



SIGNAGE IN THE CEMETERY

At the end of 2018 the History Club were in talks with the Heritage Society about providing decent signage in the cemetery to highlight the historical treasures that it holds and which are visited by people from all over the world. As you can imagine the cost of providing such signage was exorbitant.

Just after one of the meetings, Margaret received an email from one of our financial supporters who told us there was money left over in a fund that they had donated when we did the Thomas Kenny VC commemoration in 2015 and it had to be spent within 48-hours.

This was excellent news and as it was about Thomas Kenny VC, they were prepared to allow us to use the funding on the very attractive signpost you see on the left.

The History Club were very proud to be able to finance this project in order to highlight the main three attractions in the cemetery.



ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday 29 June 2019

12.00pm—4.00pm

The History Club will be supporting the above event which will be held at Wheatley Hill Community Centre and we see it as an opportunity to show our support to be men and women who make up the armed forces community.

Afternoon Tea
Entertainment
Exhibitions

We All Served
Multi-Media
Presentation

Children's
Activities
Inside & Outside

2021 CENSUS RELEASE

The National Archives have given the contract for transcribing the 2021 census to Find my Past.

They are hoping to release the data on 1 January 2021.

HISTORY CLUB IS 25 YEARS OLD IN 2020

more information on special
celebrations in future newsletters

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ALL MEETINGS START AT 11.00AM

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| 29 May | Change of Programme | |
| 26 June | North East War Memorials Project | |
| 31 July | 19th Century Colliery Village Healthcare | M Morrison |

£2.00 per meeting
Includes tea/coffee/biscuits/raffle

Moses and the Children of Israel By a Geordie Lay Preacher

Noo aa've just cum ower the neet from Kingdom Haal I Gatesheed t tell ye aal about Moses an the Children ov Israel. Noo ye all knaa hoo Moses wus fund l' the bullrushes be Phareh's dowter (leastways that wus er story). Weel yors later Moses an ees lads wor workin I the clarts b the Nile makin bricks f Phareh. Noo one of the gards cums up an sez "Howay Moses Phareh wants t see yer". So up lowps Moses from the clarts an' gans wi' the gard. He gets t Phareh's tent an knocks on the door 'feared Phareh 'had a bit o' goods inside lyke. "Cum in" sez Phareh, so in gans Moses. "Mornin Moses" sez Phareh, "Mornin Phareh", sez Moses. "Noo leuk ear", sez Phareh getting strite t the point. "Youse lads is not makin' enough bricks fer me pyramids. They wis gan ti be greet big cubes, but wi ye lot on the gan slaa, th've aal ad to hev pointy tops noo. Se ye'll aal hev to mak twice as monny bricks wi' nee straa". "Nee straa" sez Moses, "the lads'll nivver agree te that".

So Moses gans oot slammin'; the tent door ahint im. "E gathers aal 'ees lads together for a union meetin' te decide on strike action. "No laads, aave just bin te see Phareh an ee wants us to mek twice as monny bricks and wi nee straa". "Nee straa", shoots the lads. "That's nee gud". Noo up lowps Joshua—ees the one wi the wellies on—and sez "Howaay Moses, lets we dee off". "Right" sez Moses, "Ye tuk the words reet oot me mooth. Let we aal dee away an find the promised land, so ger all yer wives an bairns together, gerron yer bogies an we'll diddle oot the toon".

So cume twelve o'clock, one ov Phareh's gards is jest dumpin is tab end ower the battlement waal an e luks doon an sees Moses and all the Children ov Israel gannin tappy lappy oot the toon in a clood o dust. The gard gans fleein doonstairs te tell Phareh. "Gerron yer cuddies an dee away after them" e roars.

Meanwhile oot in the desert Moses an the lads is fair clammed wi thorst. Joshua—ees the one wi the wellies on—sez "Moses, ye knaa wot we forgot te bring in all the horry, the barrel ov broon!" "Aal hev to dee summat aboot that", sez Moses, so e takes is wand oot on his cloak an smites a greet big rock, clitter clatter an then pitter patter oot comes the watter. So when the lads slacked thor thorst they gets back on thor bogies an maks off te the Reed Sea. Jest as they gets near the sea, Joshua—ees the one wi the wellies on—sez "Luk over there, ear cum the Pharisees", an sure enough all Phareh's lads is cumin ower the ill on their gallowas. "Quick", sez Moses, "cuddies is fasta than bogies". "Wot can we dee?" sez Joshua. Moses raises ees wand an a greet baal cums oot the sky an a greet clood o fire ides the Pharisees. "That's fooled em for a bit", laffs Moses. E olds ees wand oot ower the Reed Sea, an yer knaa wot, aal the watter parted asunder (or was in Munda?) So's aal the Children ov Israel were plodgin across te the other side. Joshua was aal reet cos ee ad is wellies on.

Just as they aal got ower, Phareh's lads cum te the watter's edge an started plodgin an aal, but Moses puts a stop te that by waving ees wand again an aal the water poured doon an drunded aal Phareh's horses and aal Phareh's men.

So endeth the forst lesson.

**THE MEMOIRS OF
Thomas Russell 1847-1928
(during the short time he lived in Wheatley Hill)**

10 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

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14 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Bof Saterdag taking splent up

15 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Munday night taking the top down

16 May 1879 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Tuesday at the hich barrow

17 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Wensday Haswell flat nue gannon bord

18 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Thursday sarving the mass

19 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Friday lowrn the old landow

21 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Saterdag hewed corve lowern bottom

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23 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Munday right hand flat taking up bottom

24 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Stright on taking up the bottom at the kick

24 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Barrow straight on tat the canch

25 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Wensday Thomas Bradley

26 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Thursday making a siding

20 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date Wheatley Hill Colliery went to Pittington Hill and it is about 6 miles from Wheatley Hill

25 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date Ellion is complenen of pain in neck and shoulders and I wish her was better of pain. Ther is all ways something in this world, if you have not one thing you have another so thus it goes on.

25 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date my son Nicklson and myself had a little walk down towards the Cabers and it was the forst time that I had my sute of cloths on that Richison made at Wingate Grange.

26 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Monday morning on this date the sad nues came to our place from our William relating the death of Robert Davison his mate who was killed by his side on the 8th May at America

29 May 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date my brother William returned from America. I was in back shift that day. If Robert Davison had been spared to come back all would be well but the Lord thought fit to call him hench and may the Lord rest his soul

27 June 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date I got a nue sute from Richardson and it is a blue one and it cost 3 pounds
(Thomas seems to have got his dates mixed up in his diary around May and June)

21 July 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date the pit is idle on the count of the water breaking it away in the number 2 pit

11 August 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

This been the date that George Butright and his family left Wingate Colliery for America

22 August 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date Mr Farrow set off for America. Thomas Armstrong tuk his things to Durham and Mrs Wood meets him at Durham

6 September 1879 Ludworth Colliery

On this date Andrew Pattinson died leving a wife and three children the oldest about five years of age. Hir father is staying with her

26 September 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

On this date I got the sad nues about Thomas Farrow shutting (*shooting*) himself but no-one noes where it sprung from. I hope it is not true

29 September 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the day that Thomas Greenwells sister Margaret died in Forde Street

14 October 1879 Wheatley Hill Colliery

Was the date that Mrs Burts daughter landed at Thornley branch ends. She came from America in the hopes of seeing her mother but hir mother died on the 6th of the same month and I felt for the poor woman. She has a fine boy of about 9 years old and one 16 months and worst of all she is a widow

Wheatley Hill Community Association

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