

# History and Heritage Festival 2020 - People and Place



23rd October to 1st November



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**Welcome** to the second History and Heritage Festival, now expanded and bringing together two Heritage Action Zone programmes. Ten days of varied and fascinating events, both virtual and live including craft activities, online exhibitions/displays, walks and talks. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

Our theme for this year is "People and Place" with events and activities celebrating people who contributed to and shaped the history of our places and uncovering how the physical place has been shaped over the years by its community. We believe that sharing our history is a powerful tool to unlock the social and economic value of our places and long term will improve their future prosperity.

The Stockton & Darlington Railway, covering 26 miles from Witton Park Colliery in County Durham, through Darlington and on to Stockton, together with its branch lines, operated from 1825, ushering in the modern railway age. The Stockton & Darlington Railway will have its 200th anniversary in 2025 when we will mark the international impact it had on the world at large with celebrations in line with its international significance.

Bishop Auckland was also shaped by this railway history and became a prosperous industrial town, but its history stretches back further to the Roman settlement at Binchester and as a seat of power and home of the Prince Bishops of Durham. There are many great stories to tell.

We hope you enjoy discovering Bishop Auckland and the Stockton & Darlington Railway's heritage in person or from the comfort of your own home.

**Bob McManners**

Bob McManners, Chair, Heritage Action Zone Advisory Group

**Trish Pemberton**

Trish Pemberton, Chair, The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

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Please note the majority of this year's programme is digital content that can be accessed via our websites and Facebook pages, [www.durham.gov.uk/haz](http://www.durham.gov.uk/haz) and [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk). Bishop Auckland HAZ on Facebook and Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway on Facebook. Walks will be subject to the Covid restrictions in place at the time. If we are not able to run the walks then we will try to identify an alternative time. Joining instructions and procedures will be issued when booking. Numbers may be very limited but if popular the organisers will try to repeat the walk on another day during the Festival.

Friday 23rd October

10.00 am

## Festival Launch

Hear from Chris Lloyd, Northern Echo; Dr Bob McManners, Chair of the Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone and Trish Pemberton, Chair, Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway as we open the festival.

**Location:** Facebook: Bishop Auckland HAZ and  
Facebook: Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

Friday 23rd October

Available throughout

## The People of Bishop Auckland

Discover more people who have shaped the history of Bishop Auckland through the ages. Including the architect family who designed many of its prestigious buildings, artists and of course a few Bishops.

**Location:** Bishop Auckland HAZ on Facebook



Col William Trotter  
1800 - 1866

Friday 23rd October

Available throughout

## The People of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

Meet the people who played their part in building the Stockton & Darlington Railway from those with money to invest, the engineers and innovators to those who didn't support its development.

**Location:** [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk)

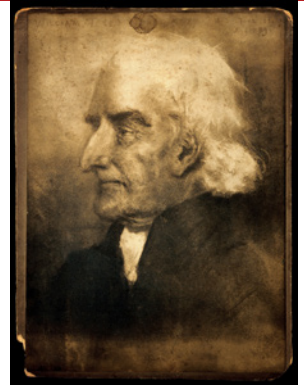


Edward Pease  
1767 - 1858

Friday 23rd October to 3rd December

## Head of Steam: Time for Change! What the Quakers did for us!

Darlington, railways and Quakers have a long and famous history. We celebrate Edward and Joseph Pease in Darlington but how about other influential Quakers? Visit the exhibition in person or online to discover how Quakers fought against the transatlantic slave trade, became conscientious objectors and reformed mental health care.



*William Tuke – Founder of the York Retreat*

**Booking:** Visits to the museum to see the exhibition must be booked (admission fee applies). A link to the booking page is available on our website <https://www.head-of-steam.co.uk/covid-19/>. The online exhibition will be available to everyone on the museum website [www.head-of-steam.co.uk](http://www.head-of-steam.co.uk)

**Tel:** 01325 405060

**Location:** Head of Steam Museum or online [www.head-of-steam.co.uk](http://www.head-of-steam.co.uk)

Friday 23rd October

Available throughout

## The Architecture The Railways Built

As part of a new series on TV channel 'Yesterday', the TV company visited Shildon, Darlington and Stockton to meet with local historians to investigate the 'railway that got the world on track' and initiated the modern railway age. Watch the programme and visit a selection of the most important sites along the 26 miles of the Stockton & Darlington main line, which opened on 27th September 1825.



