

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER  
SUMMER 2008**

On the Pennine moors in summer,  
I want no scene more fair,  
Nor a joy more sweet than roaming  
With the grouse and the hare.  
When bees are in the heather  
Lip deep in purple wine,  
Then the life they live in Eden  
On Pennine moors is mine.

The Pennines - Under Pennine Skies.  
Ammon Wrigley.

**FORTHCOMING LECTURES**

7.30 pm. at the Museum, High Street, Uppermill.

The new programme for the forthcoming lecture season is enclosed with this bulletin and we hope it will provide encouragement for a good attendance at the Museum Gallery.

Wednesday                      Building the Big Ditch - A Magic Lantern Show.  
24th September, 08              Glen Atkinson.

Wednesday                      Shifting Boundaries, Changing roles, 60 years of  
1st October, 08                      Nursing in the National Health Service.  
Dr. Christine Hallett.

Wednesday                      Agriculture and Farming in Ancient Egypt.  
22nd October, 08                      Victor Blunden.

Wednesday                      Annual General Meeting.  
3rd December, 08                      Talk by Member.  
Details later.

Reminder.

**HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** 13/14th September 2008.

Jim Carr will be guiding walks around Castleshaw Roman Forts. Saturday and Sunday 2.00 pm.  
Meet at Castleshaw Centre. No charge. If wet stout footwear needed. 01457 873612 for further  
information.

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Due to the success of the FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND held in 2006 we are arranging another  
event on Saturday 4th and Sunday the 5th July, 2009. Inviting Overseas Members and UK Members  
who are researching their family trees or the opportunity of a social occasion to meet and become  
involved with other members of the Society in congenial surroundings conducting Historical  
investigations into the Society's and the Museum's Archives.

The programme will include a Day School on Family History, Lectures & Workshop Session,  
Guided Walk and Social Occasion.

Further details and information to be given later.

## **PAST LECTURE**

**Highways & Byways.** 5th June, 08. Saddleworth Museum.

Michael Buckley's lecture contained new aerial photographs which finely displayed the route of the Roman Road crossing the Pennine chain at Stanedge, where the notches on the horizon indicate the passes carrying the road and thus allowing the packhorse routes to be established, becoming our modern roadways conveying their motor borne traffic on its commercial missions. Woodbrook at Springhead with its ford and the unpaved incline on the eastern side being a classic example of the problems and difficulties of communications in some of these hilly locations such as the Pennines.

## **SUMMER COACH TRIP - YORK 12th JULY, 2008**

The Society's Annual Coach Trip to the Medieval City of York proved highly successful with nearly 40 members guided throughout by Alan Petford. St. Denys' Church was visited where Alan Petford aptly described the glorious Medieval stained glass windows. The afternoon saw St. Mary's Abbey and then York Minster Library opened specially for us to view the 17th and 18th Century books. Tea was taken at St. William's College and we had the great pleasure of walking the City Wall with its roof top splendour of York revealed.

Many thanks to Alan Schofield for his much appreciated organisation.

## **Visit of the Marple Historical Society 10th May, 2008.**

We were visited by 40 members of Marple Historical Society and the day was very well received. Mike Buckley gave an illustrated lecture on Saddleworth and led a guided walk around Uppermill, introducing them to the true nature of Saddleworth, its past with the Museum, our Pennine stone architecture and above all the lovely hillsides which adorn the skyline and give Saddleworth its distinction.

## **Weekend with Yorkshire Archaeological Society**

On Saturday 17th May, 08 Alan Petford & Mike Buckley visited Claremont House, Leeds, where they delivered four excellent lectures. On Sunday a return visit moved to Denshaw Village Hall where Jim Carr led a walk round Castleshaw, Alan Schofield, Diggle and Mike Buckley up to Crompton Moor.

## **Historic Record Assessment Day 7th June, 08, Saddleworth Museum.**

This was deemed a good success. Material received varied from photographs dating from c1890 to many deeds particularly significant was a collection relating to the Court Street area of Uppermill. About 40 photographs were brought in by John Battye, many taken by Clarence Cottrell, the former Delph pharmacist.

Freda Millett conducted and recorded four interviews. A selection of digital copies of photos from our collection were bought by a postcard collector and an order for the 1852 map taken.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM**

Boredom Busters & Boom Ting. Children's Events.

Ring Museum for details  
01457 874093

2nd Sunday of each month 8.00 am to 2.00 pm

Farmers Market.

2nd Wednesday of each month 10.30 am to 12 noon.

FRIENDS COFFEE  
MORNINGS  
Admission £1.00

Tuesdays 9.30 am. to 12.30 pm

Canal Quilting Group  
Free to new members for  
the morning. Annual £10.00

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 4 days 11th Sept. to 14th Sept. 08

Free entry to Museum during the 4 days.  
Thurs. to Sat. 10.00 am. to 4.00 pm  
Sunday 12 noon to 4.00 pm  
or £2.50 per week.

**ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS.**

5th July - 23rd August, 2008

Textile Art Group  
Everything in Textiles.

9th August - 7th September, 2008

Lancashire Arts & Crafts Guild.

**MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS.**

All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go.

Various costumes and dresses  
which represent an era or decade.

