vast experience and knowledge gained from years as a field archaeologist in Yorkshire, Stephen Moorhouse visited Saddleworth, illustrating and explaining significant features in our landscape. Members and guests were treated to an excellent and stimulating evening and left with ideas for further research.

### PUBLICATIONS

The prices of the Society's publications are due to rise on the 1st September, 2007. Members who have gaps in their bookshelves should take this opportunity to buy now.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 8th/9th September, 07. 2.00 pm

Jim Carr will be guiding walks Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th Sept. 2007 around Castleshaw Roman Forts with views of the Roman Road between the fortresses of Chester and York. Meet at the Castleshaw Centre off Waterworks Road, Delph. Map Ref. SD9909. Turn off A62, 2 miles NE of Delph, between stonegate posts marked OCWW along Waterworks Road. Park by Castleshaw Centre. There is no charge, but the Society publications will be available for purchase. If wet, stout footwear needed.

[Artist's impression of the fortlet c.AD 110  
An auxiliary soldier]

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM, HIGH ST. UPPERMILL

2nd Sunday of each month. 9.00 am -2.00 pm. Farmers' Market.  
2nd Wednesday of each month 10.00 am -1.00 pm Friends Coffee Mornings.

Tuesdays 9.30am -12.30 pm. Canalside Quilting Group  
This Group meets every Tuesday in the Gallery and welcomes new members. Free to new members for the morning. And if interested can join the Group Annual £10.00 or £2.50 per week.

Tuesday 21st August, 07 1.00pm -3.00 pm Boredom Busters. Creative activities for 4-11 year olds during all school holidays. Must be accompanied by an adult. £3.00 per session. Refreshments available.

Friday 14th Sept.07. (excl. school holidays) Boom Ting.  
An introduction to music and rhythm for babies and small children £2.50 per session. (Small babies 50p)  
Tel. 01457 810616

### SADDLEWORTH BEER FESTIVAL

Friday 31st August - Saturday 1st September, 07 Organised by the Friends of the Museum. 7.30 pm. -11.00 pm.  
An opportunity to try a number of real ales produced locally and regionally.

Jazz Entertainment both evenings.

#### HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Thursday 8th September - Sunday 9th Sept. 07  
Thurs-Sat. 10.00am-4.40 pm /Sun.12.00-4.00 pm

As part of this national event organised by the Civic Trust the admission to the Museum the Museum will be totally free during the 4 days. We hope to have the Textile Machinery running for a period.  
Thurs-Sat. 10.00 am - 4.40 pm Sunday  
12.00 - 4.00 pm

#### MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

**Boundaries:** This Exhibition presents some of the Historic Maps of the Township from the Archive collections of the Museum and the Historical Society. Looking at boundaries, why they exist and why we can get so passionate about them. The exhibition includes a contribution by the local Saddleworth White Rose Society.

**In Your Pram:** An Exhibition in collaboration between the Museum and members of the public who have contributed anecdotes, photographs and quotations, relating to memories of pushing prams or even being pushed in a pram.

#### ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Original Paintings by Alyson Leach, Jack Grey & Gordon Clegg.  
Running until the 4th August, 2007

From Earth to Spirit - An Exhibition of Paintings by Gillian Bailey & Dee Kearney.  
From the 10th August until the 9th September, 07.

#### THE FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM

Become involved with the life of Uppermill and join the Friends of Saddleworth Museum who support the work of the Museum and Gallery.

Positive benefits exist in being a Friend of the Museum - Free admission to the Museum and Gallery at anytime, 10% discount on any purchases in the Museum Shop, regular newsletters giving information about events and exhibitions at the Museum. Meeting a friendly group who are all interested in preserving the heritage of Saddleworth. Invitations to social events for Friends and Volunteers of the Museum.

Fill in a membership form and you will receive your membership card by post and will soon enjoy the full benefits.

If you are interested in voluntary work contact the Curator, or require further information ring Peter Fox on 01457 874093.

#### SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

7.30 pm. at the Museum, Uppermill  
Thursday 13th September, 2007

Sixteen Saddleworth Buildings -  
An historical and architectural survey. Illustrated  
presentation by Mike Buckley.

24th September, 2007 2.00 pm

Fuller details later.

Thursday 11th October, 2007

Autumn visit - Ancoats Regeneration Area - Manchester. Half day visit and guided tour led by Professor Michael Rose of Ancoats Preservation Trust. The Work of English Heritage in the North West. Illustrated presentation by Andrew Davison, Team leader NW English Heritage.

To join the Saddleworth Civic Trust ring Mrs. Loma Gartside 01457 873195

### SADDLEWORTH WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

This well-established organisation, which was founded in 1903, is a major national voluntary adult education body and the Saddleworth Branch now very urgently require a new Chairperson and additional Committee Members to help in the functioning of this valuable section of the Saddleworth community.

Please reply to the Branch Secretary Mrs. Anne Buckley on 01457 872881 or email [annebuckley@myway.com](mailto:annebuckley@myway.com)

### SADDLEWORTH WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAMME OF COURSES FOR 2007/2008

EGYPTOLOGY: The Great Museum Collections. Tutor: Victor Blunden. Starting Tuesday 25th September, 2007. 10 Meetings. 7.00 pm. to 9.00 pm. Saddleworth School, Uppermill.

