

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2006

Of all the trees that grow so fair Old England to adorn,
Greater are none beneath the Sun,
Than Oak, and Ash, and Thorn.
Sing Oak, and Ash, and Thorn, good sirs,
(All of a Midsummer mom)
Surely we sing no little thing,
In Oak, and Ash, and Thom.

A Tree Song. A.D. 1200
Rudyard Kipling.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY 1966 - 2006 - OCTOBER

The 40th Anniversary Dinner draws near on Friday 20th October, 2006 and you are reminded to book in now for this most important event in the Society calendar. This will be a very enjoyable evening when we will be able to appreciate the successful management of our local history adventure over the years, the bountiful seasons of impressive lectures presented for the membership education and entertainment so join with your fellow members and be present at this moment in our history. On the day afterwards Saturday 21st October 06, a Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture will be given in the Museum, Uppermill, at 2.00 pm, followed on the Sunday 22nd October, 06, with a conducted walk around a Saddleworth village explaining the history and vernacular architecture. - Details to be announced later.

A Booking Form will be found at the rear of the Bulletin and we shall be pleased to receive a reply by the 20th September, 06, or ring Mrs. E. Broadbent on 0161 785 8268.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS & LECTURES.

Friday 20th October, 06. 7.30 p.m.	40th Anniversary of the Society. Dinner at the White Hart Inn, Lydgate. See Booking Form.
Saturday 21st October, 06. 2.00 p.m.	Lecture at the Museum, Uppermill.
Sunday 22 nd October, 06 Time to be arranged.	Guided Walk around a Saddleworth Village.
Wednesday 8th November, 06 7.30 p.m.	Lecture - Victorian Christmas Cards and other Seasonal Items. The Museum, Uppermill.
13th December, 06. 7.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting.	The Museum, Uppermill & Entertaining Slide Lecture.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

Coffee Mornings & Boutique.	2nd Wednesday of each month.
Farmers Market.	2nd Sunday of each month.
Xmas Shopping Trip to York.	Friday 24th November, 06 See Booking Form TIC Shop Museum.

ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

19th August -17th September,06	Chameleon Art Group.
23rd September - 22nd October, 06	Saddleworth Open Art Exhibition.
28th October -19th November, 06	The Sky at Night - by Photographer Mark Adamson

EXHIBITIONS.

The Changing Face of Saddleworth celebrating 40 years of the CIVIC TRUST'S work in Saddleworth.

AMMON WRIGLEY - New Exhibition looking at his life and displaying some of the many items contained in the Museum's collection.

NEW DISPLAYS - IN PROGRESS.

IN YOUR PRAM - Starting in the Autumn - a collection of anecdotes, photographs, quotations etc., anything relating to memories of pushing prams. Contact the Museum 01457 87 4093

IN THE MILL POND

The restoration of the mill pond at what was Dam Head Mill, Uppermill now Willowbank, have revealed a number of interesting objects that over the years were lost in the mud. The exhibition includes other curiosities found in similar situations around Saddleworth.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY & TREASURER OF THE FRIENDS

Janet Brown and Delia O'Kane have occupied the situations of Membership Secretary and Treasurer to the Friends of Saddleworth Museum for over 15 years and now they have decided to resign. We urgently require two Friends who would be willing to take on these duties.

If anyone wishes to help will they please contact Peter Fox on 0145787 4093 at the Museum.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST

Monday 25th September, 06. Rochdale Town Hall.	A half day visit and guided tour. Ring Mr. C. Baumann for details. 01457 87 6858
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Thursday 12th October, 06 . 7.30 pm. at the Museum.	The Regeneration of Oldham & District. John Bird, Director of Regeneration Dept. at OMBC Annual General Meeting followed by 'Saddleworth Scenes',. Refreshments and an illustrated quiz and talk by Michael Buckley.
Thursday 23rd November, 06 7.15 pm. at the Museum.	

ROYTON HERITAGE TRAIL

ROYTON LIBRARY 30th SEPTEMBER, 06 11.00 a.m.

You are invited to the launch of The Royton Heritage Trail Booklet by The Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Bernard Judge & Graham Sinclair and a free guided tour around Royton taking in historical sites.

OLDHAM FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY DAY

Saturday 7th October, 06 10.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Are you interested in family history or the history of Oldham and District - Find out more at The Gallery Oldham, Greaves Street.

Admission Free. Stalls, displays, and information.

SHS MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

New members who have joined the Society since the publication of the Spring Bulletin are:

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Daniels & Family, Atherton.

Mr. George Davies, Dobcross.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Battersby, Atherton.

