

PEACE, PERFECT PEACE



Our event on Remembrance Sunday 2019 marked the end of our Heritage Lottery Funded project. Over the last two years, we have been working with Lonely Tower Film & Media on collecting the thoughts of today's Wheatley Hill Community about the atrocities of the First World War. Lonely Tower have produced two wonderful multi-media presentations, which were enjoyed by an audience in the Cemetery. Both events in 2018 and 2019 have been similar—we hired a piper, asked volunteers to read war poetry and marked the unofficial and official ending of the War with respect.

THE COST OF COAL

With funds left over from the Last Shift project, Gordon Tempest has embarked on a task which he will display in the cemetery next to The Last Shift statue on an information board very similar to the one that informs us about The Last Shift.

This latest project is *"The Cost of Coal"* and Gordon is trying to track down every coal miner from Wheatley Hill that lost his life in the pits between 1869 and 1968. This is a massive task helped by two existing data sets—the information contained in the final coal company book published by The History Club which lists known deaths in Wheatley Hill pit between those 1869 and 1968 and also the Durham Mining Museum that lists deaths in all Durham pits.

The History Club and The Heritage Centre have both helped finance the project and wish Gordon well in this very worthwhile venture.

ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY 8-10 MAY 2020

Friday 8 May 2020, has been designated by the Government as a Bank Holiday, with licensing hours extended to enable as many towns, parishes, district, community and other councils, along with individuals, voluntary organisations, the holiday and hospitality industry including pubs, clubs, restaurants and hotels etc, to join in the VE Day 75 celebrations.

The History Club will be holding some sort of commemoration event over the weekend of the VE celebration giving us an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from our area who saw us through this dark and terrifying period.

We will be discussing the format of our event and our next meeting and details will appear in the April edition of this newsletter.

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25 March Death in our Area
Frances Wilson

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HISTORY CLUB BIRTHDAY—25 YEARS



To mark this auspicious occasion, we will be holding a gentleman's afternoon tea (*an ordinary afternoon tea with savoury items*) on the afternoon of **Wednesday 18 March at 2.00pm** in Wheatley House. This is a members only event.

**All of our members are invited to attend
FREE of charge**

After the tea will be entertained by **FOOLS GOLD**, a musical duo from Stanley, County Durham, who specialise in local music and stories.



As we need to confirm our catering needs at the beginning of March, it would be helpful if you could let us know if you intend to come to the afternoon tea or if you don't intend to come. We need to know your intentions. You can email or phone.

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NOTEBOOK OF THOMAS T HARRISON OF SHERBURN, COUNTY DURHAM

Over the next few newsletters, I will be transcribing Mr Harrison's notebook. He is not from Wheatley Hill, and as far as I know, there aren't any reference to Wheatley Hill but the notebook is fascinating as it is set in the late 1800/early 1900's. It contains what Mr Harrison thought important at the time and for that reason I believe it is an important document in the history of our area. Mr Harrison appears to be a religious man, favouring the Methodist religion. I have made a direct copy of the text and haven't changed any spelling errors.

Joseph Vickers died on the 29th November 1884

John Handly married on 20th December 1884

Annie Hall and Thomas Lee married on Wednesday 30th May 1888 at Sherburn Church

George Harrison left Sherburn for to go to Australia on Thursday morning the 6th December 1888 in the 20 past nine train. Got to Blackwall that night by ten minutes to 6 o'clock and stoped there all night. Started the next morning for Tilbury Dock which is other 20 miles. Took the boat there on Friday 7th December 1888, The name of the boat, the Oriyola.

Caleb Kidd married Saturday 22nd March 1890 at Old Elvet Chapel, Durham

Joseph Dighton and Annie Dixon was married on Monday 7th July 1890 at Durham

John Stead and Jenny Purvis married Thursday 19th February 1891

Robert Clarkson married on Monday 9th March 1891

Barbara Ann Hutchinson married Monday 7th December 1891

Hopper and Gutteridge killed by a fall of stone in Lady Durham pit on Tuesday 8 December 1891 about 11 hours before they got them out under the stone

Thompson Aylsbury's wife died on Friday 1 June 1888

John Brown died on Wednesday 6th June 1888

James Dixon was killed on Thursday 19th June 1888

William Purvis killed in Sherburn House pit on Thursday 8th September 1887

Nathan Donkon died Monday 24 February 1890

George Ridley died on Wednesday 18th June 1890

Peter Creswell died in the pit on Saturday 2 August 1890 (died of apoplexy)

Tom Brown lamed on Wednesday 24th February 1892

Mr Hedley commenced as overman at Sherburn Colliery on Tuesday 8th March 1892

E Morgan and John Bainbridge of Tow Law was married on November 1889

Samuel Cowen died Tuesday 10th May 1892

Mrs Brown died on Sunday 23rd October 1892

William Grayson and Nelly Harrison married on 29th December 1891

Mary Annie Purvis and Thomas Dales were married on 7th December 1893

The big pumping engine at Sherburn Colliery commenced to pump on Tuesday night 18th September in the year 1888.



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