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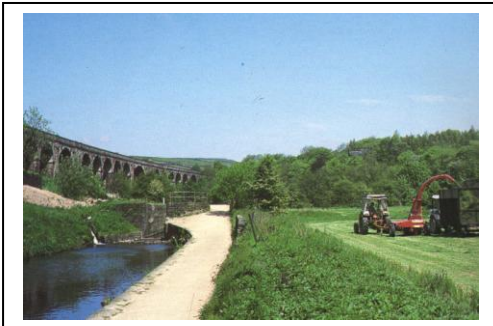
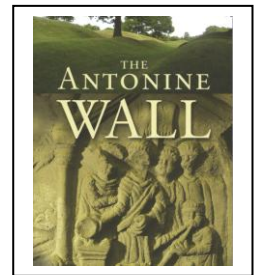
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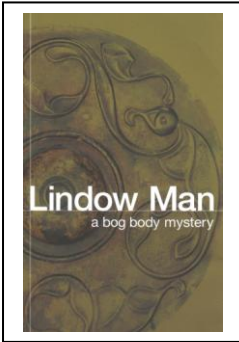


The first meeting of the year, which took place on the 13th January, was the A.G.M. This was followed by an illustrated quiz organised by David Chadderton and entitled 'The Archaeology of Saddleworth'. A selection of slides illustrated the wide extent of the archaeological sites and opportunities offered to the people of Saddleworth.

The February lecture, 'A tale of Two Roman Frontiers', was given by Ken. Booth. His illustrated talk told of the two Roman Frontiers either side of Hadrian's Wall. The earlier southern one, The Stanegate and the later northern one, The Antonine Wall. After explaining why the frontiers were built the audience were given a tour of the frontiers to view the visible remains.

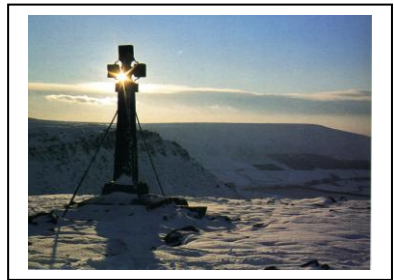


March is the month of the 'John Buckley Lecture' and this year it was given by Dr. Bob Gough. His talk was entitled, Glimpses of Heritage on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal'. Dr. Gough told a capacity audience of some of the lesser-known facts about the canal.



Bryan Sitch, Head of Human Cultures and Curator of Archaeology at the Manchester Museum gave the final lecture of the spring session. This took place on the 14th April and was entitled 'Lindow Man, the next generation'. At this time Lindow Man was on display at the Manchester Museum and Bryan told us of the discovery of the body and the latest theories as to how he met his end in a bog in Cheshire.

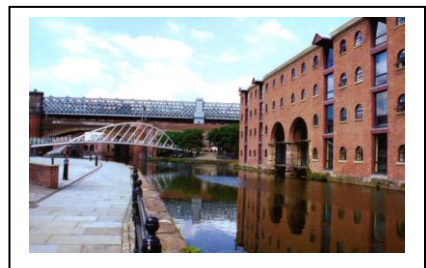
October saw the first lecture of the Winter Session and Dr. Lawrence Donnelly gave it. His subject was 'How Geologist, Archaeologist and Anthropologist help the police solve crime'. Lawrence started his talk in the 'Body Farms' in America and finished on Saddleworth Moor explaining how the expertise of the various professions supplements the work of the police.



Dr. Andrew Myers, the Assistant County Archaeologist with The Greater Manchester Archaeological Unit visited in November and told us of 'The Mesolithic in Northern England; implications of recent research'. During his talk he paid tribute to the two Saddleworth amateur archaeologist who had contributed so much to our understanding of the local Mesolithic sites, Mr Francis

Buckley and Dr Pat Stonehouse.

Norman Redhead delivered the final lecture of the year in December. Norman is the County Archaeologist with the GMAU and it is becoming some-thing of a



tradition that he closes our lecture session. He should have been telling us of the years work at Buckton Castle, but because of the closure of the Field Archaeology Unit at Manchester University, no work had been carried out during 2009. His substitute talk told us of recent archaeological investigations in Greater Manchester.

The subject of the 2009 STONEHOUSE LECTURE had to be changed at the last minute because the booked speaker could not attend due to personal reasons. We were very fortunate that Stephen Moorhouse readily agreed to travel down from Ripon and give the first part of the Medieval History of Saddleworth. (The second part will be given in April at one of our evening lectures.) The Stonehouse Lecture attracted an audience of over 70 people who attended the Royal George Hotel on a wet afternoon. Stephen laid the ground work for his talk in April and a lively question time took place. David Chadderton closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to Stephen.

Committee News

For some time both David Chadderton and Ken Booth have been aware that we needed to attract younger members to take part in running the 'Friends'. David had served notice of his intention to resign as Chairman at the end of 2010 and Ken was finding the number of areas of responsibility he had taken on was becoming too much. At a recent Committee Meeting David Lomax agreed for his name to be put forward to the AGM for the position of Treasurer and Phil Barrett agreed to take on the role of Newsletter Editor. Ken then agreed to allow his name to go forward for the position of Vice-Chairman with a view to taking over from David in 2011. Edith will continue to act as Secretary and Publicity Officer.

The treasure has taken the opportunity to enclose a Membership Renewal Form and we hope that Members will continue to support the Trust and the work that it does in trying to preserve both the Archaeological and Historical Heritage of Saddleworth at a time when the district is coming under great pressure from the hazards of the new planning regulations, indiscriminate development and threats to the Green Belt. We value your membership and hope that you will continue to support to us.

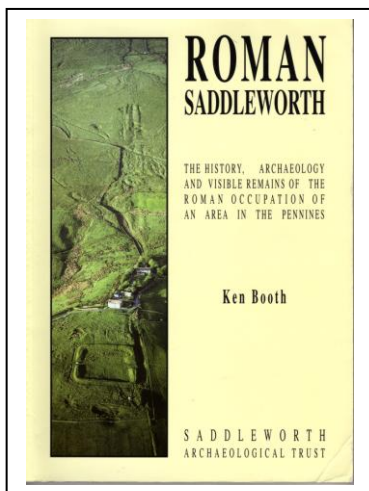
Enclosed with this Newsletter are Notice of AGM and Accounts, Membership Renewal Form and Programme of Lectures for 2010.

We welcome the following members who have joined during the year. Mr E Barton, Mr & Mrs Blackshaw, Marolyn Colley, Sue Day, Mr N. Hibbert, Dr. R. Isherwood, Mrs D Porter, Katherine Swann and Brenda Trippier.

We look forward to seeing them at our meetings.

Membership now stands at 77

WHAT'S NEW



Roman Saddleworth has had a limited reprint and copies can be purchased at meetings (£10), from the Museum or the Visitor Centre at Woolroad.

Prehistoric Saddleworth is now out of print but both the Museum and Visitor Centre have a few copies available.

A new Saddleworth DVD is available from Saddleworth Museum, Price £15. It looks at some of the events and scenes that have helped to shape the Saddleworth Community.

Running Time 55mins

If you have a short item that you think may be of interest to the members please send to Phil at Webmaster@sadd-arch.org.uk. To save cost on postage it is intended to post future Newsletters onto our website (www.sadd-arch.org.uk) If members without access to the internet let any committee member know it will be arranged for a copy to be printed and collected at one of the meetings.