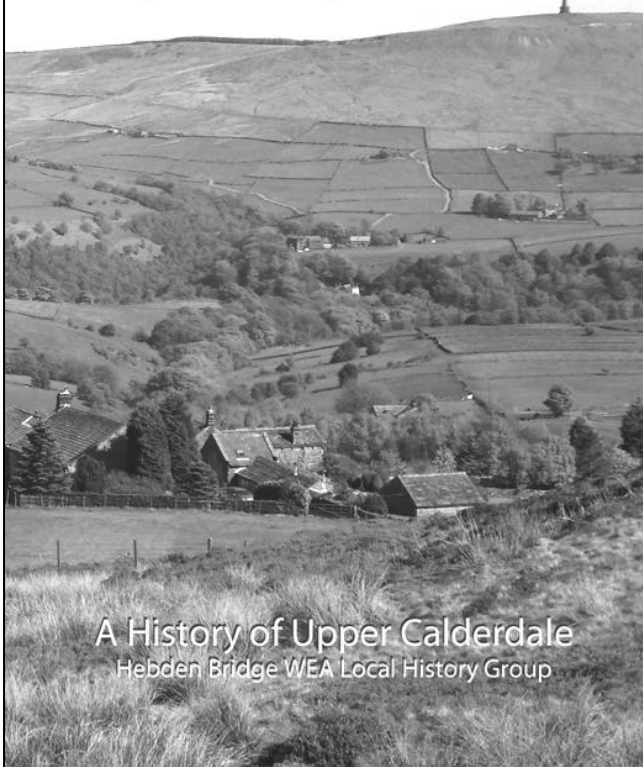


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A History of Upper Calderdale
Hebden Bridge WEA Local History Group

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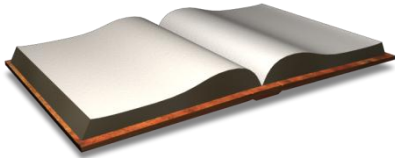
The Diaries of Cornelius Ashworth 1782-1816



Walt Royd, Cornelius Ashworth's House

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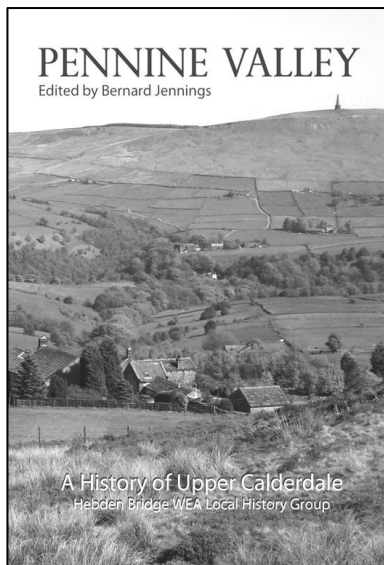
Archive Opening Times 2011 - 2012

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2011		
September	14th	24th
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2012		
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July	11th	28th
August	8th	25th

THE SOCIETY AS PUBLISHER

We are very pleased to announce that the Society is publishing two very significant works of local history this autumn.

The Diaries of Cornelius Ashworth, written between 1782 and 1816 detail the day to day life of a weaver-farmer and provide a unique insight into local life at the turn of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. After an advantageous marriage Cornelius Ashworth farmed at Walt Royd, Ovenden supplementing his income by building, hop-selling and weaving. His surviving diaries have been fully transcribed over the last three years by one of the groups on the research course run by the Society entitled 'Agriculture and History in the Pennine Landscape'. A series of essays accompany the transcription and explore his farming methods, religious life and various trades. The book will be published in November and those subscribing to the book by completing the enclosed leaflet can obtain the volume for the special price of £16 instead of the cover price of £19.



Another course that ran in the late 1960s and early 1970s in Hebden Bridge resulted in the most comprehensive history of the Upper Calder Valley that has ever been published. ***Pennine Valley: a History of Upper Calderdale*** was edited by Professor Bernard Jennings, and is based on the research work of the Hebden Bridge WEA Local History Group. Published in 1992 and reprinted in 1994 with corrections, this work remains the best local history of the area but has been out of print and very difficult to obtain for many years. The surviving authors and previous publishers have very kindly given the Society permission to reprint the 1994

version of this book with some additional corrections and work on improving the quality of the illustrations. The book will be available in September at a cost of £14.99.