*Tim Dunn, presenter The Architecture The Railways Built*

**Location:** <https://uktvplay.uktv.co.uk/shows/the-architecture-the-railways-built/watch-online/6163058463001>

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Friday 23rd October

10.15 am – 2.30 pm

## Walking the Line: The Etherley Incline

A guided walk from the start of the Stockton & Darlington Railway beyond Phoenix Row, up the Etherley Incline to the site of the Stationary Engine and Engineman's house (hear about the Greener family) and down to Greenfields and return. Approximately 3 miles with up-hill stretches. Chance for a comfort break and a visit to a garden on the incline. S&DR Walk Booklet available at £2.50 each.



*Walkers at Etherley Incline*

**Booking:** Telephone Jane Hackworth-Young 01833 627712 or John Raw 01388 663764. Numbers will be limited and joining instructions provided on booking.

Friday 23rd October

Available throughout

## Hidden Places in Faces

Throughout the summer we gathered in videos and faces of people's favourite places in Bishop Auckland. Artist Stu Langley has curated them into an artwork for you to enjoy.

**Location:** Facebook: BishopAucklandHAZ



*Places in Faces by Stu Langley*

Friday 23rd October

10.00 am – 2.30 pm

## Walking the Line: Head of Steam, Darlington to Oak Tree Junction

From the Head of Steam car park, the walk follows (or as near to as possible) the original route of the Stockton & Darlington Railway passing various buildings, bridges,



*Skerne Bridge, Darlington*

landmarks, structures, cuttings, embankments, etc. After the walk we will return to Head of Steam by train from Dinsdale Station. Walk length including Oak Tree Junction to Dinsdale Station is about 6 miles.

**Booking:** Telephone Peter Bainbridge 01642 868877. Numbers will be limited and joining instructions provided on booking.

Friday 23rd October

Closing date Sunday November 1st 2020

## Photographic Competition

Would you like to take part in a competition to bring the S&DR back to life through your photos? You could take photos linked to the S&DR on a walk, on a museum visit or - well - just use your imagination.

There are two age groups, with prizes of a £20.00, £10.00 and £5.00 voucher for each age group:

- Up to 11
- 11 – 18

The photos will be judged by Chris Lloyd (Northern Echo) and a representative from: Locomotion, the Head of Steam and Preston Park Museum. The winning and other selected entries will be displayed on the Friends' web site.



Phone camera

Send your entries, together with your contact details, to: Trish Pemberton, Chair, Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway:  
Trish.pemberton@btconnect.com  
The closing date for entries is: Sunday November 1st 2020

Saturday 24th October

Available throughout

## Postcards of Bishop Auckland

See the results of our Hidden Gems project which has culminated in the production of 12 digital postcards featuring views, buildings and architectural features around the town. Sometimes you miss the best bits unless you look up, down and all around you. Download your favourite and send it to a friend.

**Location:** [www.durham.gov.uk/haz](http://www.durham.gov.uk/haz)  
Facebook: BishopAucklandHAZ



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Saturday 24th October

Northern Echo

## Echo Memories

Read Chris Lloyd's regular weekly look at local history, this week featuring Bishop Auckland and the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

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Memories  
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Saturday 24th October

Available throughout

## The Stockton & Darlington Railway 200th anniversary project: where we are and where we're going

Since 2013, the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway have been working to prepare for the 200th anniversary of the railway that marked the beginning of the modern railway age - for good and for ill. Find out what has been achieved so far and where we are heading over the next five years, in the lead up to the bicentenary in 2025. Find out how you can get involved.

**Location:** [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk)



*First Day Cover 150th Anniversary*

Saturday 24th October

10.15 am – 2.30 pm

## Walking the Line: Brusselton Incline

A guided walk from Brusselton Accommodation Bridge on the second incline on the Stockton & Darlington Railway to see the Stationary Engine (now converted into a house) and Engineman's Houses (hear about the Young family), down to Shildon, through the former S&DR works to the Masons Arms Crossing, Timothy Hackworth's House and railway buildings and on to Locomotion for a tour (subject to Covid restrictions) approx. 2.5 miles. Toilet facilities at Locomotion and the cafe will be open. S&DR Walk Booklets available at £2.50 each.



*Brusselton Engine House and Reservoir*

**Booking:** Jane Hackworth-Young 01833 627712 or John Raw 01388 663764. Numbers will be limited and joining instructions provided on booking.

Saturday 24th October

Available throughout

## Historic Bishop Auckland

The rich history of Bishop Auckland's town centre is celebrated in a new virtual guided tour. Developed through research carried out as part of the Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone, the tour reveals the town's fascinating past by focussing on some of its important historic buildings and unearthing their past lives. Take a journey back in time to explore the various architectural styles and building types that form the impressive and varied architectural legacy of Bishop Auckland.



