

Hands on Heritage at Beamish Museum

Heritage Open Days 2019

(as part of the County Durham Forum for History & Heritage Group)

The History Club took part in the above event at Beamish on Saturday 21 September and we had a great day.

We were lucky enough to be allocated a pit cottage at No 5 Francis Street in the pit village. These houses originally came from Hetton and the same plans were used to build the Wheatley Hill and Thornley houses and so spending the day in one of them was very nostalgic.

The weather was beautiful so we had our "Slum Clearance" exhibition in the back yard and our handling objects and children's dressing up clothes in the kitchen.

We met lots of lovely people and the children were delighted to be trying on the dressing up clothes. Unfortunately as a result of restrictions surrounding the taking/publishing of photographs involving children, we are unable to show any on here, but the proud parents took lots of images. One little girl cried when she had to hand her outfit back!!

We put in a 10-hour day but it was well worth it.



NEW HISTORY CLUB WEBSITE <https://www.wheatley-hill.org.uk>



We recently launched our new website that can be viewed on a range of devices—pc, tablet, laptop and mobile phone.

We were very happy with the website that we had but it didn't meet modern regulations, and I must say the new one has a lot more information about the work we do.

If you get the time, have a look at the new lay-out and the newsy items that are available. We are not relying on Graham our web manager to update this one, Margaret has had a lesson from Graham on carrying out updates, although time will tell how successful this will be!!

BLINKINSOPP

Both the History Club and the Heritage Centre have been making enquires on behalf of a gentleman in the South of England who made contact through the History Club website. He had found a bible in his late father's possessions which contained the inscription **"Wheatley Hill, 1894, William Blinkinsopp"**, and was hoping to find a family member so that he could pass the bible on to them. After our assistance, he replied as follows:

"Thank you for your enquiries concerning William Blinkinsopp and for sending the link to the Heritage Centre. Its an excellent website and the whole historical preservation movement in Wheatley Hill—the Heritage Centre and the History Club—is something in which you may justifiably feel great pride. Congratulations to you all on providing such superb resources"

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ALL MEETINGS START AT 11.00AM

30 Oct The Great Flood of 1771 County Durham
Tim Brown

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4.30pm
Wheatley
Hill
Cemetery



Wheatley Hill has carried out so much research over the commemoration period of the First World War and the activities of those involved from this village. The war is now very well documented for future generations. We have produced a book, a dvd, a World War Section on the History Club website, including an interactive map, a film of our VC winner, Thomas Kenny *"Beyond Praise"* and a timeline of his life on our website and now we also have present-day thoughts and emotions of that war presented in an interactive way in the two presentations *"We All Served"* and *"Peace Perfect Peace"* thanks to the involvement of Lonely Tower Film & Media.

On Sunday 10 November, Remembrance Sunday, the History and Heritage Groups will be presenting the second multi-media performance at 4.30pm in the afternoon, *"Peace Perfect Peace"*. The event will be similar to last years' *"We All Served"* presentation and will signal the end of our World War 1 commemoration activities, and the final stages of our Heritage Lottery Grant.

The piper will open the candle-lit event followed by World War One poetry readings by volunteers, and then the out-door *"Peace Perfect Peace"* presentation set to music, film footage, photographs of local people and scenes during the years of World War 1 and the poignant voices of local people today. The piper will close the event. It will be a very moving and fitting end in recognition of such an important period in our village history.

Morning Remembrance Service

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2019

10.15am

Parade meets at Patton Walk

10.40am

Parade arrives at All Saints Church

10.45am

Service in All Saints Parish Church

11.20am

Parade leaves for Cemetery

11.40am

Remembrance Day Ceremony in the
cemetery

Laying of 22 Poppy Wreaths
The Last Post
Reveille
The National Anthem

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

11 February 1881 Castle Eden Colliery

Friday morning. On this date John Tate lost his life in the Allmaway. He was putting a back pillar on. Thomas Pringal, the Charge man.

8 March 1881 Castle Eden Colliery

Was the day that a poor man was caught by the run in back (*shift*) and thay brought him home but he died about 2 o'clock the same day. He lives in the Main Street. I do not know his name but I am sorey.

27 July 1881 Castle Eden Colliery

This is the last entry in Thomas' diary, and it looks like a list of his belongings which he calls his goods and chattels that he was selling to raise money for his re-location to the United States.



*Thomas & Ellen Russell
with their two eldest children.
Photo taken in Sunderland in 1880*

ITEMS FOR SALE	£	s	d
Kattle	0	3	0
Steele	0	1	0
Dishes	0	2	0
Chabele (table)	0	8	0
One Arm Chaire	0	6	0
3 HB Chaires	0	7	6
One Small Chabele (table)	0	4	0
Bleser	0	1	0
Pan	0	3	1
Fender	0	3	0
Hingengs (curtains)	0	3	1
Rocken Horse	0	8	0
Eiren Bead (iron bed)	0	12	0
Rening Meshen (wringing machine)	0	8	0
Possing Tule	0	3	0
Fruent Room Fender	0	5	0
Cradel	0	3	0
Draws (set of drawers)	4	0	0
Press	4	0	0
Dess Bead (dess bed—foldaway bed)	4	0	0
Sofey (sofa)	3	15	0
Loken Glass (mirror)	2	5	0
Sow Meashen (sewing machine)	3	10	0
TOTAL	25	10	8



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