Both publications will be on sale at meetings of the Society during this season's lecture series. Enquiries about both publications should be addressed to the Treasurer, Bramble Dene, Moss Lane, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7DS.

It is expected that further publications resulting from the Agriculture and History course will become available during the next twelve months.

**All meetings take place at Hebden Bridge Methodist Hall,
Market Street and start at 7.30pm - *prompt***

21ST SEPTEMBER

STEVE CHAPPLES

THE BATTLE OF BRUNANBURH

The evidence that this battle, which took place in 937AD between King Athelstan and a combined army of Vikings, was fought in and around Burnley in East Lancashire.

Steve has published four books and is a regular contributor to the Looking Back column in the Lancashire Telegraph. He has also appeared on BBC TV's Inside Out series and has had his own radio programme on Radio Lancashire about his bestselling book about the Nelson Imperial Ballroom.



12TH OCTOBER

JANET NIEPOKOJCZYCKA



PACKHORSE DAYS AND PACKHORSE WAYS

The days when four hooves ruled the world: pack-saddles, loads, routes and bells are some of the aspects of this near-forgotten way of life. With reference to several pack-horse journeys made by Janet herself.

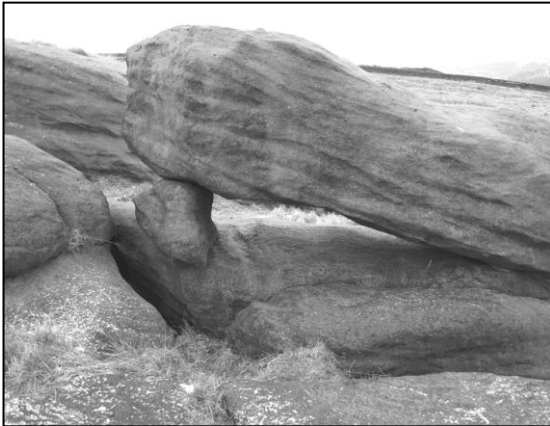
Janet Niepokojczycka is a former infant teacher. She is currently a seasonal blue badge guide in Lake District and Scotland.

26TH OCTOBER

LOCAL HISTORY AGM

Nominations for committee members and any matters members wish to raise are invited on p15. Committee meetings for 'Local History' are usually the 3rd Wednesday of alternate months.

The AGM will be followed by:-



DAVE SHEPHERD
PREHISTORY GROUP UPDATE

**EXCARNATION &
CATERPILLARS:
THE FRUITS OF EARLY
RETIREMENT**

An illustrated account of some of the Prehistory Section's activities over the last year or so. There's a full update on the website but some things are better explained as a short talk.

Some features made by strangely-used rocks, and some mechanically-abused features...

Dave Shepherd is active in exploring and recording the prehistory of Calderdale.

2ND NOVEMBER

LITERARY & SCIENTIFIC AGM

The AGM will be followed by:



NICK WILDING
**THE SEARCH FOR
HELEN**

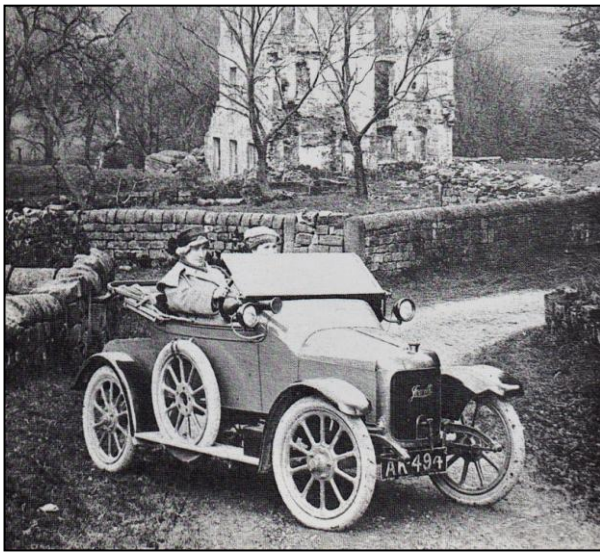
Following his rediscovery of the lost silent film '*Helen of Four Gates*', made on the moors above Hebden Bridge in 1920, Nick Wilding explores the locations that inspired the writer Ethel Carnie Holdsworth

to write her remarkable novel in the first place, and brings to life the world she knew. The event will coincide with the long-awaited republication of the book that many people claim was her best novel '*This Slavery*', written by her at Slack Top, Heptonstall and based on her childhood memories of working as a half-timer in the mills of Lancashire.

