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COUNTY DURHAM FORUM for HISTORY & HERITAGE



Special Christmas Newsletter 2023



Message from our Chair

Marian Morrison

Seasons greetings to all groups and members. Many of us, at this time of year, are taking stock of the demands on our time and doing a bit of a review of our busy lives. We, your committee, are preparing for 2024 and the AGM and find ourselves with a potential shortage of committee members. Over the last few years committees have had to be adaptable and flexible to serve their membership and I feel the Forum has demonstrated this by delivering the newsletters, regional days and offering training opportunities. We met the challenges of 2020 by organising Zoom Talks and more recently by developing our Facebook presence.

However, we the committee, or you, the membership, are at risk as we struggle with enough committee members to sustain this output. Hence, I am making a plea to all to reflect on what we do, and if you value what the Forum provides in support of local & family history and heritage, could you please consider offering us some of your valuable and precious time to join our committee.

The committee mostly meet by Zoom about eight times a year with perhaps one face-to-face meeting.

MONTHLY ZOOM TALKS

Our new format for 2024

9 Jan	The Cramlington Train Wreckers Ed Waugh
20 Feb	Secret Darlington Chris Lloyd
12 Mar	The Tyne Brewery Site Richard Anis
17 Sept	The Woman in Question Tony Nicholson
1 Oct	Durham County & Its Turnpike Roads David Butler
19 Nov	Tony Blair Anthony Atkinson

For More Details of Zoom meetings:
Email: yb2u15@gmail.com

FORUM AGM 2024

The Forum committee would like to thank all groups and individuals for their support during 2023 and to give early warning of our proposals for the Annual General Meeting in 2024.

We are planning to hold the AGM at Bowburn Community Centre on **Saturday 16 March 2024** starting at 9.30am. It will follow the usual format.

As part of the AGM, we have invited Forum members, Middleton-in-Teesdale's The Fitzhugh Library, to display and introduce their **Hannah Hauxwell Exhibition**. Known as the 'Daughter of the Dales', Hannah was famous for her solitary life as a farmer in Baldersdale without electricity or running water. She became a big name in the 1970s when an ITV documentary called 'Too Long A Winter' followed her rural lifestyle.

The exhibition offers a rare opportunity to view this unique collection of Hannah's personal effects including letters, photos, farm receipts, cards and other items that span four generations of the Hauxwell family.

Please circulate this information around your membership as Hannah Hauxwell's life has created a lot of fascination over the years.

The exhibition will be open to the General Public 10.30am—3.00pm.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ALL

become due on

31 December 2023

Membership Renewals made on or before the due date would be greatly appreciated
(and if you don't intend to renew, please let us know then we won't chase you!!)

Membership Rates for 2023 are as follows

Societies/Organisations/Business: £20.00

Individuals Members : £6.00

Payments can be made by cheque payable to:
County Durham History & Heritage Forum

and posted to:

Margaret Hedley, Membership Secretary
Broadmeadows
Durham Road
WHEATLEY HILL
County Durham
DH6 3LJ

To make an automated payment through your bank the Forum bank details are as follows:

Account:

County Durham History & Heritage Forum

Bank: Unity Trust

Sort Code: 60-83-01

Account No: 20242631

Please include the name of your organisation in the reference section

If you would like to set up a standing order for this payment, there is a form below.

Please complete it and send to your bank

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(Please complete and send **TO YOUR** bank)

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Please pay now and on 1 January annually hereafter until further notice the sum of:

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To the account of:

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Your Address: (inc post code)

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Date:.....

Your Signature:

This order cancels and replaces all existing orders to the credit of the Forum