

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER WINTER 2006

When the throstle sings in Tunstead Clough,
Then over the hills, hey O,
For who can sit by the hearthstone when
The winds of the springtime blow,
Then O for a mate with a merry heart,
A light and a laughing song,
A swinging tramp on a moorland road,
When the April days are long.

Springtime, Ammon Wrigley.

The Wind Among the Heather.

'MAPPING SADDLEWORTH: An Enlarged and Revised Collection of Historic Maps of the Township.'

This year is the Saddleworth Festival of the Arts, which will be celebrated by the Saddleworth Historical Society with the publication of a new book 'MAPPING SADDLEWORTH: AN ENLARGED AND REVISED COLLECTION OF HISTORIC MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP' in colour.

For your information an order form is enclosed, but unfortunately this will not be a subscribers copy as stated in our last bulletin. The book launch is on Sunday 3rd June, 2007. at 2.30 pm., in the Museum when Alan Petford will deliver a lecture on the subject matter of the book. The price of the book is £18.00 and, if posted, an extra £5.00 is required.

Cheques made out to Saddleworth Historical Society.

SUMMER COACH TRIP 14th July, 2007. Leaving Saddleworth Museum 9.30 a.m.

The DERWENT VALLEY WORLD HERITAGE SITE SATURDAY 14th JULY, 2007

Cost... £15.00 each.

To explore the Industrial Archaeology of the Cromford area, one of the earliest cotton spinning sites in the country. Visiting Morley Church to view the late mediaeval glass which has the richest collection of mediaeval stained glass in the region.

Alan Petford will be the guide to Cromford on this occasion.

Contact for queries Mrs. D. Latimer, 0161 633 3205

A booking form is enclosed for your attention.

SUMMER GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME

We introduce a challenging new venture for our members with a programme of Guided Walks around Saddleworth. Saddleworth's rich heritage provides the ideal background to while away a couple of hours amid the beautiful Pennine Hills and Vales. You are all invited to join our volunteer guides to discover the fascinating, history that has shaped the Saddleworth of today.

The walks follow roads and paths in a circular route for 2/3 miles lasting about 2 ½ hours unless, specified in the walk details. It is essential to wear stout footwear.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and in the interest of safety please do not bring a dog.

There is no charge for taking part in these walks.

Booking not necessary but a contact telephone number is given for additional information if required.

Wednesday 13th June, 2007 DIGGLE HAMLETS. 1.45 pm

Meet Alan Petford at Sam Road, Car Park, Diggle, to discover the development of the roads, canal and rail networks and what the buildings tell us about the lifestyle and trades of the inhabitants. Tel. No. 01422 202758

Sunday 24th June, 2007 AROUND SADDLEWORTH CHURCH 1.45 pm
Meet Mike Buckley at the top of Church Road, Uppermill, near the Cross Keys Pub, Uppermill, to discover the history of the Parish Church of St. Chad's and early settlements that have developed around this religious centre. Tel. No. 01457 820015

Wednesday 11th July, 2007 THE VILLAGE OF DELPH. 1.45 pm

Meet Neil Barrow at the Old Mechanics Car Park, Delph to discover the development of this industrial settlement. Tel. No. 01457 876381

Sunday 29th July, 2007 CASTLESHAW 1.45 pm

Meet Jim Carr at the Out Door Centre, Castleshaw to learn more about the Roman Forts and Road. Tel No. 01457 873612

Sunday 5th August 2007 AMMON WRIGLEY 1.45 pm

Meet Dorothy Latimer on Wham Lane, off Delph Road, Delph, for a 5 mile walk visiting places associated with the local poet and historian Ammon Wrigley. This walk will last 3 ½ hours and will include some rough and steep paths.

Tel. No. 0161 633 3205

Wednesday 29th August, 2007 TRACKS OF STANDEGE 1.45 pm

Meet Mike Buckley at the Car Park, Castleshaw Outdoor Centre, to explore tracks ancient and modern over Standege.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES AT THE MUSEUM, UPPERMILL

Thursday 3rd May, 07 7.30 pm	Bernard Bames Memorial Lecture. The Historic Landscape of Saddleworth. Stephen Moorhouse.
Wednesday 9th May, 07 7.30 pm	The Saddleworth Men Behind The Medals Ian McKinnes.
Sunday 3rd June, 07 2.30 p.m. at the Museum	Book Launch & Lecture. A Saddleworth Festival of the Arts Event. 'Mapping Saddleworth; An Enlarged and Revised Collection of Historic Maps of the Township' Alan Petford.
Saturday & Sunday 22/23 September, 07	LOCAL HISTORY FAIR & HISTORY EXHIBITION.

Details to be announced later.

PAST LECTURES

On the 14th March, 07, Neil Barrow, our Treasurer, delivered a lecture on The Development of Springhead when during the nineteenth century Springhead was a hive of industry with a host of Cotton Mills providing a wealth of local employment and the mills listed below are for your interest.

Springhead Mill, off Oldham Road, Springhead.	1844-1870
Shelderslow Mill, Cooper St., Springhead.	1823-1891
Springbank Mill, Ashmond St., Springhead.	1860-1937
Clough Mill, Ashmond Street, Springhead.	1854-1929
Livingstone Spng. Mill, Oldham Road, Springhead.	1874-1929
Rome Mill, Walkers Lane, Springhead.	1907-1928
Radcliffe Mill, Radcliffe St., Springhead.	1806-1915
Phoenix Mill, Rhodes St., Springhead.	1822-1915
Pastures Mill, Pastures Lane, Springhead.	1808-1920
Knight Mill, Stonebreaks, Springhead,	1845-1860

A word of praise is well deserved for this informative and detailed lecture.

