

BOROUGHBRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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SUMMER PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

STUDLEY ROYAL: C 18 WONDER OF THE NORTH
GLENDA HUNTER

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH

THE BERLIN WALL - TONY SMAILES

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH

TRADITIONAL BUILDINGS IN THE VALE OF YORK
BARRY HARRISON

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

SOCIETY DAY TRIP TO SEWERBY HALL

MEETINGS ARE HELD IN BOROUGHBRIDGE LIBRARY JUBILEE SUITE AT 7.30

ALL WELCOME; MEMBERS FREE



N O T E S F R O M T H E C H A I R M A N

J o h n W h i t e h o u s e

I begin with more good news as our membership level has risen to 42, a record high for the society. Guest numbers have also been high reflecting the interesting topics covered by our visiting speakers. Consequently our income and bank balance are currently healthier than we have experienced of late. As you will read later in David's report the lottery project comes to "fruition" in late May with some very tangible outcomes that will leave their mark in local history and recreational circles.

Some reapportionment of duties has taken place to spread the administrative load more evenly over the committee membership. Set out below is a list of the various secretaries and their roles. This is by no means an exhaustive list of duties that are being attended to by these members but notification of their core functions only. We are very grateful that they are prepared to put in the time and effort to support the Society in these diverse ways.

Peter Fleming

Vice Chairman, Newsletter Editor and Speakers Secretary

Christine Tasker

Treasurer (B&DHS a/c and HLF a/c)

Anne Padden

Minutes Secretary

Margaret Tasker

Membership and Meetings Secretary

Linda Dooks

Local History Coordinator and Archivist

David Barley

Chairman Lottery Project Sub-Committee

As I intimated above the actual work load of these people is greater than it may first appear in the job titles. The Committee would always welcome additional support from the general membership.

A brief summary of the most recent talks now follows.

Remnants of a Lost Life

November's presentation by Jacqueline Depelle was 'Remnants of a Lost Life', a slightly disjointed report of WW 1 fatality, 2nd Lt Frederick Hunter Hyland, an observer in the air wing of the 7th Bn Yorks. Regt..

Hyland was born the son of of a banker/JP in 1891 and lived at Ingleton in Radcliffe House, an imposing residence rented for £32.00 per annum (in 1905.) I must confess that sum seems very low even by the standards of the time. The boy attended the Fulneck Moravian School in Pudsey (as did Diana Rigg!) and from there progressed to Leeds University where he studied medicine until the outbreak of war when he enlisted in the Yorkshire Regiment.

He qualified as an air observer and flew out of Netheravon airfield, Wiltshire, in British Aircraft Factory FE2 bomber aircraft. In letters to the family Hyland complained that the new engines were failing as metal hardening of camshafts and pistons was inadequate forcing the refitting of the old superseded motors. Hyland was killed in 1915 when hand grenades carried in the aircraft lost their safety pins due to vibration of the air frame; the resultant explosion killing the crew. He was the first old boy of Fulneck School to die in the war. He was 23 years old.

Glimpses of Nidderdale History 1890-1950

December's talk, 'Glimpses of Nidderdale History 1890-1950' by David Alred traced the various events and changes on the social, transport and farming fronts, especially concentrating on Pateley Bridge and its railway infrastructure, the massive construction projects of Scar House and Gouthwaite reservoirs together with the social activities of the local farming families.



Scar House Reservoir

Sir Titus Salt and Saltaire

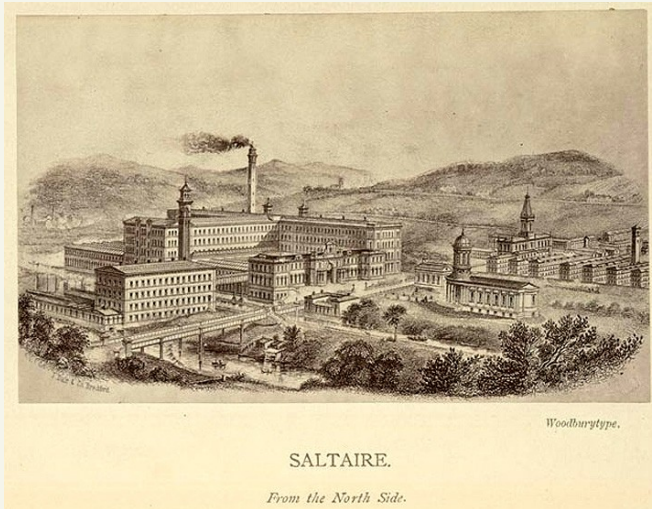
In January Peter Fleming, our vice chairman, stepped in at short notice to give a presentation on 'Sir Titus Salt and Saltaire' due to the scheduled guest speaker being ill.

