

# SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## FORTHCOMING LECTURES

A new season of Society lectures is about to commence. Details of the first four of a varied and especially interesting programme follow. Please give your full support to these events which, as usual, will take place at Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill, at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 30th September

*The View from Below - Misericords in Northern England*

**Speaker: Alan Petford**

Wednesday, 14th October

*Yorkshire Luddites: 1812*

Speaker: Dr. John A. Hargreaves

Thursday, 26th November

*Darwin's voyage of 'The Beagle'*

Speaker: Ian McInnes

Wednesday, 16th December

The Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture *14th Century Saddleworth*

Speaker: Victor Khadem.

This lecture will be preceded by the Society's Annual General Meeting.

## SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST

Thursday 1st October

Day trip - Autumn Outing

*Guided Tours of Victoria Baths & Chethams Library Manchester*

Thursday 8th October

*The Work of English Partnerships & the Regeneration of New Islington in Ancoats/Beswick*

Speakers: Catherine Turner & Kate Taylor. 7.30pm. Saddleworth Museum

Thursday 19th November

*Heritage Buildings in Oldham & Saddleworth*

Speaker: Mike Buckley followed by AGM. 7.15pm. Saddleworth Museum

For further information contact [charles.baumann@sky.com](mailto:charles.baumann@sky.com)

## SADDLEWORTH ARCHAEOLOGY TRUST

Tuesday 13th October

*How Geologist, Archaeologist and Anthropologist help the police solve crime*

A slide lecture by Dr. Lawrence Donnelly. Forensic Geologist & Police Search Advisor.

Saturday 7th November. 8th Stonehouse Lecture.

*The Industrial Heritage of Saddleworth*

An illustrated talk by Dr. Mike Nevell Director, Field Arch. Centre, University of Manchester. 2pm for 2:30pm. Royal George Hotel, Greenfield

Tuesday 17th November.

*The Mesolithic in Northern England, implications of Recent Research.*

A slide lecture by Dr. Andrew Myers. Assistant County Archaeologist & GMAU.

Tuesday 8th December.

*Recent Excavations at Buckton Castle*

A slide lecture by Norman Redhead. County Archaeologist for Greater Manchester. Unless indicated all meetings are at the Masonic Hall, 138 High Street, Uppermill. 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm. For further information see <http://www.sadd-arch.org.uk/index.htm>

## **SADDLEWORTH W.E.A.**

The class programme for the autumn and winter terms, 2009-2010, is as follows. All classes are held at Saddleworth School, High Street, Uppermill. Please enrol at the first class.

*Saddleworth History - an explorer's guide*

Tutor: Michael Fox

10 weekly sessions, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., starting Tuesday, 22nd September.

*Write Your Life Story*

Tutor: Chris Foley.

10 weekly sessions, starting Tuesday, 22nd September.

*Antiques Appreciation*

Tutor: Carmen Walton

7 weekly sessions, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., starting Tuesday, 29th September.

*Art Appreciation*

Tutor: Carmen Walton

7 weekly sessions, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., starting Tuesday, 12th January, 2010.

*Banned Books*

Tutor: Chris Foley.

(Prospective learners for this class - which will be a form of reading group - are encouraged to enrol in September 2009, to allow them time to read the novels to be covered.)- 10 weekly sessions, starting Tuesday, 12th January 2010.

For further information please contact the Branch Secretary, Anne Buckley, on (01457) 872881.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECTION**

Six new members have joined the Society since publication of the last Bulletin, and we wish to extend a welcome and trust they will enjoy their membership.

Mrs. Barbara Barker, Uppermill

Mr. & Mrs. David Fish and family, Delph

Mr. Robert C. Wrigley, Hawaii.

Mrs. Barbara Charlton, Workington

Mrs. Carolyn France, Hants.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009**

There are still a few members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions to the Society and we shall be pleased to receive remittances as soon as possible. A reminder is enclosed for your attention and we wish to thank you for your continued support.

Family membership.....	£14.00
Single membership.....	£12.00
Retired single and family.....	£9.00
USA and Canada.....	£15 or \$40

Australia and New Zealand..... £15.00 sterling  
PayPal is the preferred overseas payment method: our account is [shsshst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shsshst@hotmail.co.uk)

**OBITUARY**  
**PHYLLIS SCHOFIELD**  
**1919-2009**

Phyllis was born in Barnoldswick, educated at Skipton Girl's School and trained at Bingley College. She was to specialise in English with a great interest in drama. Shakespeare a her particular pleasure. Her younger brother was a wartime colleague and friend of Alec Schofield whom she married in 1947.

They later came to Saddleworth where she taught at the Saddleworth Secondary Modern School which later became the Comprehensive School. She was First Year Tutor and taught English. She is remembered for her production of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream".

Both she and Alec became involved with the Historical Society and Saddleworth Museum. Archaeology was a great interest. Alec worked with Dr. Pat Stonehouse and was also involved in the 1980's excavations at Castleshaw.

Phyllis died on 3rd July 2009, in Clitheroe where she had gone to be near her brother. The funeral was held at Holy Trinity, Dobcross, followed by internment at Heights. We extend our condolences to her son Robin and his wife Vanessa and the family

**AIA INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY REVIEW**

The Society is a member of the AIA and subscribes to this journal. The index for the years 1976-2005 is now available on line at <http://www.industrial-archaeology.org.uk/aiareview.htm> along with abstracts on the more recent articles. Members wishing to view any issue should contact Neil Barrow.

**SADDLEWORTH WEBSITES**

*A photograph Album and History compiled by David Beilby* <http://saddleworthbuses.fotopic.net>  
An excellent site, (if you are an enthusiast!) by a previous speaker to the Society

*Pastscape* <http://www.pastscape.org.uk> An English Heritage site for National Monument Records. Inserting "Saddleworth" in the search box will bring up over eighty sites. Many of these are linked to photographs and maps.

*Spinning the Web*

<http://www.spinningtheweb.org.uk>

Spinning the Web brings together for the first time a unique collection of some 20,000 items from the libraries, museums and archives of North West England which tell the story of the Lancashire Cotton Industry.

Inserting "Saddleworth" in the search box will bring up an article by Norman Redhead, of the GMAU, on the textile industry of the Castleshaw valley.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Records of Saddleworth Chapelry 1613-1800.* The Parish registers have now been published on disk. This is in the form of Radcliffe's two volume work published in 1887. It covers St Chad's

births, marriages & deaths for the period 1613-1800 as well as some years for Lydgate, Heights & Dobcross.

Radcliffe also attempts, in extensive footnotes, to link entries to graveyard inscriptions.

In addition there are copies of various documents including the Protestation Returns & notes on various people.

The CD takes the form of a facsimile "reprint". It is indexed (but not searchable). In short an interesting & essential volume.

The Society has obtained copies for sale:

UK £5 + £1 p&p (Europe £ 1.20, Rest of World £ 1.40)  
(only sterling payments or PayPal [shsshst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shsshst@hotmail.co.uk))