

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER WINTER 2008**

O, for the fling of windy moors,  
Of drumming snipe and calling grouse,  
And bare hillsides with stone fenced fields,  
And here and there an old farm house,  
Where hare lands smell of hunting days  
And scarlet coats and questing packs,  
And old lane ends still keep the scent  
Of farmer folk with 'provven' sacks.

In the Country - Ammon Wrigley

**FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND**

Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th JULY 2009

Saddleworth Museum, High Street, UPPERMILL.

As previously announced in our last Bulletin we are holding a special Family History Weekend which presents itself on the above dates at The Museum & Art Gallery, High Street, Uppermill. This will be an attractive event for our membership and we welcome Country and Overseas Members who are researching their family trees to meet and become involved with other members of the Society and conduct Historical Investigations into the Society Archives.

On Saturday the itinerary includes a guided walk locating the Textile Industry around Boarshurst, Tunstead and Greenfield, a coach trip to Golcar Museum, Huddersfield, which was a Weaver's Cottage and has been developed into an Industrial & Folk Museum. In the evening a social occasion is arranged in Dobcross. Followed on the Sunday with a Day School at the Museum, Uppermill, Family History in Saddleworth Wills, a series of lectures given by Mike Buckley, Neil Barrow, Alan Petford and Jean Sanders who will organise a Workshop on using and reading original wills. Sunday lunch will be provided.

Booking in advance is required and if you wish to reserve a place, please send a cheque in the sum of £25.00 each person, made out to Saddleworth Historical Society and forwarded to Brian Kenworthy, 20 Main Street, Greetham, Oakham, Leicestershire. LE15 7NL.  
Tel No. 01572 812026. email - [bandpkenworthy@aol.com](mailto:bandpkenworthy@aol.com)

Early bookings are advisable and would be very much appreciated. Closing date is the 31st May, 09. (A booking slip is enclosed.)

The full programme is set out overleaf.

**SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 4th & 5th JULY, 2009**

Saturday 4th July, 2009

- 9.30 a.m. Coffee & Registration. Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill.
- 10.00 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks by Mike Buckley, Chairman of the Saddleworth Historical Society.
- 10.30 a.m. Guided Walk Locating the Textile Industry around Boarshurst, Tunstead & Greenfield. Led by Neil Barrow and Mike Buckley.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch - Provide your own, but Museum open and tea available.
- 2.00 p.m. Coach trip to Golcar Museum, Huddersfield, A Weaver's Cottage developed into an Industrial & Folk Museum.
- 5.00 p.m. Transport back to Saddleworth Museum.
- 8.00 p.m. Social Evening at 10 The Square, Dobcross, Residence of Mike Buckley. Refreshments and drinks provided.

Sunday 5th July, 2009 Day School. Saddleworth Museum.

**FAMILY HISTORY IN SADDLEWORTH WILLS.**

- 10.00 a.m. Putting Flesh on the Bones. What wills can tell us about our ancestors.  
Mike Buckley
- 11.00 a.m. Coffee
- 11.30 a.m. Merchants, Manufacturers & Entrepreneurs.  
The families who shaped Industrial Saddleworth. Neil Barrow.
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch - a Cold Buffet will be provided.
- 2.00 p.m. What did your ancestors do ? Agriculture & Industry in Saddleworth -  
the evidence from wills. Alan Petford.
- 3.00 p.m. Tea
- 3.30 p.m. Workshop on using and reading original wills. Jean Sanders.
- 4.30 p.m. CLOSE

## **SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Summer Coach Trip - Wednesday 8th July, 09

### **LINCOLN**

The City of Lincoln is renowned for its Roman town (Lindum Colonia) and the early Gothic Cathedral, the Medieval Bishop's Palace and the Guildhall. A Norman bishop Remiguis built his church on rising ground in the eleventh century, in 1185 it was partly rebuilt in the early Gothic. Its treasury contains Lincoln's copy of Magna Carta in Bishop Longland's chantry. The present cathedral is a triple-towered structure being one of the most magnificent English Cathedrals. The castle founded by William the Conqueror, two well preserved Norman domestic buildings, the Jew's House and another misleadingly known as The House of Aaron the Jew, a gateway that has been in use since Roman times, the High Bridge with medieval houses built over the arch and the River Whitham frontage at Brayford Pool. A bronze statue of Tennyson stands by the Minster, he was born at Somersby Rectory.

