

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER WINTER 2007**

Whene're I drink of Friezland ale,  
Drawn from an old brown bottle;  
I feel as if a summer morn  
Was running down my throttle  
A pint of Sunshine at a draught  
All sparkle, grip and mettle;  
There never is a cloudy day  
When Friezland ale's in fettle.

Friezland Ale - Ammon Wrigley.

**FORTHCOMING LECTURES 7.30 pm. at the Museum, Uppermill.**

Wednesday                      The Changing Face of Lees.  
2nd April, 2008                Freda Millett.

Thursday                        Ancient Saddleworth.  
5th June, 2008                Highways & Byways.  
Mike Buckley

**SUMMER COACH TRIP                      SATURDAY 12th JULY, 2008**

**A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Summer Coach Trip to YORK will take place on the **12th** July, and not the 14th as stated in the Syllabus.

The city of York is the capita! of the North and was a walled city whose walls are unique in the completeness of their preservation. To the Danes it was Jorvik and Eboracum to the Romans. William the Conqueror built two castles here, facing each other across the Ouse, the most noteworthy survivor being Clifford's Tower which is well worth mounting for the roof top view of York. The tower built by Henry III in a quatre foil plan stands high on a mound and is an observation point. The Minster is the largest cathedral built in England in the Middle Ages (60,952 sq.ft) The crypt incorporates a pillar of the Roman praetorium and parts of two earlier churches. The medieval glass is justly world famous, its sole rival being Chartres. The city has marry architectural features to be explored an foot and the medieval Shambles, where shops lean precariously across a narrow street are obviously a priority glorying in the past Alan Petford together with Alan Schofield are your guides on this day of antiquity at the junction of the Three Ridings of Yorkshire.                Booking details will be found in the next Bulletin.

**SUMMER GUIDED WALKS:** Information regarding the proposed Guided Summer Walks which proved so successful last year are being prepared details will be given in the next Bulletin and posters displayed around the villages.

**CANALS AND LOOMS**

The Society were pleased to receive a letter from members Maurice & Dorothy Redman (nee Appleton, Uppermill Post Office) of Edinburgh suggesting a couple of places that they thought members of the Society might like to visit. The Falkirk Wheel A Millennium initiative to encourage canal usage. The rotating lift raises canal vessels (with you on board) the 150 feet to connect Glasgow's Forth and Clyde Canal with Edinburgh's Union Canal. The hundred year old system of eleven locks took a full day to negotiate in the past. Contact 08700 500 208 or Dunsdale Mill, Selkirk where D.C. Dalgliesh Ltd., weave tartans on Dobcross looms.

Dorothy's father-in-law, Herbert Redman was the outfitter who came to Selkirk to set up the new looms' Visitors are welcome with advance notice -Contact 01750 20781

## **PAST LECTURES.**

Bernard Barnes Memorial Lecture  
16th January, 2008

Recent Archaeological Research in Greater Manchester by Norman Redhead,  
The Greater Manchester County Archaeologist drew a goodly audience at the Museum Gallery and revealed a great deal of detail on the 38 Excavations which he had led including Moston Hall, Northenden, Mellor Hall, Wythenshawe Hall, Manchester Airport and Buckton Castle with its ever expanding adjacent quarry on the moor providing Pennine grit backfill for our road system. Obviously he was operating on a very wide remit exploring many Funerary Sites providing specific information and descriptions of these excavations, digging a large number of trenches and discovering Roman slipper, arrow and axe heads, a stone knife, a horse's head handle and hundreds of pottery fragments which were reconstructed to create a beautiful inscribed pottery jar. The whole lecture was illustrated with an impressive set of professional slides showing amongst others Northenden Mill Farm, Ordsall Mill and the Monarch Mill. This brilliant leadership was ably demonstrated as we finally traversed Miller Street, Manchester, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale and back tracked our way out of Bury via The Old Railway Station. The lecture engendered a most enquiring Question Session and Jim Carr gave a generous and knowing vote of thanks exemplifying Norman's previous visits and experienced work in Saddleworth at our own Roman Fort in Castleshaw.