*View from Auckland Tower Alun Bull DP34701 © Historic England Archive*

**Location:** [historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/heritage-action-zones/bishop-auckland/](https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/heritage-action-zones/bishop-auckland/)

Saturday 24th October

Available throughout

## Auckland Castle Park – an archaeological exploration

Within the grounds of Auckland Castle Deer Park are many traces of its long and varied history. Open our new digital story map to learn about resources used to map and examine elements of the upstanding archaeology and to discover highlights from the results of aerial and archaeological investigations across the parkland and the golf course. Surviving features from its past as a medieval deer park and then a polite garden landscape for the influential Bishops of Durham, help to enrich its present as a valued local green space where people can explore and relax.



*Auckland Park viewed from the north 34095\_002 18-OCT-2018 © Historic England Archive taken by ETrevarthen*

**Location:** [historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/heritage-action-zones/bishop-auckland/](https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/heritage-action-zones/bishop-auckland/)

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## Online Community Museum

Take a look at some of the memorabilia and objects from the history of Bishop Auckland. Items submitted by various people and organisations across the town. Do you know any of the members of the Mechanics snooker club from 1935? Did your grandma bake with Lingfords baking powder? Find out more about the much admired Doggart's department store.



Lingfords of Bishop Auckland - from collection D Ward

If you have items relating to the history of the town then you can send us a picture and words and we will add them to our collection. Send to: [bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk](mailto:bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk)

**Location:** [www.durham.gov.uk/haz](http://www.durham.gov.uk/haz) and Facebook: BishopAucklandHAZ

Please let us know if you have memorabilia connected with the Stockton & Darlington Railway you would like to share with other people. We are particularly interested in the celebrations of 1875, 1925 and 1975. Send us a photo and some information about your item so we can make it available for others to see.

**Contact:** [trish.pemberton@btconnect.com](mailto:trish.pemberton@btconnect.com) or

**Location:**

Facebook: [FriendsoftheStockton&DarlingtonRailway](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheStockton&DarlingtonRailway)



Centenary Medalion

Sunday 10.00 am – 11.00 am

## Bishop FM History Hour

An hour-long show celebrating the history and heritage of Bishop Auckland and the Stockton & Darlington Railway. Join presenter Gary Burgham and guests, interspersed with music from local artists.

**Location:** 105.9 Bishop FM or listen online at <http://www.bishopfm.com>  
[www.bishopfm.com](http://www.bishopfm.com)

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## Walking the Line: Cockfield Fell and the Haggerleases branch line

This walk starts in the ancient green village of Cockfield and takes us onto the Fell, which is a scheduled ancient monument. We cover more than 2000 years of history from the Iron Age up to the present day. Using pictures to help us imagine life on the Fell in days gone by, we learn about coal mining, the development of the railways and other industries such as coke smelting and brick making. This is the village where Jeremiah Dixon grew up and lived and we will learn a little about his family too.



*The Skew Bridge on the Haggerleases branch line of the S&DR*

**Booking:** Free event. 5 places only so book early by contacting Trish Pemberton, on 01388 833229 or [trish.pemberton@btconnect.com](mailto:trish.pemberton@btconnect.com). Joining instructions provided on booking.

**Location:** Opposite St Mary's Church, Cockfield. It is possible to park along the main road of the village.

Monday 26th October

Daily at 12.00 pm 26th October to 1st November

## Bishop Auckland Cine Secrets

During the festival, we'll be bringing you a slice of Bishop Auckland life from the vaults of the North East Film Archive, featuring local people, places, special events and activities from times gone by all captured on cine film to be revealed once again.

You'll be able to leave comments @BishopAucklandHaz after watching each video - what can you tell us about the clips? Where were they filmed, what events are taking place, what memories do they bring back? Join us on Monday 26th October as we reveal our first CineSecret! You can watch the full film by visiting [www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com](http://www.yorkshirefilmarchive.com).



*Bishop Auckland Versus Preston North End*

**Location:** Facebook: Bishop Auckland HAZ and YFAandNEFA

Monday 26th October

Available throughout

## Lockdown Lecture: The Stockton & Darlington Railway - the railway that got the world on track.

A 25-minute talk by Caroline Hardie of the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway on why the S&DR was the railway that got the world on track. The S&DR opened on the 27th September 1825 and its mainline ran for 26 miles between Witton Park in SW Durham and Stockton via Darlington. What was it that made the S&DR different to the railways that went before and why did it lead to the creation of a worldwide transport network of railways?