Your guide for this coach trip will be Alan Petford.

Unfortunately, full details for the trip have to be completed, but we should be obliged to receive your bookings by phone or email as soon as possible to:

Alan Schofield, 26 Ashes Lane, Stalybridge, Cheshire SK15 2RH Tel. No. 0161 338 6555  
email [al@harropcourt.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:al@harropcourt.freeserve.co.uk)

When available the price and itinerary will be forwarded on to you.

## **SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### PUBLIC GUIDED WALKS – SUMMER 2009

Saddleworth's rich heritage provides the ideal background to while away a couple of hours amid the beautiful Pennine hills and vales.

Visitor or resident, member or non-member 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 to 3 miles lasting about 2 ½ hours, unless specified differently in the walk details. Sensible footwear is recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult and in the interests of safety please don't bring your dog. There is no charge for the walks.

Wednesday June 3rd. 1.45pm Harrop Dale

Meet Neil Barrow at Sam Road car park Diggle for a walk taking in Bleakhey Nook, Dean Head and part of the Diggle heritage trail.

Sunday June 14th 1.45 pm Wool Road and Weakey

Meet Alan Schofield at Brownhill Countryside Centre for a walk looking at water, road and rail routes, early mills, the first lock-up and cinema, The Loom Works and settlements at Wool Road, Weakey and Marslands.

Wednesday July 1st 1.45 am Greenfield and Chew Valley Circular

Meet Mike Fox at Dovestones car park for a walk to explore how the area around Dovestone has been shaped by waterworks, industry and hillside farming.

Sunday July 19th 1.45am

to be arranged

Wednesday August 12th 1.45am From Corn mill to Uppermill

Meet Alan Schofield at the Museum car park Uppermill to explore the nearby hamlets and discover how transport routes influenced the development of village.

Sunday August 30th 10am Shawmere Boundary Walk.

Meet Mike Buckley at the car park The Sound Delph for a 9 mile circular walk, including hill climbs, around the boundary of Shawmere. Route includes Thurston Clough, Bumedge Bent, Shadworth Lane, Carr Lane, Den, Tamewater, Gatehead. Bring refreshments for this all-day walk.

For further information contact Alan Schofield (Hon. Secretary) 0161 338 6555

## **FORTHCOMING LECTURES**

	Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 25th March, 09	Doctor Healey of Lees; hero of Peterloo. Dr. Robert Poole.
Thursday 16th April, 09	Portraits of the English Civil War. Julian Hunt.
Thursday 28th May, 09	Step by step through Museums to Glasgow. Sue Latimer.
Saturday/Sunday 4/5th July, 09	Family History Weekend. Saddleworth Museum,
Wednesday 8th July, 09	Society Summer Coach Trip.

## **PAST LECTURES & Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd December, 08 progressed in its usual manner with the election of officers being completed. Reports from the Chairman, Mike Buckley on the Society's achievements, Treasurer's Report from Neil Barrow, and the Secretary's Report from Alan Schofield. In appreciation a Vote of thanks was given to the Society's executives for their excellent contributions to Saddleworth's welfare. Mike Buckley entertained with a talk on new discoveries in Saddleworth's history, including plans of the old church and a reference to turbulent happenings in the 14th Century.

On Wednesday the 7th January, 09 'The Early History of the Springhead Area' was illuminated by Mike Buckley who gave a lengthy description of the highly industrial past of this Saddleworth district which was packed with busy, fully employed mills providing labour for the local population.