9TH NOVEMBER

JOHN ATACK

JOWETT CARS A BRIEF HISTORY



This evening's topic concerns Jowett Cars: Yorkshire's very own motor manufacturer whose centenary of production was celebrated last year. The talk is *not* purely technical. It involves the evolution of the family firm and its post-war demise. Characters, connivance and true Yorkshire obstinacy all play their parts and go some way towards explaining why these cars are remembered today, with affection or otherwise!

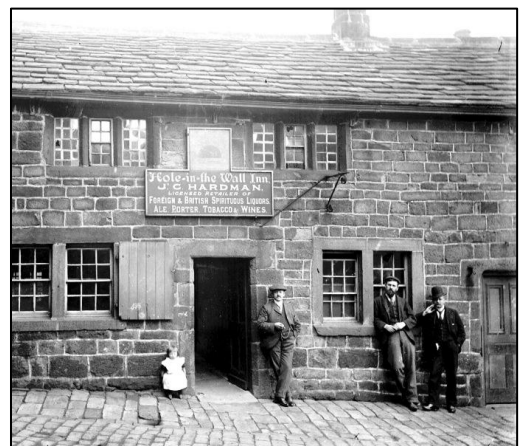
John Atack spent 37 years with Rolls-Royce in various parts of the globe. Some say they are still looking for him. He bought his first Jowett in Hebden Bridge in 1963 and has been the custodian of several others in the meantime. He is the Vice Chairman of the Northern Section of the Jowett Car Club – the oldest one-make car club in the world.

23RD NOVEMBER

PETER ROBINSON

PUBS & BREWERIES OF THE UPPER CALDER VALLEY

This talk will take a look at the impact of changing legislation upon the pubs of the upper Calder valley beginning in the 17th century, and will also examine the influence of the brewing companies and their successors the pub companies, from the 19th century onwards.



Peter Robinson has been interested in local and industrial history since his teens and joined the Local History Section of the Hebden Bridge Literary and Scientific Society in 1980. He is presently Treasurer of the Halifax Antiquarian Society, a member of the Brewery History Society and the local branch of the Campaign for Real Ale. In the latter organisation he has been involved in the Yorkshire Heritage Pubs Group.

7TH DECEMBER

MIKE CRAWFORD

THE FIRST WEEKS OF THE WAR A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE ON 1914

Everyone has some awareness of The First World War; some sense of ownership. Just what were the experiences of West Riding people in the first six weeks of the war? What was the story of those weeks, for men at the front and for their families at home?



Mike Crawford is a history teacher; he is especially interested in that juncture between national and local experience.

11TH JANUARY

DAVID GLOVER

SCANDAL AND HUMOUR FROM HALIFAX PARISH RECORDS

All kinds of past records, from the Wakefield Court Rolls through Parish Registers, Diaries and Newspapers, contain items of smut and scandal which today we may find both titillating and ludicrous. Some are plain funny. This talk is designed to inform about curious past events, whilst (hopefully) making the audience laugh!