Saltaire was built in 1851 by Sir Titus Salt, a leading industrialist in the woollen industry. The name of the village is a combination of the founder's surname and the name of the river. Salt moved his business (five separate mills) from Bradford to this site to locate his large textile mill by the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and the railway. Salt employed the local architects Lockwood and Mawson to create a model settlement which would offer workers sanitary living conditions and a fulfilling life. In this way Salt was acting on his values as a pragmatic Christian.

Salt built neat stone houses for his workers (much better than the slums of Bradford), wash-houses, bath-houses, a hospital and an institute for recreation and education, with a library, a reading room and a concert hall. The village had a school for the children of the workers, almshouses, allotments and a park but strictly no pub or premises supplying alcohol. This combination of houses, employment and social services made Saltaire and its philanthropic founder famous and provided a model for late 19th century urban planning.

Sir Titus died in 1876 and was interred in the mausoleum adjacent to the Congregational Church. Today, Saltaire has the status of world heritage site.

IMAGES OF SALTAIRE



The Mill and Congregational Church can be seen in the foreground

Almshouses for retired mill workers



Lodgings Houses for men without families

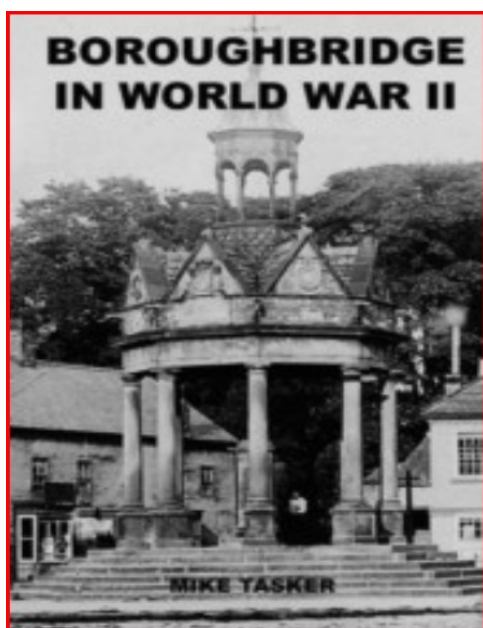
Boroughbridge in World War 2

February saw member Mike Tasker expanding on his recent very readable book 'Boroughbridge in World War 2'.



Air crew outside the Crown Hotel April 1944

The town was portrayed as an important military town with camps and bases within its environs. Mike illustrated to nearly fifty members and guests just how such a small quiet market town became heavily involved in a world-wide conflict.



Coupling this with his boyhood reminiscences of wartime Boroughbridge and recollections of working for ICI in Harrogate, an informative talk and a pleasant evening was provided by Mike.

Teaching Yesterday Today

March was Mike Holyoak's talk on the teaching of History in today's schools. He went through the curriculum and priorities set by Government, including local history, industrial, military and social history, explaining why it was impossible to study in depth such a vast range of historical subjects. World War 2 is now a favourite course for GCSE students.



An interesting diversion was a "quiz" in which the audience divided into 4 groups and tried to nominate events and personalities that were significant enough in global historic terms to justify being included in a national history curriculum.

I look forward to seeing you all at the interesting presentations that have been lined up by Peter Fleming for the summer months.

John Whitehouse

Historical Society Business

Correspondence

Please note that, although not our official society secretary, Margaret Tasker is now the first point of contact for society business. Margaret can be contacted on the following e-mail address:

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October Meeting

It has been decided by the committee that we should combine the next AGM with a members' evening. This has certain advantages, not least it will avoid the sort of late finish experienced when the AGM takes place on the same evening as a talk from a guest speaker! Making the AGM part of an evening that includes talks from members and a buffet should ensure an interesting and convivial experience for all those who attend.



