

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER  
WINTER 2005

O! why be sad though winds are wild,  
And skies are foul with rain,  
The sun will shine upon the hills,  
And springtime come again;  
It is not always winter lad,  
And driving sleet and snow,  
The thrush will sing when May is here  
And hawthorn blossoms blow.

*At the Sign of the Three Bonnie Lassies  
Ammon Wrigley.*

#### EDITORSHIP OF SHS BULLETIN

The most important item of this issues newsletter is the requirement of the Saddleworth Historical Society for a new Editor of the Society's Bulletin. This is a prestigious post carrying with it a Committee position at the centre of the Society's activities, guiding society policy and selecting articles for publication in the Bulletin. The appointment is a challenging one searching the Society Archive and examining the local history of the several Saddleworth villages for material to publish and interest our discerning membership.

#### SALES AND MARKETING

Another Committee position is available of a new Sales and Marketing Executive to assist our Publications Officer in selling the Society books and various publications to a wide market of Bookshops, Stores, Newsagents and other potential Sales venues.

Please contact the Society Chairman, Michael Buckley on 01457 82 0015 or the Vice Chairman, Stanley Broadbent on 0161 785 8268 if you are interested in either of these positions.

#### FORTHCOMING LECTURES AT THE MUSEUM 7.30 pm.

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| Wednesday 8th February, 06        | Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture.<br>The Women at Peterloo. Michael Bush.                                       |
| Thursday 16th March, 06           | Governing a Saddleworth Village: the Uppermill Local Board<br>1868-1895 Michael Fox.                           |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 06 | Robtus Brabent to Robert Broadbent:<br>Seven Centuries of the Broadbent family of Golcar. Robert<br>Broadbent. |

#### PLEASE NOTE - NEW VENUE FOR JUNE DAY SCHOOL

We wish to inform members that the *DAY SCHOOL Springhead: the Building of a Community*, is to be held at the Springhead Congregational Church, Radcliffe Street, Springhead, Saddleworth, instead of the Museum. The date is the same as announced in the syllabus Thursday 10th June,

2006 at 9.30 a. m. A booking slip will be enclosed with the next Bulletin and you can be assured of a session of very interesting lectures.

Our last lecture on the 1st December, 05, was a joint venture by Neil Barrow and Alan Petford entitled 'Thomton Hough; creating a traditional Idyll on the Wirral.' The subject provided an entertaining evening learning about Lord Leverhulme's home on the Wirral Peninsular and the model village he created for his workers and his most successful Sunlight Soap Factory. His enterprise allowed him to create a perfect village of ideal cottages and produced a living legend that obviously is still alive today. Indeed, no doubt on the helm of this knowledge the Saddleworth Civic Trust had organised a day trip outing to Port Sunlight which proved to be a most enjoyable venture.

## CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

As a result of a proposal which was passed at the Annual General Meeting on the 8th of December, 05, it was sanctioned that the Committee shall have the power to co-opt officers and up to sixteen other members. And the Committee shall have the power to co-opt officers or members during the year within the above total.

## SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST

Thursday 23rd March, 06 7.30 pm. Saddleworth Museum.	Processing of all Textiles in the UK An illustrated talk by Andrew Palliser, Lecturer, at Styal Mill, Cheshire
Thursday 11th May, 06, 7.30 pm. Saddleworth Museum.	Denton Hall & Mediaeval Life of other Local Halls. Presentation by Mr. Frank Brown.
Sunday 21st May, 06. 1.45 pm. Meet at George Lawton Hall, Mossley.	Heritage Walk - Quick & Brookbottom to Lydgate. Guided walk by Alan Petford & Michael Buckley. Stout shoes recommend.

To join the Civic Trust contact Mrs. Loma Gartside on 01457 87 3195

## SADDLEWORTH WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was held in September, 05: Kath Walls retired as Secretary and Dorothy Latimer retired as Treasurer. Two new Officers were elected to continue the work of the W.E.A., along with several other Committee members.

The positions of Secretary & Treasurer were taken over by Ann Buckley and Gordon Jackson respectively.

New Committee members are always welcome: Help to arrange courses by joining the Committee; ring Ann Buckley on 01457 87 2881 if you are interested.

Two Courses are currently running:

Seaside Pleasures: A History of Coastal Resorts in Northern England & North Wales Tutor: Michael Fox. Commenced 9th January, 06 Monday evenings for 10 weeks.

Genealogy: Tracing your Family Tree. Tutor: Jean Sanders. Commenced Tuesday 24th January, 06, on Tuesday evenings for 6 weeks.

FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM  
FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friends Coffee Mornings & Boutique.	2nd Wednesday each month. 10-30 am. -12.30 pm. New Times
Farmers Markets.	2nd Sunday each month.
Spring Trip.	Wednesday 1st March, 06 to St. Anne's-on-Sea
Plant & Homemade Stall.	Sunday 21st May, 06
Model Railway Exhibition.	Saturday & Sunday 17th & 18th June, 06

ART EXHIBITIONS

4th February - 5th March, 06	Paintings by Ian Mackay.
11th March - 2nd April, 06	The Woodend Contemporary Artists
8th April - 5th May, 06	TAG (Textile Art Group Exhibition
13th May -11th June, 06	The New Manchester Group.
Temporary Exhibitions.	Delph Donkey, Granny & Grandpa, Saddleworth Civic Trust.

MUSEUM OPENINGS TIMES:  
WINTER Monday to Saturday 1.00 pm. to 4.00 pm.  
Sunday... 12 noon to 5.00 pm.

AN AWARD OF THE CHEVALIER DE LA LEGION D'HONNEUR to MR. LESLIE HULL of DELPH.

Congratulations must be accorded to Mr. Leslie Hull, a resident of Delph, who, last year was - awarded the medal of Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur for his part in the raid on the Merville Gun Battery on the 6th June, 1944, as a member of the 9th Battalion of the Parachute Regiment.

The presentation was made by the French Ambassador to the U.K. in London.

Leslie had previously served in India, the Western Desert and subsequently in the Ardennes and finally with the American Parachute Brigade in the Rhine crossing in which 3000 aircraft took part.

MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

We wish to welcome nine new members who have joined the Society since the publication of the last Bulletin.

Mr. & Mrs. D. N. Swann, France.	Ms. Sue T. Travis, Denshaw.
Mr. Peter & Mrs Judith Hurst, Greenfield.	Mr. & Mrs. Alan & Mrs. Anne Knott, Uppermill

Mr. John Skelton, Mass. U.S.A.

Ms. Jo Buckley, New Zealand.

Mr. & Mrs. David Swann are researching their family tree and inform us that David's Gt. Grandfather was David T. Swann who was the postman in Delph and mentioned in K.W. Mitchinson's book 'Saddleworth 1914-1919' also J P W Mallalieu's book 'On Larkhill'.

Mr. John Skelton from Sharon, Mass., U.S.A., says he was born and raised at New Tame and Castleshaw 1938-1956. Does anyone have recollections of John or his family connections ?

Ms. Jo Buckley from New Zealand is about to pursue her research for Robert & Mary Buckley who lived at Coldhouse Farm, Roebuck Lane, Strinesdale, Saddleworth in 1901. We have been able to forward a map showing the position of Coldhouse Farm and hope this will be beneficial in her geographical knowledge of the area.

Please contact Mrs. Elsie Broadbent on 0161785 8268 if any member has contributory information re the above researches.

## OBITUARIES

The news during December from Mr. Peter Lawn that his mother Mrs. Esther Shaw Lawn our American Benefactress had died in California brings sorrow to our Society that time robbed us of such a good friend. She loved her Saddleworth roots and through her relationship with her cousins Alec & Phyllis Schofield maintained what to herself was a precious Northern England contact.

Condolences have been passed to her family in the USA from the Committee and our Members.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Councillor Mrs. Betty Boon of Grasscroft, who was a member of the Society, a former Oldham Education Committee chairman, Parish council Chairman on two occasions and a well known Parish Councillor who had contributed a great deal to local affairs in the Saddleworth area with her energies and experience. She will be sadly missed and condolences have been extended to her family.

## MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2006

A renewal slip is enclosed with the Bulletin showing the Subscription rates for 2006 and we would be pleased to receive an early response which will enable us to strengthen our achievements in Local History. You can be assured that your membership is greatly valued and appreciated by the Committee.

Family Membership.....	£14.00
Single Membership .....	£12.00
Retired Family & Single .....	£9.00
Student .....	£9.00

OVERSEAS ..... USA & Canada \$40.00 or £15.00 Sterling.  
Australia & New Zealand... £15.00 Sterling.

## OVERSEAS email

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting during December, 05, to offer a second form of payment for Overseas Members, using the PayPal system, email only for the sum of \$15.00.

Members taking advantage of this subscription will receive the Bulletin and other communications only by email.

ALL OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS. email... \$15.00. Please see separate subscription form.

J. Hindle.  
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