

GLENDALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER 2010

Now that Christmas and New Year are behind us, it's time to remind you about events for the rest of your Society's 2009-10 season, to update you about plans for this year's Annual Dinner, and to tell you about some new member benefits.

Wednesday Evening Meetings (7.30pm at the Cheviot Centre, Wooler)

Still to come this season are the following:

13 January: Chris Burgess (County Archaeologist) – Martin Martin: An Antiquarian Tour of the Western Isles

10 February: Tom Tokely – Lives of Kirk Yetholm Gypsies (Talk & DVD)

10 March: Peter Maule – Old Breweries of North Northumberland

14 April: Clive Waddington – Recent Mesolithic & Neolithic Research in North Northumberland (followed by AGM)

An enticing selection, we hope you will agree!

In case you are not already aware, there is a lift to the first floor of the Cheviot Centre, so that Society meetings are accessible to all.

Forthcoming Society Trips

Rock Art Expedition: This will take place on Saturday 20 February at 10:30 subject to weather. If weather forces a cancellation, the trip will be rescheduled soon afterwards. We will first visit the gigantic Roughting Linn sandstone dome which has the best examples of this kind of prehistoric rock carving in Europe, and then proceed via the Iron Age hillfort to the carvings on the top of Goatscrag and on to the carvings (and millstone cut-outs) on Broomridge. We will return via the deer carvings (Mesolithic?) at Goatscrag rock shelter and, for the adventurous, a detour to the magnificent and moody Roughting Linn waterfall.

Maelmin Heritage Trail, Milfield: This trip to the henge reconstruction at one of the richest archaeological landscapes in Britain will follow Clive Waddington's talk and take place on Saturday 17 April in the morning; it will last approximately one hour. Times and joining details will be confirmed nearer the date. The Milfield Country Café is nearby and a morning coffee or light lunch there would be a pleasant accompaniment to a visit to the Trail.

Coupland Castle Visit: This will take place on Saturday 15 May starting at 10.15am, and is a repeat of last year's very successful trip for the those who could not make it last time or want to see the wonderful displays of rhododendrons, azaleas, cherry blossom and bluebells (as well, of course, as the fascinating interior of this historic house). This is a private guided

tour of the Castle, Pele Tower and Gardens at a cost of £7 per person (sorry, no reductions). Again, details will be confirmed nearer the time.

Please remember to fill in a form at the appropriate Wednesday meeting if you plan to attend any of these events, so that we can get an idea of likely numbers and contact you in the event of a last-minute change or cancellation. Visitors are welcome on all trips.

Annual Dinner

In our Summer Newsletter we mentioned that attendance at the 2009 Annual Dinner had been a little disappointing, and as a result the Members' Questionnaire sought views on its future. The results were very mixed, with some members happy to continue with a February Dinner, while others preferred either a lunch or an event when the evenings are lighter and the weather hopefully better. The Committee has therefore decided to move the Dinner this year to April/May in the hope that this will encourage more people to attend and therefore help secure its future as an annual event. We are aiming for the Dinner to take place in the evening at the Tankerville Arms in Wooler. The details will be confirmed and the price advised in due course. Please make an effort to attend this year: it is an informal social occasion and an opportunity for members to get to know each other a little better.

Roy Humphrey's Kirknewton Magi Booklet

This reprint of Roy's essay which appeared in BAS Bulletin 11, January 2000 has been enriched with some fine colour photographs and was published (to a very high quality) just before Christmas. The booklet is on sale at Brands in Wooler at £1.95 but the Society will make one copy available free to each member household (*members may collect their free copy at one of the future GLHS talks*). Further copies are available from the Society for £1.95 (or by mail order for £2.40 including p&p).

Members Pack

Some existing members may have noticed that new joiners have been receiving a white A5 ring binder when they have joined at one of our recent talks: this is the new Members Pack. It contains information about the Society and the "Keeping the Past Alive" (KPA) document which you have all received. It also has a section which, with your help, we intend to develop into a directory of historic places to visit in Glendale: more information on this will be available at our next talk. Our plan is to issue the Members Pack to all renewing members (limited to one per household) at the beginning of the 2010/11 season: it will incorporate the Glendale Historic Places Directory and a complete version of "KPA" updated to the 2009-10 season. This season's new members who have already received the Members Pack will be issued with amendment sheets to incorporate into the binder.

Happy New Year – and enjoy the remainder of this year's programme!