The Scattered Homes

Freda Millett, one of our members and local author gave an excellent and very well illustrated talk on 'The Scattered Homes', which featured the Scattered Homes in Hollins Road. Oldham, Turf Lane, Royton, & Westwood Park Workhouse, Boundary Park, Oldham, and dealt in detail with the full responsibility of caring for children without parents to provide a proper homelife for their upbringing. It was an insight into this worthwhile task which does

not attract the publicity it deserves. The pictures of the children told their own story and a very well attended audience showed their appreciation of the lecture's quality and concern.

EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM, HIGH STREET, UPPERMILL.

2nd Sunday each month. 9.00 am-2.00 pm .	Farmers Market
2nd Wednesday each month 10.00 am-1.00 pm	Friends Coffee Morning
Sunday 20th May, 07 11.00 am to 3.30 pm	Friends Plant Sale. Free entry
Monday 4th June. 11.00 am-3.30 pm	Bonhams Valuation Day - Festival Event
Tuesday 5th June. 10.00 am-3.30 pm	Canalside Quilters, Festival Week. Free
Wednesday 6th June. 10.00 am-1.00 pm.	Special Friends Coffee Morning Festival
	Fancy cakes and biscuits
Tuesdays 9.30 am-12.30 pm	Canalside Quilting Group
This group meets every Tuesday in the Gallery and welcomes new members. Annual £10.00 and £2.50 per week	

23/24th June. Saturday & Sunday

MODEL RAILWAY WEEKEND

ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS.

Hulme Grammar Tutors. 28 April- 27th May, 07	Display of work by art teachers first time shown in Saddleworth. relief and intaglio prints, oil and acrylic paintings and ceramic pieces.
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2nd June - 1st July, 07	Saddleworth Group of Artists - specially mounted for the Arts Festival.
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MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS.

BOUNDARIES.

This Exhibition done in collaboration with Saddleworth Historical Society who will be launching the 'Mapping Book' on the 3rd June, 07 will present the opportunity to show some of the maps from the Archives. Looking at boundaries, why they exist and why we get so passionate about them. Including a contribution by the local White Rose Society.

IN YOUR PRAM

This new exhibition of photographs. quotations and anecdotes show memories of pushing prams or even being pushed in a pram.

THE DELPH DONKEY

A Local railway

AMMON WRIGLEY

60 years since the death of Ammon Wrigley and this exhibition looks at his life and displays many items contained in the Museum's collection.

SADDLEWORTH'S THE STAR

What other films apart from Yanks have been filmed in the Saddleworth area. Brassed Off for one but what is the connection between Brief Encounter and Oldham ?

MUSEUM OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm.

Sunday 12 noon - 4.00 pm

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST 7.30 pm. Saddleworth Museum

Thursday 10th May. 07 The Work & Projects of the Yorkshire & Humber Assoc.
of Civic Societies
Peter Cooper Chairman of YHACS

Saturday 9th June, 07 HALF DAY HERITAGE WALK

Guided Walk by Alan Petford & Mike Buckley In
Conjunction with the Saddleworth Festival. Details
later.

Thursday 21st June, 07 Depart 8.45 am. from Uppermill Square, Summer Coach
Trip Renishaw Hall & Gardens, Derbyshire. Details later.

Thursday 5th July, 07 Work of the Wakefield Civic Society & Modernisation of
the National Civic Trust.
Kevin Trickett, President of the WCS.

To join the Saddleworth Civic Trust telephone Mrs. Loma Gartside on 01457 87 3157

MEMBERSHIP SECTION.

Nine new members have joined the Society since the publication of our last Bulletin and we hope they enjoy their membership.

Miss Joan Kenworthy, Bishop Auckland.
Mr. Lees Firth, Grasscroft.
Miss Julia Whitehead, Walsall.
Mrs. Judith M. Wrigley (nee Farrand)
Bridlington.

Mrs. Alison O'Brien, Greenfield
Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Phipps, Kingswinford.
Mrs. Maureen Bums, Uppermill
Mrs. Judith M.M. Harrison, Heckmondwike.
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One of our Society members, Mr. Roy Blower of Grasscroft, has received a great honour from Her Majesty the Queen at Manchester Cathedral when he was presented with specially minted Maundy Money for his services to the church and the community. He most regularly attends St. Anne's Church, Lydgate and he was accompanied by his sister Mrs. Joan Holt. It was the first time the service had been held in Manchester Cathedral on Maundy Thursday the 5th April, 2007

We have received a good response to membership subscriptions since the renewal slip was enclosed with our last bulletin, but a few members are outstanding and we take the liberty of enclosing a reminder and trust a cheque will be forwarded at your convenience. Very many thanks for your continued membership.

Family Membership..... £14.00 Single Membership £12.00

Retired Family & Single £ 9.00 Student Membership £ 9.00

Overseas..... Family & Single..... USA & Canada £15.00 Sterling or \$40

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Cheques made payable to Saddleworth Historical Society and forwarded to

Mrs. E. Broadbent, Pastures Farm Flat, Back'oth' Low Road, Strinesdale. Saddleworth, Yorks. OL4 3SG

We are sorry to report the death of one of our long serving members Mrs. Amelia Hill, formerly of Lydgate, who will be fondly remembered in the Society. Condolences have been sent to her family.

J. Hindle. April; 07