### DEMONSTRATING WESTERN ART HISTORY

Tutor. Toni Rigby. A new ten week course outlining the history of Western Art, including the masters of each era, from Leonardo to Emin. Starting Tuesday 25th September, 2007. 10 Meetings 1.00 pm. to 3.00 pm. Lee Street Centre, Uppermill.

### BEGINNERS' GENEALOGY WITH COMPUTERS

Tutors: Anne Buckley and Jean Sanders.

A short course to introduce ways of tracing and presenting a family tree. Computer skills are not needed but the course will attempt to improve searching the internet and offer suggestions of how to present the completed family tree.

Starting Tuesday 8th January, 2008 7 meetings. 7.00 pm. to 9:00 pm. Saddleworth School.

### THE KENWORTHY LECTURE & A.G.M.

Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill. Friday 14th September, 07 at 7.30 pm.

MAPPING SADDLEWORTH - Presented by Alan Petford also present Michael Buckley and David Harrison. Admission Free. Cheese and Wine.

Further details from the Branch Secretary Mrs. Anne Buckley, 01457 872881

### MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

We extend a welcome to sixteen new members to the Society and trust they will enjoy their membership keeping abreast of the rich local history story of our Saddleworth Parish.

Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Widd, Shaw.  
Mrs. G. Roberts, Barry, Wales.

Mrs. Ruth Pauline Hutton, Harrogate.  
Mr. Adrian Broadbent, Huddersfield.

Mr. Lance Salway, Sherborne, Dorset.	Mrs. Marian Barker, Leeds.
Dr. Marian Carey, Leicester.	Mrs. E. Needle, Uppermill.
Mr. Roy Whittaker, Newcastle.	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Davies, Diggle.
Mr. John Widdall, Uppermill.	Mr. Charles Gamble, Glasgow.
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Blackshaw & Family, New Tame, Delph.	

There has been a good response to the reminder regarding this year's membership fees contained in the last Bulletin, but a further request is enclosed for members who have not yet paid; we shall be pleased to receive remittances as soon as possible. Very many thanks for your continued and valued support.

Family Membership .....	£14.00
Single Membership .....	£12.00
Retired Single and Family .....	£ 9.00
Overseas - USA & Canada.....	\$15.00 or 40 dollars
Australia & New Zealand .....	£15.00

Cheques made out to Saddleworth Historical Society and forwarded to  
 Mrs. E. Broadbent, Hon. Membership Sec., Pastures Farm Flat, Back o 'th' Low Road,  
 Strinesdale, Saddleworth, Yorks. OL4 3SG

A recent visit from Mr. & Mrs. Neil Lambert from Utah, America, resulted in an interview with Neil Barrow, the Archivist, who was able to furnish family history data giving rise to the fact that their particular Wrigley ancestors originated from the district of Waterhead, in Oldham. We trust that they enjoyed a pleasant holiday in the Saddleworth hills.



SOUTH PENNINE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM  
SATURDAY 22nd and SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER,07  
SADDLEWORTH, YORKS

Local history is flourishing in the Pennines as never before. The purpose of this weekend is to provide a forum for local historians to meet each other, share enthusiasms and exchange ideas. A variety of very different projects are featured in our programme, which is designed to draw attention to the diversity of approaches currently being adopted to the practice of local history in the South Pennines.

SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2007  
THE GALLERY, SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM, HIGH STREET, UPPERMILL.  
9.30 am to 4.30 pm.

The programme consists of  
Hebden Bridge History Group. 'Premises and Participation - The Hebden Bridge Archive'.  
The Midgley History Group. 'Pennine Perspectives - Approaches to writing a History of your Township'.  
Huddersfield Family History Group. 'Family History in the South Pennines'.  
The Marsden History Group. 'Picturing the Past - The Marsden Photographic Archive'.  
Chadderton Historical Society. 'Promoting the Past - Local History across the Generations'.  
Saddleworth Historical Society. 'Mapping the Past'.

There will be displays and items for sale from a variety of Local Historical & Family History Societies. Lunch will be available at a modest cost.

SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER, 2007

All those who participated on the Saturday are cordially invited to sample a little of Saddleworth's history by a guided walk around Dobcross. We will meet at Churchfields in Dobcross at 10.30 am. The walk will last approximately two hours and involve a leisurely survey of the buildings and history of Dobcross. The going underfoot will be on good surfaces.

Coffee will be available at the end of the walk.

Due to limited space it is regretted that pre-booking is required for this event. Please return the form BELOW by the 8th September, 2007.

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SOUTH PENNINE LOCAL HISTORY FORUM  
BOOKING FORM

NAME(S) .....

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Please return to Mrs. D. Latimer, Windy Nook, 1 Lane, Grotton, Saddleworth, Yorks.OL4 5RH

For Further Details: Contact Mike Buckley, mikebuckley@saddleworth.net. Tel 01457 820015