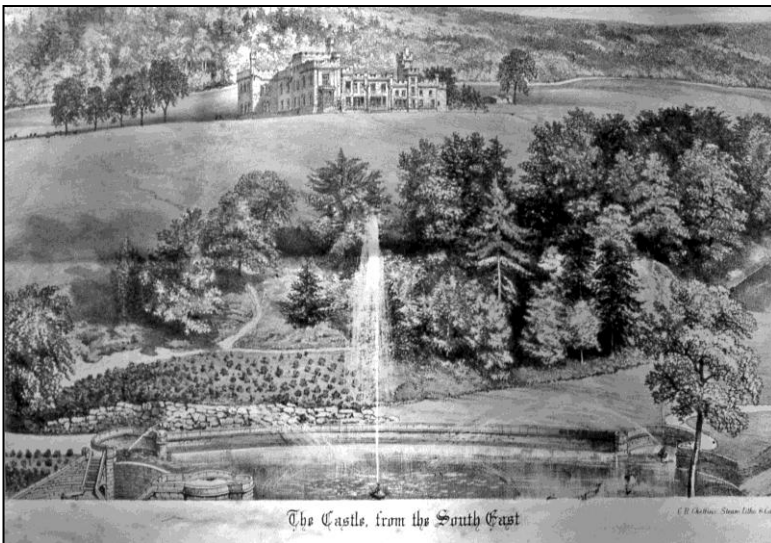
David has always been interested in history. Although he is a Londoner by birth, he has lived in Halifax for 25

years. Interest in Family History gradually developed into a fascination with local history. He is currently Publications Officer for Halifax Antiquarian Society, Publicity Officer for Halifax Civic Trust, and Chair of the Friends of Lister Lane Cemetery. He is also a regular contributor on local historical subjects to the Halifax "Courier."

25TH JANUARY

DAVID CANT & CLIVE LLOYD

THE STORY OF CASTLE CARR

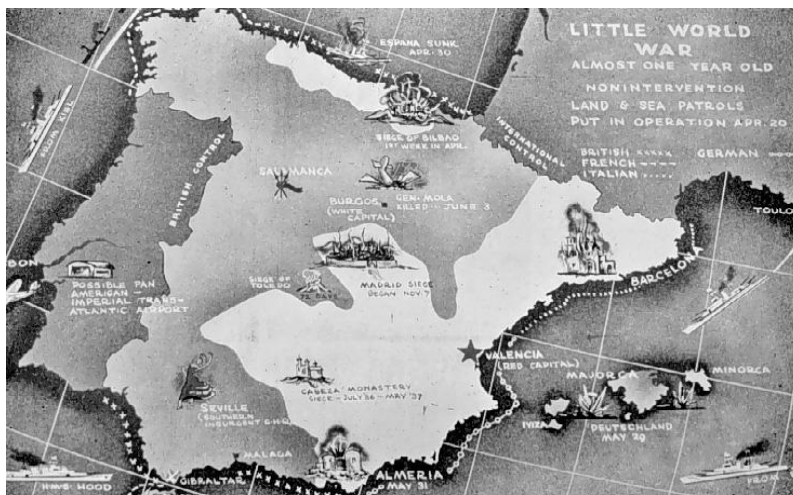


David and Clive tell how wealth from the textile trade led to the creation of a large estate and disputes over rights of way. How Halifax's need for water resulted in elegant water gardens with a lofty fountain. And how changing fortunes led to the rise and fall of an extraordinary building in a spectacular setting.

Clive is President of the Halifax Antiquarian Society and has researched the history of farming in the Luddenden valley and, with David, traced and updated the story behind Whiteley Turner's *Springtime Saunter*. David is particularly interested in old buildings as well as local and industrial history.

8TH FEBRUARY

SIMON MANFIELD



CALDER VALLEY VOLUNTEERS: THE FIGHT AGAINST FRANCO

Like many the world over, volunteers from the Calder Valley joined in the fight against Fascism during the years of the Spanish Civil War (1936-39). Simon Manfield will discuss the lives and altruism of these oft-neglected heroes.

Simon Manfield is a visual artist based in Hebden Bridge. In the summer of 2003 he illustrated the excavation of a Spanish Civil War era mass grave in the village of Valdedios, Asturias in N Spain.