**Link to talk:** [www.therailwaystation.shop/lockdown-lecture-1-sdr/](http://www.therailwaystation.shop/lockdown-lecture-1-sdr/)



*The Opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway painting by John Dobbin*

Monday 26th October

Available throughout

## Festival Crafts - Mitre Kite

Watch Daisy Arts Video and make your very own Bishop's Mitre kite. Then find a wide-open space, such as Auckland Castle Deer Park, and on a breezy, day enjoy the thrill of flying your kite. We would love to see your kite in flight please send pictures to: [bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk](mailto:bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk)

**Location:** Facebook: BishopAucklandHaz



Monday 26th October

Live online 10.00 am – 10.45 am

## Town Gathering - Family History

Are you researching your family history or just got a keen interest in local history? Join artist Richard Bliss and archivist Dawn Layland, from the Durham County Record Office to talk about researching and finding information to help you in your quest. Find out how you can go beyond just creating your family tree to finding records and information that will enable you to build a picture of what your ancestors' lives at home and work were really like.



*Durham Record Office D/X 1145/39 At the wedding of Walter Harvey and Edith Mary Wood at Ferryhill Primitive Methodist Church in 1911*

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Monday 26th October

Live online 7.00 pm

## Pits, Pockmarks and Haggerleases: The Story of Cockfield Fell

Join Chris Lloyd to hear the story of the fell: one of England's largest ancient monuments. Just about the whole history of our region can be found on its pockmarked surface, particularly early mining and railway history. Around the foot of the fell runs the Haggerleases branch line; perhaps the first branchline in the world and one of the last places in the country to be operated by horsepower, as a Victorian journalist called only B evocatively described.



*Evidence of early coal mining on Cockfield Fell*

**Email:** [BishopAucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk](mailto:BishopAucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk) for joining instructions.

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Monday 26th October

10.00 am – 2.30 pm

## Walking the Line: Allen's West Station to the River Tees, Stockton

Walk follows (or as near to as possible) the original route of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. On route we will visit Eaglescliffe Station to point out where the S&DR route was originally; Preston Park to see the track bed of the S&DR, A66 Surtees Bridge, site of the suspension bridge over River Tees. St. John's Crossing, site of an original S&DR weigh house. After the walk we will return to Allen's West Station by train from Thornaby Station. Walk length is about 6 miles.

**Booking:** Telephone Peter Bainbridge on 01642 868877. Numbers will be limited and joining instructions provided on booking.



Monday 26th October

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

## Bishop United

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On 6 February 2018, the football world, and particularly Manchester United Football Club and its many supporters, were mourning the 60th anniversary of one of the game's greatest tragedies, the Munich Air Disaster. The play tells the almost-forgotten story of how a non-league football club up in the North East, Bishop Auckland, had been the main club to offer significant support to Manchester United. The play was performed in front of a live audience at Heritage Park on Thursday 6th February 2020 - the anniversary of the Munich Air Disaster.

**Location:** 105.9 Bishop FM or listen online at <http://www.bishopfm.com>  
[www.bishopfm.com](http://www.bishopfm.com)

## Restoring the Tower

Join The Auckland Project to find out about the restoration of the Grade I listed West Mural Tower completed in Summer 2019. The challenges of bringing a ruin back to life, how volunteers were involved in the project and hear how the building will be used in the future.



*West Mural Tower*

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## Bishop Auckland FC - Amateur Football Legends

Watch this online slide presentation about the most successful amateur football team in the 1950s. The Durham Amateur Football Trust has been established for more than 10 years and aims to celebrate the success and keep alive memories of the 'Glory Years' of Amateur football particularly in the North East of England.



Back: J R E Hardisty, T Stewart, C Cresswell, H J Sharratt, D Marshall, J Nimmins  
Front: J Major, D J Lewin, R Oliver, S O'Connell, B Edwards

*Bishop Auckland FC*

**Location:** [www.thedaft.org.uk](http://www.thedaft.org.uk)

Monday 26th October

Available throughout

## Working the Line: Towards the 200th Anniversary 2025

Join Trish Pemberton as she meets some of the people currently working along the line. Several groups have now sprung up along the route of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, working within the Friends of the S&DR to protect and preserve the line. Find out about their work and, you never know - you might decide to join them.