**VILLAGES OF SADDLEWORTH**

An Exhibition which looks at the villages of Grasscroft, Lydgate and Greenfield. Showing the development and focuses on the lives of people living and working there, with particular emphasis on village centres, shops, centres, schools, leisure, churches and transport. Find out about the Grasscroft Searchlight, romantic, sporting and wartime Greenfield. Learn more about Butterworth & Fletchers and the development of the Co-operative Movement and also how 'watery' Greenfield led to the building of the reservoirs.

**SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY**

Lectures at the Saddleworth Museum, 7.30 pm .

Thursday 4th Sept. 2008

'All that Messuage or Tenement - 400 years of housing in Saddleworth.'  
Mike Buckley.

Thursday 2nd October, 2008

10.00 am from Uppermill Bus Turning Circle.  
Autumn Trip - Gorton Monastery &  
John Rylands Library.  
Fully inclusive day out - details later.

Thursday 9th October, 2008

Archaeology for All - Work of the Council for British Archaeology.  
Illustrated presentation by Dr. Mike Heyworth.  
Director of the Council for British Archaeology.

Thursday 20th November, 2008

7.15 pm  
Annual General Meeting followed by  
'Buildings Sacred & Secular'  
Illustrated presentation.  
Canon John Sykes (Retd)  
Chaplain to the Queen, Church Synod member  
and former Minister at Saddleworth & Oldham Parish Churches.

Sunday 7th December, 2008

Winter Trip - Depart 8.45 am., from Uppermill Square. Ripley Castle & Estate, Nr. Harrogate. Fully inclusive day out - Details later.

## LOCAL BOOKS & SOCIETIES

**NORTHERN MILL ENGINE SOCIETY** Our Society is a member of the Northern Mill Engine Society and receives its journal The Flywheel. Based at the Bolton Steam Museum they are holding open days when the engines will be in steam.

Monday 25th August, 2008. & Sunday & Monday 13th & 14th September, 2008

**BOB DOBSON** is a well known second hand book-seller. He specialises in Lancashire & West of Pennine books. Bob regularly publishes a sales list. Members wishing to receive the (free) list should visit his website at [www.forl.co.uk/landy](http://www.forl.co.uk/landy) or email their request to [landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk) Bob can be contacted at his Blackpool home by phoning 01253 895678

### TOWPATH GUIDE - HUDDERSFIELD NARROW CANAL

By Dr. Bob Gough. Published by The Huddersfield Narrow Canal Society £4.99 plus p&p  
Obtainable at the Saddleworth Museum, High St. Uppermill. 01457 874093

**THE ROMANS CAME THIS WAY** by C.D. Read. £12.99 plus p&p

Obtainable at the Saddleworth Museum, High St. Uppermill,

**HISTORY ALIVE TAMESIDE** This journal is now in its third issue. It contains over sixty pages of articles, book reviews and information about the events and activities of the many groups and societies making up the Tameside Local History Forum. Saddleworth has many links with the area and, of course, the present Yorkshire Ward was, historically, part of Saddleworth. This interesting and useful journal is available free of charge from :

HAT, 218 Newmarket Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. OL7 9JW (please enclose a cheque for £1.50 made out to Tameside Local History Forum' to cover p&p.

It can also be downloaded from [www.tamesidehistoryfonrm.org.uk](http://www.tamesidehistoryfonrm.org.uk)

## MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

We have pleasure in welcoming eleven new members to the Society since the Spring Bulletin was published and trust they enjoy their membership.

Mr. & Mrs. Stuart & Gillian Buckley, New Zealand.

Mrs. Jean Hay, Crewe.

Mrs. Gladys Woodhead, Scouthead.

Mrs. Stella Hardy & Mr. Brian Darwent, Delph.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Orritt, Castleshaw.

Mr. Michael J. Spence, London.

Mr. Gary Shea, St. Andrews University.

Mr. Donald F. Berry, London.

Family connections of new members include Mrs. Gillian Buckley who is the niece of Geoff Woodhead and the daughter of Hilda & Rex Woodhead the landlords of the White Hart Inn, Lydgate, for many years during the 70's. Stuart, her husband is the son of Ernest Buckley, who was Chairman of Saddleworth Council in the 80's. Incidentally, Stuart's brother who now lives in Edinburgh has recently donated a C.D. of his Chuching of the Mayor Ceremony. to the Museum Archive, .

Mrs. Jean Hay late of Diggle and sister of Ian McKinnis has been a regular researcher at the Oldham Local Studies Centre, for many years and still continues her valuable work.

One of our new members Mr. John Grice of Lydgate, has been researching the inhabitants of Lydgate during the Victorian Age, and has produced a paper which can be found on the website [www.gricetibum.comAyd1881.html](http://www.gricetibum.comAyd1881.html) Clicking on the surname of the villagers details and family trees can be found for this village perched on the top of Grotton Brow and saddling the Stockport-Austerlands Turnpike, .

Sadly we have to report the death of Mrs. Maureen E. Patriarca of Grasscroft, who had been a member of the Society for over ten years. Condolences have been sent to Ronald her husband and family.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A further reminder is enclosed with this Bulletin for members who have not yet paid their subscription for this year. We shall be very much obliged to receive remittances as soon as possible, the rates are:

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

Stanley Broadbent.