22ND FEBRUARY

CORINNE McDONALD

TEMPERANCE IN THE UPPER CALDER VALLEY

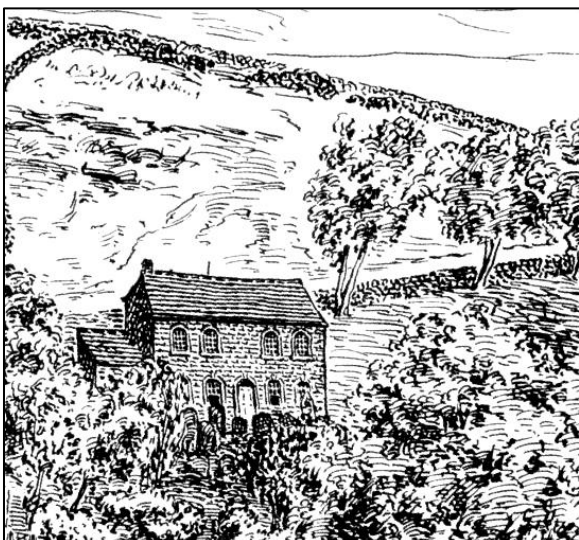


The temperance movement began in the 19th century in the United Kingdom, and lasted for over 100 years. Come along and hear about the key local players and their efforts to steer people away from the demon drink.

Corinne was born and brought up in Surrey but has lived in Halifax for nearly 20 years. She is the syllabus secretary for the Halifax Antiquarian Society.

14TH MARCH

DAVID NORTCLIFFE



w.w.w. WEST WADSWORTH

Dramatic changes in that area and its adjuncts 1800 – 2000.

(Does our speaker mean World Wide Web ... or... What?, Where?, and When? ...or... is it something entirely different.) All will be revealed on the night.

A new look at this upland area – a 'wilder' part of Calderdale's west.

David Nortcliffe has a B.A. in History of Science & Technology; Secretary of Calderdale Heritage Walks; 35 years a member of Halifax Antiq. Soc (and former committee member); past Chairman of Yorkshire Archaeological Society's Industrial History Section.

28TH MARCH

EDDIE CASS

J.M. CARPENTER AND THE PACE-EGGERS, AN AMERICAN FOLK COLLECTOR IN YORKSHIRE



Carpenter was an American academic who came to Britain in 1928 to collect folk performance material. He assembled the largest collection of such material which had been collected up to that time. He travelled 40,000 miles in search of ballads, songs, plays and customs.

Dr Eddie Cass will talk about what Carpenter collected in Yorkshire and will illustrate his talk with some of his cylinder recordings.

Eddie Cass has been working on the Carpenter collection with his colleagues for ten years. He is currently a

Research Fellow at the Elphinstone Institute, the University of Aberdeen where he is editing the 300 play texts for publication by the University of Mississippi Press. They will be the first volumes in a series which will encompass the whole Carpenter collection.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP REPORT

We have had several enquiries recently and some new visitors to the group, all of which have resulted in new members to the society. We now have access to the Find My Past web site for members use and this includes the 1911 Census.

The Local History web site has been updated and we have a selection of local photographs dating from the 1890s to the 1960s in the Family History section. Some of these are from the archives and some are personal photographs. Initially these will be of groups of people from in

and around Hebden Bridge and from a variety of past times. We hope that they will be of interest to people with local connections and hope that, in some cases, you may be able to help with identification.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

These are the dates when the Family History group meet in the next few months. Dates tend to be the first Saturday and the third Thursday each month. All openings are from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Family History Opening Times 2011 - 2012

	Saturday 2 - 5 pm	Thursday 2 - 5 pm
2011		
September	3rd	15th
October	1st	20th
November	5th	17th
December	3rd	15th
2012		
January	7th	20th
February	4th	16th
March	3rd	15th
April	7th	19th

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THE LONDON GAZETTE

KEITH STANSFIELD

The London Gazette claims to be the oldest continuously published newspaper in the UK, tracing its beginnings back to 1665. It is one of the official journals of records of the British government, in which certain statutory notices are required to be published. The fact that it is used to publish these notices makes it an important source for the family historian, especially as its archive is available online. Information is grouped into almost 20 categories, a few of which include notices about individuals. Using these categories and textual search facilities you can drill down to individual pages of the gazette which are presented in PDF format on the screen.