**Location:** [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk)



*BIG finishing their new installation opposite the Masons Arms in Shildon on the route of the S&DR*

Monday 26th October

Available throughout

## Timothy Hackworth and family: Shildon and the start of the modern railway age

Come on a journey in and around Shildon with Jane Hackworth-Young, direct descendant of Timothy Hackworth, the man who set the world on fire in 1825 and took a leading role in kick starting the modern railway age.

**Location:** [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk)



*Timothy Hackworth*

## Town Gathering: Building the Town Hall

Have you ever wondered whose stories are hidden behind the facades of Bishop Auckland's historic buildings? Join artist Richard Bliss and Architectural Investigator Clare Howard, from Historic England as they tell you the story of the building of the Town Hall and the development of the town in the mid-19th Century. Piecing together research in local and national archives we will uncover some of the people who helped build our town.



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**Email:** [bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk](mailto:bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk) for online joining instructions

## Lockdown Lectures: What Survives of the 1825 Stockton & Darlington Railway?

The S&DR opened on the 27th September 1825 and its mainline ran for 26 miles between Witton Park in SW Durham, Darlington and Stockton. This talk with slides lasts just under 40 minutes, so get your packed lunch box and flask at the ready or grab something from the buffet and take a gentle trip from Witton Park to Stockton to see what's left of the 1825 Stockton & Darlington Railway mainline.



Brusselton InclineMGP4094 FriendsS&DR

**Location:** [www.therailwaystation.shop/lockdown-lecture-2-what-survives-of-the-1825-sdr/](http://www.therailwaystation.shop/lockdown-lecture-2-what-survives-of-the-1825-sdr/)



Tuesday 27th October

Available throughout

## Stockton & Darlington Railway 150th Anniversary Celebrations

The Queen Mother's Visit to the Timothy Hackworth Museum for the 150th anniversary celebrations in 1975. Watch the film to see the crowds and the Queen Mother in Shildon celebrating the anniversary.

**Location:** [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk)



*Souvenir Anniversary Brochure S&DR*

Wednesday 28th October

Available throughout

## Lockdown Lectures: The Stockton & Darlington Railway's Gaunless Bridge

An announcement on the 28th July 2020 by Locomotion, the railway museum in Shildon, that the ironwork for George Stephenson's Gaunless Bridge is due to move from York to Locomotion in Shildon, was very welcome news.



*Timothy Hackworth*

This short talk of just under 9 minutes is about that innovative and pioneering railway structure - the Gaunless Bridge near West Auckland.

**Location:** [www.therailwaystation.shop/the-stockton-darlington-railways-gaunless-bridge/](http://www.therailwaystation.shop/the-stockton-darlington-railways-gaunless-bridge/)

Wednesday 28th October

Available 28th October to 1st November

## Festival Crafts with Daisy Arts

Bishop Auckland has many different towers and spires across the town including the 60s Vinovium House Tower Block, medieval West Mural Tower and the iconic modern structure Auckland Tower. Watch the video for instructions on how to construct your own Tower. We would love to see photos of what you have made so please email them to: [bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk](mailto:bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk)



**Location:** Facebook: BishopAucklandHAZ

Wednesday 28th October

10.00 am – 1.30 pm

## Northern Saints Trails: The Way of Life Walk

The Way of Life is one of six new pilgrimage routes which are together called The Northern Saints Trails. This walk begins at the fine Manor House Hotel in West Auckland which has 16th century origins and crosses the River Gaunless before making for the attractive Etherley Incline Railway Path. There are fine views as the route descends to the Wear valley at Witton Park, where a new statue commemorates the heroic deeds of the Bradford brothers who were both awarded VCs in World War 1. In the final mile, we walk by Paradise (!) on the way to the historic Saxon Church at Escomb.

**Booking:** Telephone 03000 262052, there will be limited numbers and joining instructions will be provided on booking.



Escomb Church

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## Lockdown Lectures: Stockton & Darlington Railway Myth Buster No.1. Was the meeting between Pease, Stephenson and Wood in 1821, a barefoot lie?

This is a short discussion with slides of just over 10 minutes, between Caroline Hardie and Niall Hammond both Trustees of the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. The story goes.....on Thursday 19th April 1821, an important, life changing meeting took place at Edward Pease's House in Darlington. George Stephenson (with an accent so strong he could barely be understood) and Nicholas Wood unexpectedly arrived at Pease's house to talk railways and initially they were turned away. Before knocking at the door, they either changed or removed their shoes at the Bulmer Stone on the opposite side of the road. Or did they?