Mrs. Alison Wild, Mossley.

Mrs. S.M. Dewsbury, Greenfield.

Mrs. Ingrid H.C. Berry, Astley.

Mr. & Mrs. Ian McInnes, Uppermill.

Dr. J.R. Buckley, Sheffield.

Mr. Andrew Shaw, Cockermouth.

Dr. J.R. Buckley is tracing his family history and informs us that his Gt.Gt. Grandfather Joseph Buckley b.1830 at Bolt Meadow founded Joseph Buckley & Co., which operated from Linfitts Mill, Delph now demolished and Warth Mill, Diggle. He has identified several houses where the family lived, Grove House, Friar Lodge and at Dobcross Moorlands, now called the Long House. Joseph retired and died in Llandudno, and his eldest son William b. 1853 set up his own business at Gatehead Mill making shawls and was obviously very successful became a JP and was first President of Delph Band. Joseph's youngest son John James b. 1865 was Dr. Buckley's Great Grandfather, and appears to have carried on the family business after the death of Joseph, but around 1917 left Saddleworth and bought a hotel in Redcar, died shortly afterwards in 1918 and his wife Elizabeth could not keep the hotel running. Their three sons all took up careers in the army, however, Dr. Buckley's Grandfather, Joseph Herbert b. 1891 did not carry on after the First World War and then became a Sales Manager for a brewery, living in Middlesborough where Dr. Buckley's father was born.

If anyone has information relating to Joseph Buckley & Co., and what happened to the Company, may shed light on why John James Buckley moved across the Pennines to Redcar. email robbucktey@hotmail.com. or contact Mrs. E. Broadbent on 0161-785-8268

Mrs. Betty Battersby of Atherton has quite a problem in her researches of the Young family trying to discover the maiden name of Eliza, second wife of farmer Young, Thurston Clough, who died and was buried at St. Chad's age 48 years on the 21st April, 1872. James, the farmer, b.1810, Lancaster, married his first wife Jane Parkinson 1835, Lancaster, no record of her death has been found to date. The Census 1871 shows James lodging with Joseph Lawton, farmer at Setstones, Saddleworth and as married. We will produce more information in our next bulletin, in the meantime contact Mrs. E. Broadbent, 0161 785 8268 if you can help.

Mr. & Mrs. David Heginbottom, living in Singapore, late Storrington, Sussex, joined the Society during May, informing us that they had just discovered that David was descended from the remarkable Rev. John Heginbottom, MA., Vicar of St. Chad's, during the 1700's and we were able to forward various articles relating to this illustrious Cleric written by Mr. Frank Heginbottom of Kent and Mr. W.D. Kershaw of Southampton also extracts from the Parish Registers. We then received a letter expressing their delight at the revelations of the Vicar having only discovered 2 weeks before of their link to him.

They say by some bizarre coincidence David's Great x 7 Grandson also studied at Brasenose College, Oxford, (300 years later) and is proposing to obtain further information from the College about John's studies and his rooms.

There are other coincidences, for example, David also plays violin and Andrea Heginbottom has the same birthday as the Reverend John the 4th of June.

PREVIOUS LECTURE:

The lecture season concluded on the 18th May, 06, with 'Robtus Brabent to Robert Broadbent: Seven Centuries of the Broadbent family of Golcar', by Robert Broadbent and proved a goodly revelation of the comings and goings of this illustrious family creating his own Museum in the township and providing a lasting memorial to the Broadbents.

SUMMER COACH TRIP TO SHREWSBURY on the 15th July, 06, was a very successful day. Alan Petford leading the tour of this riverside beauty spot with its imposing bridges and churches. Thanks are due to Michael Fox for organising this outing which was well attended by our satisfied members.

OBITUARIES.

We are sorry to have to announce the obituaries of the following members who will be sadly missed.

- Mrs. Iris Snowdon of Cheadle Hulme, late of Poulton-le-Fylde.
- Mr. Stanley Bradbury of Haworth.
- Mrs. Lena Shuttleworth, Maryland, U.S.A.

With regret our condolences have been forwarded to the families.

MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A reminder is enclosed with this Bulletin for members who have not yet paid the 2006 subscription to the Society and we hope that they will give this matter their attention. Your membership is greatly appreciated and valued.

Family Membership	£14.00	Single Membership	£12.00
Retired & Student per family	£ 9.00		

OVERSEAS:

U.S.A. & Canada	\$40 or £15.00 Sterling.
Australia & New Zealand	£15.00 Sterling.

Best wishes to all members and we hope to see you at the Anniversary Dinner.

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