Many of our ancestors were involved in business in one form or another and unfortunately, some of these would get into trouble leading to bankruptcy for the proprietor. Notices of bankruptcy proceedings were required to be published in the London Gazette and can be accessed by choosing the category "Personal Insolvency" then proceeding to "Bankruptcy Orders". At this point, you are able to enter parameters for searching the text - typically a name. The results are presented as a list with sufficient detail for you to determine relevance. Choosing from the list presents a page from the Gazette. The details in the notice include dates and places of hearings and addresses of the bankrupt and of his/her business. If you choose to, you can step forwards and backwards from one page to another.

Access the London Gazette at: www.london-gazette.co.uk

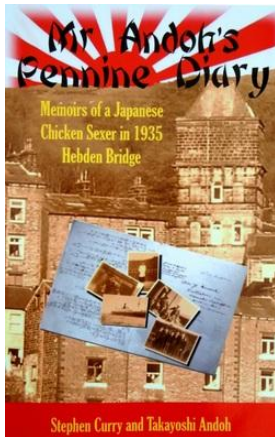
The Hebden Bridge

Literary & Scientific Society EST. 1905

EVENTS - 7.30PM AT THE METHODIST HALL

19TH OCTOBER

STEPHEN CURRY



BOOK LAUNCH OF MR ANDOH'S PENNINE DIARY

Imagine what a Japanese man would make of working and living in Hebden Bridge in 1935!

Koichi Andoh travelled from Japan in 1935 to teach the technique of distinguishing the sex of one-day-old chicks to Hebden Bridge hatchery businesses. He kept a daily diary of his life here - which his son Takayoshi Andoh discovered in the late 1990s. In 2001 Takayoshi made the journey to Hebden Bridge and a collaboration began between him and Stephen to translate Koichi's experiences. The book brings to life the thoughts and observation of a sometimes homesick man from a very different culture from that of the 1930's Calder Valley.

When Stephen Curry met Takayoshi in 2001 he knew that here was an important story relating to a part of local history that needed to be recorded. For more information visit <http://andohsdiary.weebly.com/>

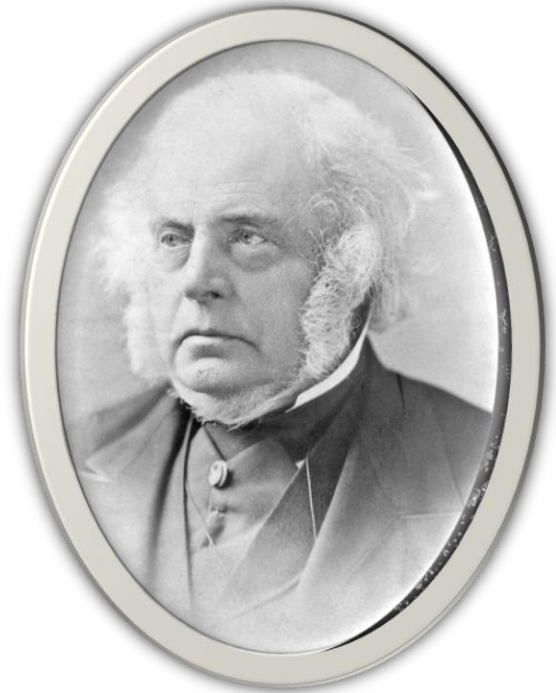
30TH NOVEMBER

NICK WILDING

JOHN BRIGHT - ALIVE & KICKING

FOLLOWED BY A SCREENING OF NICK WILDING'S FILM JOHN BRIGHT AND THE ANGEL OF DEATH

The Literary & Scientific Society is planning a unique event, a PowerPoint presentation debate with Nick Wilding filmmaker, John Cole historian and Rae Street, Quaker and historical researcher. This is followed by Nick's 40 minute newly up-dated and extremely powerful film *'John Bright and the Angel of Death'*.



16h November 2011 is the Bicentenary of the birth of John Bright in Rochdale. Events are being held throughout Britain to mark this important anniversary.

Today, Bright is largely forgotten, but he made a considerable impact in the 19th Century, not only through his seven year campaign with Richard Cobden to reform of the Corn Laws, but also as an opponent of war and slavery. Because of his ten year campaign to extend democracy to more working people, he was given the soubriquet 'the tribune of the people'. However, John Cole will argue that there is another side to John Bright and will question his motives on every issue. To illustrate points, Nick will demonstrate the power of his oratory, with extracts from his speeches and diaries, powerfully portrayed by actor John Stride. There are contributions in the film from Bill Cash, Lord Soper, Sir Bernard Ingham, Sir Cyril Smith, Tam Dalyell and Tony Benn.