The last members' evening was well attended and the talks offered by society members proved to be both interesting and entertaining. For the October meeting we will need three or four people to speak for up to fifteen minutes each on their chosen topic or theme. This might be an aspect of history you are interested in, a piece of research you have undertaken (for example, related to your family's history or the Dog Kennel Lane project) or an interesting story that tells us something about the past. It might involve you showing the group a family 'treasure' or artefact or it might simply be sharing your reminiscences of times gone by. If you would like to contribute please let Margaret Tasker know at the April or May meeting so we can get planning. Thank you.

New Committee Members Needed

John has explained (page 2) how existing committee members have shared out tasks and responsibilities to ensure society business continues, but ideally we need additional volunteers to take on some of the work. No qualifications are needed; if you are keen and willing we can make use of your talents. Please let any committee member know if you can offer us a little of your time.

Alice Barrigan and the Stubbs' Ledgers

We received an e-mail from Alice Barrigan, the great great granddaughter of John Richard Stubbs(1838-1916) who originally lived at Bridge Foot Boroughbridge before setting up as a solicitor at Middlesbrough in 1861. The ledgers of the Stubbs business in Boroughbridge, 1790-1830, provide fascinating insights to life at the time, for example goods sold to different classes of people and what they cost. They can be accessed on: <http://northyorkshirehistory.blogspot.co.uk/2014/07/ledgers-of-stubbs-business-in.html>

Historical Society Annual Outing

Members have voted for this year's outing to be to Bridlington & Sewerby Hall. The trip will be on Tuesday, July 14th, departing from St. James Square at 9.15am, returning for 6.00pm. The cost is £21.50, which includes the driver's tip and entrance to Sewerby Hall. Friends & family are most welcome.

A deposit of £5.00 will be required to reserve each place. This can be done at the April or May meeting or by post using the address below.



Sewerby Hall

Boroughbridge & District Historical Society Annual Trip Booking Form

The coach to Bridlington & Sewerby Hall will depart St. James Square, Boroughbridge at 9.15am and will return for 6-00pm.

I require _____ places at £21-50 per person

Name of Society Member(s) _____

Name(s) of family/friends _____

£5.00 per named person is required to reserve a place.

Please see Christine or Margaret Tasker to book a place, Cheques to be made payable to Boroughbridge & District Historical Society.

Forms can be sent **by post** to 48, Chatsworth Grove, Boroughbridge, YO5 9BB

Dog Kennel Lane Project Update Easter 2015



Since Christmas we have again had a slightly different three months. These have been mainly study evenings recording information to be retained, either in the archive or on the website.

The detailed study of a selection of aerial photographs was done by Joyce and Paul before Christmas and the study of historic maps done by the group with Kevin in the new year. This study of historic maps concentrated on the route of the "Dog Kennel Lane Walk". The maps used were on the website of the National Library of Scotland. This is a great site and anyone interested proceed as follows:

- Google "NLS Historic Maps"
 - Click "Series Maps 1795-1961"
 - Click "Ordnance Survey Six inch England and Wales 1842-1952"
 - Click "As individual sheets using zoomable map of England and Wales"
- Locate the map you want and play around.

On two of the study evenings we had a little light entertainment listening to some of the oral history recordings. The website was discussed and we have finalised the layout. This is in the form of five main headings, each heading with different "drop down" sub-headings. There are twenty seven sub-headings in total and individual members of the group have volunteered to write appropriate items for each sub-heading.

The only visit we had was to Brampton Hall. This was enjoyed by sixteen members of the group with good weather. Unfortunately we could not see inside the Hall but had an extensive view outside, trying to ascertain where the Old Hall was located in relation to the farmhouse as it is now, and also in relation to the old carriage road to Newby Hall.

The layout of the "Interpretation Board" and leaflets has almost been finalised. It is intended to have a full size cardboard mock up of the board at our Celebration Event. This is to be held on Sunday May 24th in the main hall of the Coronation Hall. A date for your diary, times to be announced later.

David Barley.



Old Brampton Hall, drawn by Mr. Cale senior (John's father)