### **Methodism in Delph 1779-2000**

The popularity of Mr. Alan Rose displayed itself yet again in another very well attended lecture at the Museum on the 7th February, 2008, when he delivered more intimate details of its circuit organisation which extended to Sheffield, Holmfirth, Bridlington, Whitby and Liverpool. These are the places which contributed to the building of the first Methodist Church in Millgate. Delph all organised by the good offices of preacher John Marsden of Manchester. The first chapel cost £900. To pay for it £231 was collected from Saddleworth and £300 from John Marsden at 5% yearly. Mr. Rose read several interesting and humorous passages from 'On Larkhill', by J.P.W. Mallalieu whose grandfather Henry Mallalieu, owner of Bailey Mill, Delph, provided much of the cash required for the reconstruction of the chapel after a fire in 1894. The talk raised a fuel of questions which enhanced the evening's entertainment. Neil Barrow gave a noteworthy vote of thanks embracing this very lively talk.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM**

2nd Sunday of each month 8.00 am to 2.00 pm	Farmers' Market
2nd Wednesday of each month 10.0 am to 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 weekly.
Boredom Busters & Boom Ting. Children's events. 01457 87 4093	Ring Museum for details on

**ART GALLERY EXHIBITION.** Stockport Art Guild.  
22nd March - 20th April, 08 Varied, mixed media Exhibition.  
26th April - 25th May, 08 Judith Trescatheric  
Treescapes, seascapes, figures.

### **FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM.**

If you are not already a member of the Friends of Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill, please consider joining the Museum which is run and operated by volunteers. Many more are required to provide a friendly service in the Museum so please give your consideration and more than a moment's thought to this worthy outpost in Yorkshire.

Obtain a Membership Form from the Gallery or enquire at the Museum Shop and join a happy band of volunteers who form, the Friends of Saddleworth Museum, you will be most welcome and embrace a new enthusiasm. Ring the Curator Peter Fox on 01457 87 4093 or speak to the staff on duty.

**SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY  
LECTURES SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM**

7.30 pm.

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| Thursday 1st May, 08   | Buildings of Victorian Bradford.<br>Illustrated presentation by Paul Jennings.<br>Historic Author & Lecturer at<br>Bradford University.                            |
| Saturday 14th June, 08 2.0 pm                                  | Half Day Heritage Walk<br>Guided by Mike Buckley. Details later.   |
| Thursday 28th June, 08   | Life in Saddleworth in the early 1800's connected<br>with St. Chad's Church, Uppermill, etc.<br>Illustrated lecture by the Rev. Duncan Rhodes,<br>Local Historian. |
| Thursday 3rd July, 08 8.30 am<br>Uppermill Bus Turning Circle. | Summer Trip.<br>Duncombe Hall & Gardens and Helmsley Town,<br>North Yorkshire.<br>Fully inclusive day out - full details later.                                    |

To join the Saddleworth Civic Trust Society -  
Contact Mrs. Loma Gartside on 01457 87 3195

**SHS MEMBERSHIP SECTION.**

We welcome Mrs. Shena M. Cuming, of Uppermill, who has joined the Society since the publication of the last Bulletin.

One of our new members the Rt. Revd. Rupert Hoare has been commissioned by the Bishop of Manchester as Assistant Bishop, he was formerly Principal of Westcott House, Bishop of Dudley and latterly Dean of Liverpool, Bishop Rupert and his wife have now retired and settled in Saddleworth. He has offered his services to be of help episcopally across the diocese.

The regretful death of Mrs. Christine Sykes, in hospital has to be reported. She was a proud Yorkshire woman from across the moor in Holmfirth who came to live in Grasscroft with her husband Edward in 1966, and together they were active members of the Round Table, Saddleworth Rotary and Christine in the Ladies Circle, in which she had many good friends and her presence at our lectures will be missed. Condolences have been sent to her family.

Sadly we have to announce the death of Mrs. Joyce Walsh who with her late husband had lived in Denshaw for many years and supported the Society for several years.

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2008**

Although we have received a very good response from members regarding this year's subscriptions we take this opportunity of enclosing a further request for remittances unpaid and we should be very much obliged to receive cheques as soon as possible. Your valued support is greatly appreciated.

Family Membership .....	£14.00
Single Membership .....	£1200

Retired Single & Family-& Students ..... £ 9.00  
O/S US & Canada ..... £15.00 or 40 dollars.  
Australia & New Zealand..... £15.00 Sterling.

S. Broadbent.