*The Bulmer Stone opposite Edward Pease's house in Darlington*

**Location:** [www.therailwaystation.shop/sdr-myth-busting-was-the-meeting-between-pease-stephenson-and-wood-in-1821-a-bare-foot-lie/](http://www.therailwaystation.shop/sdr-myth-busting-was-the-meeting-between-pease-stephenson-and-wood-in-1821-a-bare-foot-lie/)

## Town Gathering: Saving the Town Hall

History is full of stories of political intrigue and struggles over land and buildings. The people of Bishop Auckland have often gone into battle to save their heritage including the Viaduct in 1984 and later the Town Hall. Join artist Richard Bliss and Chair of the Civic Society and HAZ Advisory Board Dr Bob McManners, as they chat about the 1980s campaign to save the Town Hall. This campaign led to the forming of the Civic Society that went on to campaign to save the Zurbaran Paintings.



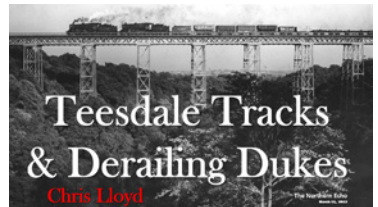
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## Teesdale Tracks and Derailing Dukes

Join Chris Lloyd to hear how Teesdale's most powerful landowner went to dastardly lengths to prevent railways penetrating his beautiful dale, yet when they came, they were the most extraordinary lines over some of the toughest of terrain anywhere in the world.

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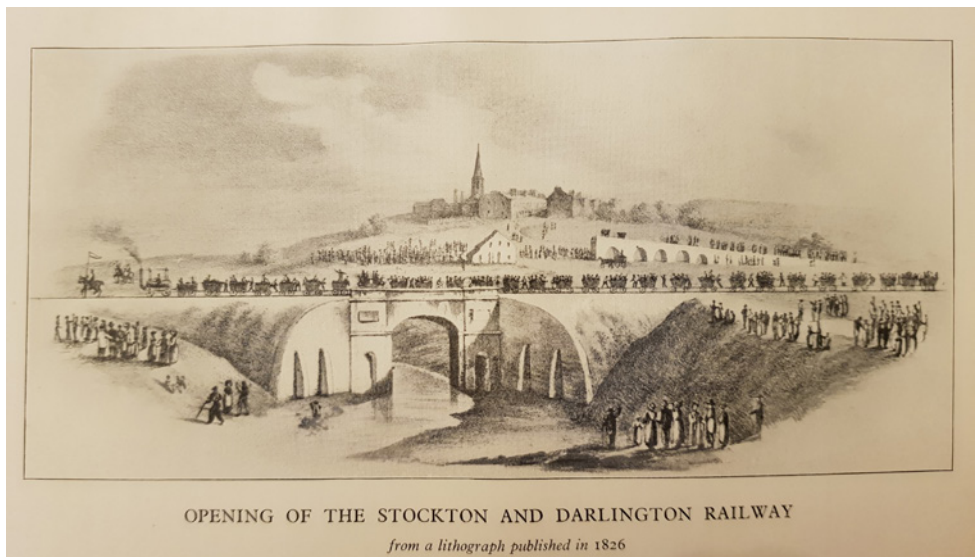
Friday 30th October

Available throughout

## Lockdown Lectures: Stockton & Darlington Railway: Myth Buster No2. What's in a Name?

The name of the Stockton & Darlington Railway seems to give a lot of people trouble and they frequently get it wrong. For some it's the Stockton to Darlington Railway, others the Darlington & Stockton Railway or the Darlington to Stockton Railway. In this short myth buster, Caroline Hardie of the Friends of the S&DR looks at why it's called the Stockton & Darlington Railway and why so many people get it wrong.

**Location:** [www.therailwaystation.shop/the-stockton-darlington-railways-bite-size-myth-buster-no2-whats-in-a-name/](http://www.therailwaystation.shop/the-stockton-darlington-railways-bite-size-myth-buster-no2-whats-in-a-name/)



Opening day from Lithograph published in *Railway - Railway Retrospect 1925*

Friday 30th October

Live online 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm

## Town Gathering: Protecting your family heirlooms

Have you been clearing your clutter and sorting your attic? Maybe you have found some hidden family treasures. How can you make sure they are preserved for future generations of your family? Join artist Richard Bliss and Durham County Record Office Archive Conservator Lindsey Gibson for tips and techniques to preserve family heirlooms.



Conservator at Durham Record Office

**Email:** [bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk](mailto:bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk) for online joining instructions.