What emerges is a highly principled character, who has commanded great respect in his time and since, but who still evokes some strong feelings of passionate hatred in his own hometown.'

Not to be missed. Seating capacity of the hall is limited to 80, so come early to ensure yourself a seat.

A course of ten evening sessions

TRANSCRIBING THE WILLS AND INVENTORIES

OF THE UPPER CALDER VALLEY 1400-1750

by

Alan Petford, M.A.

**Lecturer for the University of Leeds and the Workers
Educational Association**

**Commencing 26th September 2011
Mondays 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Hope Baptist Chapel, Hebden Bridge**

Course fee £60

This course will teach the skill of reading old handwriting based on practical work in transcribing original wills and inventories held in the Borthwick Institute in York. These have been photographed as part of the three year South Pennines Probate Project funded by LEADER. Suitable for both beginners and those with some experience, documents from different chronological periods can be tackled depending on experience. The art of indexing the documents will also be explained.

Once transcribed and indexed the documents will help us find out more about aspects of local life in the past such as:

- Local families, familial relationships and inheritance patterns
- The local way of life including farming practices and textile working
- The structure and use of houses and farms

Booking is recommended but, provided places are still available, you may register for the course at the first meeting. If you wish to reserve a place please contact Nigel Smith on 01422 842847.

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COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS & ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

Any items/proposals for discussion at the AGM and any nominations for Officers or committee members should reach the secretary by 7th October 2011.

Mrs. Diana Monahan
7 New Road
Hebden Bridge
HX7 8AD

Email: secretary@hebdenbridgehistory.org.uk

If you wish to nominate someone for the committee of either the '*Hebden Bridge Local History Society*' or the '*Hebden Bridge Literary and Scientific Society*' and they are willing to stand then please complete and send the following information:

'Local History' AGM 26th October

'Literary and Scientific' AGM 2nd November (delete as required)

I wish to nominate _____

For the position of President/Secretary/Treasurer/Librarian/committee member (delete as required)

Proposer:

Membership number (if known)

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Membership number (if known)

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The membership subscription for 20011/12 remains at £12 and is now due.

To renew your subscription please post your cheque, made payable to "*Hebden Bridge Local History Society*", together with a note of your name, address, telephone number, email address and membership number (if known), to the Membership Secretary:

Rachel Smith
Bramble Dene, Moss Lane
Hebden Bridge HX7 7DS

Alternatively you may renew your membership at a meeting when you will be issued with your new membership card.

All meetings take place at Hebden Bridge Methodist Hall,
Market Street and start at 7.30pm - ***prompt***

Your Quick Guide to the 2011 - 2012 Winter Programme

2011

21 September - **Steve Chapples** - The Battle of Brunanburh
12 October - **J. Niepokojczycka** - Packhorse Days & Packhorse Ways
19 October - **Stephen Curry** - Mr Andoh's Pennine Diary
26 October AGM - **Dave Shepherd** - Excarnation & Caterpillars
2 November AGM - **Nick Wilding** - The Search for Helen
9 November - **John Atack** - Jowett Cars A brief history
23 November - **P. Robinson** - Pubs & Breweries Upper Calder Valley
30 November - **Nick Wilding** - John Bright, Alive & Kicking
7 December - **Mike Crawford** - The First Weeks of the War

2012

11 January - **David Glover** - Scandal & Humour Halifax Parish Records
25 January - **David Cant & Clive Lloyd** - The Story of Castle Carr
8 February - **Simon Manfield** - Calder Valley Volunteers
22 February - **Corinne McDonald** - Temperance Upper Calder Valley
14 March - **David Nortcliffe** - w.w.w. WEST WADSWORTH
28 March - **Eddie Cass** - J.M. Carpenter and the pace-eggors

<p>To find out more about these events, and a whole lot more, visit your website: www.hebdenbridgehistory.org.uk</p>
