

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2007**

"September all glorious with gold, like a king
In the radiance of triumph attired."
Algernon Charles Swinburne.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES 7.30 p.m. at the Museum, 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 by the canal in Uppermill.

PLEASE NOTE THE FIRST LECTURE IS ON THURSDAY THE 4th OCTOBER, 2007 AND NOT THE 3rd AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN OUR LAST BULLETIN.

Thursday 4th October, 2007	Public Houses of Yorkshire. Paul Jenning, University of Bradford.
Wednesday 31st October, 2007	Workhouses in Oldham & Surrounding Districts 1731-1850 Roger Ivens, Oldham Local Studies & Archives.
Wednesday 14th November, 2007	Royton Hall revisited. Douglas Ashmore.
Wednesday 5th December, 2007	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Historic Views of Saddleworth. Mike Buckley
Wednesday 16th January, 2007	Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture. Recent Archaeological Research in Greater Manchester. Norman Redhead. Assistant County Archaeologist.

PAST LECTURES

On the 19th April, 2007, Victor Khadem the youngest member of our Committee attracted a goodly audience with his lecture 'The Gartsides of Rochdale - a medieval Merchant Family', which was a striking exoration of bygone days and the emergence of Richard de Gartside of Rochdale before migrating to the Denshaw hills.

In September when the term commences Victor will be following in the footsteps of the famous Saddleworth parson, The Revd. John Heginbottom and studying at Brasenose College Oxford University. A recent member of our Society David Heginbottom, residing in Singapore happens to be a Great x 7 Grandson of the Reverend and, coincidentally, also studied at Brasenose College.

On the 9th May, 2007, Ian McKinnes once again gave an excellent lecture on military matters and the heroics it induces with his compelling rational The Men Behind the Medals 11 giving a whiff of the hard times of warfare and its dangers. The rigours of army life in foreign parts became alive and gripped the imagination to some depth.

Mapping Saddleworth: An Enlarged and Revised Collection of Historic Maps of the District. Alan Petford's lecture on the 3rd June, 2007, on the Mapping Saddleworth book took us all around our moorland parish with its vast acreage containing a host of natural features, which

caught Alan's attention and gave him a wide range to explore and describe which is of course the source for Saddleworth's continuing appeal to all comers.

The Sunday lecture and Book Launch proved to be a successful venture for the Saddleworth Festival of the Arts Week and the days sales gave the new volume a very good start on its commercial future.

SUMMER COACH TRIP 14th JULY, 2007

The Derwent Valley World Heritage Site.

The Society's Summer Coach Trip organised by Alan Schofield and Alan Petford was a visit to Derbyshire contained a wealth of Industrial Archaeology generated by Sir Richard Arkwright 1732-92. Refreshments were taken at the Baths Hotel, Matlock, before a guided tour around Masson Mill with its working textile machinery weaving cloth and on to his 3rd mill,

Cromford Mill. The walk around Cromford village was led by Alan Petford who described the architecture. Finishing at Geoff Tom's own Morley Church where Alan Petford regaled the members with his description of the medieval glass windows and artefacts.

ROBINA McNEIL, ARCHAEOLOGIST.

The news of the death of Robina McNeil, the much respected Greater Manchester Archaeologist is to be received with great regret. For she championed the importance of Manchester's Ancoats district contribution to the Industrial Revolution and obtained recognition of this salient feature amongst the list of World Heritage Sites.

A Memorial Service will be held at Manchester Cathedral at 3.00 p.m., on Friday the 26th October, 2007 to celebrate the life and work of Robina McNeil, County Archaeologist and Director of the Greater Manchester Archaeology Unit.

Following the service, refreshments will be provided at the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

Tel. 01457 87 4093

2nd Sunday of each month 9.00 [am. to](#) 2.00 p.m.

Farmers Market.

2nd Wednesday of each month 10.00 am-1.00 pm

Friends Coffee Mornings.

Tuesdays 9.30 am-12.30 pm

Canalside Quilting Group.

Free to new members in the morning.

Annual £10.00 or £2.50 per week.

Tuesday 21st August,07 1.00 pm-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 14 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)

THE FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM

The resignation of Jack Hindle as Chairman of The Friends of Saddleworth Museum is to be noted with regret as his quiet efficient manner of conducting Museum meetings was quite admirable and to be much appreciated. Over the years the Museum has acquired support from the village especially the Coffee Mornings on Wednesdays, Market Day helped in no

great stead by Jack's watchful presence and his patient conduct of ongoing Museum matters.

His wit and enduring progress has greatly enthused the volunteers who make the Museum so much part of Uppermill's way of life and helped in making money for the Museum and winning new friends.

ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

THE MUSEUM, UPPERMILL.

OPEN ART EXHIBITION

22nd September -18th November,07

Mad for it - Broad and imaginative range of works for Amateur and Professional Artists.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY

Saddleworth Museum 7.30 pm

Thursday 11th October, 2007

The Work of English Heritage in the North West. Illustrated presentation by Andrew Davison. Team leader NW English Heritage.

Thursday 22nd November, 2007

AGM. Saddleworth Museum 7.15 pm followed by 'Charity School Samplers - Embroidery' Illustrated talk by Becky Scott, International tapestry expert.

Sunday 2nd December, 2007

Depart 10.00 am. from Uppermill Square. Winter Trip - Arley Hall, Northwich, Cheshire. Guided tour of decorated Hall, Christmas Floral Extravaganza. Craft & Gift Fayre and Restaurant. Full details from Hon. Sec. 01457 87 3195 or Mr. C. Baumann, 01457 87 6858

SADDLEWORTH WEA ASSOCIATION.

Egyptology: The Great Museum Collections.

Starting 25th Sept. 2007. 10 Meetings. 7.00 -9.00 pm.

Saddleworth School.

Demonstrating Western Art History

Starting 25th Sept. 2007. 10 meetings

From Leonardo to Emin.

1.00 pm-3.00 pm.

Lee Street Centre.

Beginners' Genealogy with Computers.

Ways of tracing your Family Tree.

Saddleworth School. 7.00 pm-9.00pm.

Starting Tuesday 8th January, 2008

Contact Anne Buckley on 01457 87 2881 - probably places still available.

Computer skills not necessary

Improving searching the Internet.

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER GUIDED WALKS

The Summer Guided Walks have gained much support and been a great success much enjoyed by all the participants. As the song says 'these boots are made for walking' and Saddleworth miles are well worthwhile.

Thanks are to be given to our Secretary Alan Schofield for his organisation and members of the Committee who led the walks.

SHS MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

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

Mr. Robert Shannon, Daviot, Inverness.
Dr. & Mrs. Rupert W.N. Hoare, Greenfield.

There are still members outstanding regarding this year's membership to the Society and we should be pleased to receive remittances as soon as possible the rates are set out below. Very many thanks for your continued support.

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

Cheques made payable to Saddleworth Historical Society and forwarded to: Mrs. E. Broadbent, Membership Sec. SHS Pastures Farm Flat, Back o'th' Low Road, Strinesdale, Saddleworth, Yorks. OL4 3SG Tel. No. 0161 785 8268