Friday 30th October

Available throughout

## Celebrating Norman Cornish

Last year we celebrated the centenary of Norman Cornish the acclaimed County Durham artist. Pupils at Greenfield School visited the exhibition and worked with writer Tony Gadd to produce poems and creative writing inspired by what they had seen. You can listen to these being performed by participants and others and enjoy a virtual tour of Norman's work at [www.thebowesmuseum.org](http://www.thebowesmuseum.org)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC30iESDS\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC30iESDS_c)

Palace Green Library  
Exhibition 3D Tour  
<https://www.dur.ac.uk/attractions/explorefromhome/exhibitions/normancornish/>



"Gantry" © Norman Cornish Estate

Saturday 31st October

Live Online 11.00 am

## The Hackworth Brothers

In this Virtual Talk, hosted by Locomotion, join Jane Hackworth-Young who is the great great grand- daughter of Timothy Hackworth as she tells of the interlocking working life of her ancestors, Timothy and his brother, Thomas, their humble start at Wylam to their work on the Stockton & Darlington Railway and beyond.

**Booking:** For more details and to receive the link to the live talk, please email: [info@locomotion.org.uk](mailto:info@locomotion.org.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 28 October



Thomas Hackworth

Saturday 31st October

Available throughout

## Darlington Railway Quarter: the future

Watch this online presentation on the future of the Railway Heritage Quarter, located at the site of the Head of Steam museum in Darlington. Once completed this will become a unique and authentic visitor attraction that reveals the story of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and the local communities who saw an opportunity and seized it. In doing so they transformed the rail industry in the process. The Railway Heritage Quarter will form a key attraction along the 26 miles of the Stockton & Darlington Railway Heritage Action Zone and will play an important role in attracting visitors to the area. It will tell the story of 200 years of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and will complement other visitor attractions along the line and within the region.

**Location:** [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk)



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## The Auckland Project – Restoration Tales

Join staff and volunteers to hear their stories of the Castle estate and get the latest news about the ongoing restoration projects at the Castle. The Clock Tower is shrouded in scaffolding and conservation work is underway with several specialist conservators and contractors involved. Find out more about clock restoration from Clockmakers Smith of Derby, established in 1856. Peel back the layers of time with historic paint analyst Helen Hughes, whose investigations can help us uncover the past. Learn more about the heritage craft of stone masonry, how our archaeologists contribute to the project and learn more about the science behind matching lime mortar.



*The Robinson Arch in front of the Deer Park at Auckland Castle.  
Photo Credit: House of Hues*

**Location:** [www.aucklandproject.org/venues/clock-tower](http://www.aucklandproject.org/venues/clock-tower)

## Midsummer Cushions

See the work of children at Primary Schools Woodhouse, Escomb and Victoria Lane Academy who received a salt dough pack from Daisy Arts and produced these modern interpretations of a Midsummer Cushion. In the 1800s, to celebrate the summer equinox, wooden stools topped with a layer of clay were placed on street corners across the town, for residents to press summer flowers into the clay and make what was known as a 'Midsummer Cushion'.

**Location:** Facebook:  
BishopAucklandHAZ



*Salt Dough Midsummer  
Cushion by Karen Kahindi*

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## The Way of Life: Gainford - Bishop Auckland - Durham

One of the Northern Saints Trails walking routes. Starting at the pretty village of Gainford, the route twists through gentle farmland, woodland, parkland and riverside, and via some sensational country cafés, pubs, hotels and spas, ending at the magnificent Durham Cathedral. Total Distance: 29 miles/47km, but the walk can easily be split into sections.

There are further five trails to explore and enabling you to see the best of what the North East has to offer.

**Location:** [www.northernsaints.com/](http://www.northernsaints.com/)

*Auckland Tower,  
Visit County Durham*



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## A walk on Cockfield Fell: The High Line and the Low Line

Join Trish Pemberton, Chair of Friends of the Darlington & Stockton Railway as she walks the line. Find out about the coming of the railways to Cockfield Fell. Visit the Haggerleases branch line of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and the Skew Bridge. Find out about thousands of years of history on this scheduled ancient monument.

**Location:** [www.sdr1825.org.uk](http://www.sdr1825.org.uk)



*The route of the Haggerleases branch line looking towards the ruined viaduct of the High Line over the Fell!*

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## Worldwide Connections

The Stockton & Darlington Railway, when it opened in 1825, ushered in the modern railway world and changed the face of the planet. The celebrations in 2025 will be international in scope. Find out what the Friends of the S&DR have been doing to try to make this happen by looking at the chair's blog



*Trish Pemberton in front of the 'John Bull' at the Smithsonian museum in Washington DC*

of her two-week trip to the States funded by the Heritage Alliance and British Council. Find out more about the work of the Friends, including our journal, the Globe.