'The Development of Modern Springhead' by Neil Barrow was a very well attended lecture and he gave a vivid picture of Springhead growing and changing to a residential district and its prosperous workers benefitting from the advantageous developers following the industrial success of this area perched on the edge of Lees and Oldham.

Professor of History at Huddersfield University, Keith Laybourn, has written many books and articles gave the Society an extremely animated talk on the 25th February, 09, 'In search of phantom fortunes: Working class gambling 1900-1960. It was packed not only with information gathered from his wide range and expert knowledge, but also from his personal experience when as a boy as a Bookie's runner. Keith vigorously expounded his argument that most working class gambling was simply a harmless flutter.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM, HIGH STREET, UPPERMILL**

- 2nd Sunday of each month 9.00 am-2.00 pm      Farmers' Market.
- 2nd Wednesday of each month.  
10.30 am-12.30 pm.      Friends' Coffee Morning.
- Boredom Busters Half term 27 May/29 July.09      Ring Museum on 01457 87 4093  
10.15 am each Friday - Boom Ting for babies, small children, not school holidays.  
£2.50 per session. Small babies 50p
- 9.30 am-12 noon Tuesdays.      Canalside Quilting Group.

### **Future Exhibitions**

'On your Bike' Memories/photographs of owning/riding a bike also 'What your ancestors did'- Any photographs/memories of yourself or relatives at work. These could be copied for the exhibition.      Ring Peter Fox on 01457 87 4093

### **Art Gallery Exhibitions**

- Present date until 22nd March, 09      Textile Mill Interiors.  
Paintings by Janis Bowie.
- 28th March - 26th April, 09.  
Chalk & Cheese.      A diversity of media including paintings,  
glass works, rag rugs, silk screen prints  
etc. Pauline Knight & Glennis Sharp

### **SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST**

- Lectures 7.30 pm Saddleworth Museum.
- Thursday 30th April, 09      Ten Things I didn't know about Manchester.  
Lecture by Livi Michael. (Local Author)
- Saturday 9th May, 09      Manchester Ship Canal Cruise Day Out.  
Details from Charles Baumann. 01457 876858
- Saturday 13th June, 09      Half Day Heritage Walk in Diggle.  
Led by Mike Buckley  
Details from Charles Baumann 01457 876858
- Thursday 25th June, 09      Summer Coach Trip - Holker Hall & Gardens &  
Cartmel Village, Cumbria.  
Details from Charles Baumann 01457 876858
- Thursday 2nd July, 09      Climate, Ocean & the Hydrogen Imperative.  
Mike Koefman. Illustrated lecture.

## MEMBERSHIP SECTION

A welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Society since the publication of the last Bulletin.

Mr. P.C.S. Schofield, Inverness.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Stock, Maidenhead.

Mr. Matthew Chapman, Springhead.

Mrs. P.A. Badger, Cumbria.

Miss Annie Hart, Sale.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mills, Telford, Shropshire.

Having recently acquired our latest publication 'Mapping Saddleworth', Tony Stock decided to join the Society. He can trace his ancestry through his Great-great-grandmother who was born Eliza Wood and married a John Shelmerdine Stock. One of Eliza's brothers farmed at Yew Tree and another was the Master of Saddleworth Workhouse and later lived at Diggle House.

Sadly we have to report the death of Nell Buckley who for many years together with her late husband John were very strong members of the Society. John was the leader of the Industrial Archaeological Society and they made a most engaging couple whose company was much sought and appreciated. Nell will be remembered for her organisation of the Coffee Mornings at the Museum, in aid of ARC (Arthritis Society) and, of course, for her amusing, clever dialect poetry she composed and recited at many of our social events.

Anne Cox another stalwart member of our Society has died she was a very regular attender at our lectures and in the past with her late husband Mervyn supported our Archaeological Section. Being connected with many organisations in Saddleworth including the Town Women's Guild she will be greatly missed.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have had an excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions since January, but a reminder is enclosed for members who have not yet paid and we shall be pleased to receive remittances as soon as convenient. Very many thanks for your continued support.

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

Stanley Broadbent. March 09