**Location:** [www.SDR1825.org.uk](http://www.SDR1825.org.uk)

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## The Hackworth Archive and Other Treasures

Join Alison Kay, Archives Manager for the National Railway Museum to learn about her experience over the last decade managing the museum archives. She will describe the huge and varied NRM Collection, highlight key archives and explain how to access them.



*Likeness of Timothy Hackworth HACK 9-3-c*

**Location:** Online recorded from a live event on 18 September, please email [info@locomotion.org.uk](mailto:info@locomotion.org.uk) for a link to download the talk.

Sunday 1st November

Available throughout

## The Story of Brusselton Incline

A 23 minute film chronicling, in brief, the role that the rope hauled, self-acting and horse drawn route, and specifically the Brusselton Incline, played in assuring the viability of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, explaining how it worked and what remains to visit today.



*Aerial view of Accommodation Bridge showing the track bed and array of original stone sleepers.*

**Location:** <https://youtu.be/ht-t-J2qUQ0>

## Local heritage sites you can visit:

11.00 am–4.00 pm Wednesday 28th October to Sunday 1st November

### Locomotion

At Locomotion you can see highlights of the national collection of railway vehicles in the world's first railway town.

The town of Shildon has had an exciting story to tell since the earliest days of the rail industry, making it the perfect place to explore the rich seam of local railway history and discover how the railways have changed all our lives.



*Locomotion*

**Booking:** [www.locomotion.org.uk/visit](http://www.locomotion.org.uk/visit)

**Admission:** Free Entry

11.00 am–3.30 pm Wednesday 28th October to Sunday 1st November

### Head of Steam Railway Museum

Imagine stepping back in time to Darlington, the town that became known as the Birthplace of the Railways. Venture into our original 1840's railway station where time has stood still for over one hundred and fifty years. Journey through time and admire our four historic locomotives including our star attraction, Stephenson's Locomotion No.1 (on loan from the National Railway Museum).



*The Head of Steam Railway Museum*

**Booking:** Visit <https://www.head-of-steam.co.uk/covid-19/> to book via the Eventbrite Page. If you can't book online, then telephone 01325 405060. Compliant with the Government "Staying COVID-19 Secure in 2020" guidance.

**Admission:** Adults £3.75, Under 16 free and Annual Pass £10

## Bringing heritage to life

## Preston Park

Explore the fascinating museum filled with objects that tell the story of Stockton's rich heritage. Step back in time on the Victorian Street or discover the beautiful orchard and woodland walks. Set within a 110-acres, you'll also find an adventure play area and skatepark, as well as hints of the famous first passenger railway route that runs through this great family attraction.



*Preston Park*

**Booking:** Visit [www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk/book-your-visit/](http://www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk/book-your-visit/)  
**Admission:** Adults £5, Children / Over 60s / Students and Unwaged £3, Under 3s are free, Family (1 Adult + 3 Children) £10, Family (2 Adults + 3 Children) £15  
Stockton on Tees Borough Council residents will be entitled to 25% discount of the above rates. All tickets are valid for unlimited visits for one year from date of issue.

Daily 7.00 am – 5.00 pm

## Auckland Castle Deer Park

The Prince Bishops created Auckland Park over 800 years ago as their own private hunting ground. The 150-acre parkland retains many of the medieval elements, including the fishponds and woodland paths, providing an important record of how the medieval bishops lived, entertained and hunted. Download the walk map to enjoy a walk in the park.



*Trevor Bridge in Auckland Castle's Deer Park. Photo credit: The Auckland Project*

**Location:** <https://bit.ly/2F8IRU1>

## Binchester

Visitors can see the remains of the commanding officer's house and two impressive bath buildings.

**Open:** 10.30 am - 4.30 pm every day (last admission 4.00 pm). Covid-19 social distancing measures are in operation.

**Admission:** Adults £5.00, Child £3.00 (under 4s free) and Concessions £4.00

**Booking:** Not required. To enable us to carry out extra cleaning at the site, we are operating shorter opening hours. Measures are in place for adhering to Government guidelines on coronavirus. The site offers extra facilities for hand sanitation, contactless card payments, and one-way systems.



*The Baths at Binchester*

## **Booking** (Changes to the programme will be noted on websites or posted on Facebook).

Please check the event details and follow the booking instructions if required. Places on walks will be limited and will be governed by the Covid restrictions in place on the day. Most of the of events/activities are free but check the event details for any ticket price or admission fee.

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