

Biddulph & District Genealogy & Historical Society

Newsletter

March 2014

Meetings are held at Biddulph Library on the third Monday of the month. The meetings start at 7.00 p.m.
Free for members. Guests £1.00.
Refreshments included.
Parking available adjacent to the library.

Future Meetings

Monday 17th March 2014

Society AGM followed by a genealogy night.
Bring along your family trees.

Monday 14th April 2014

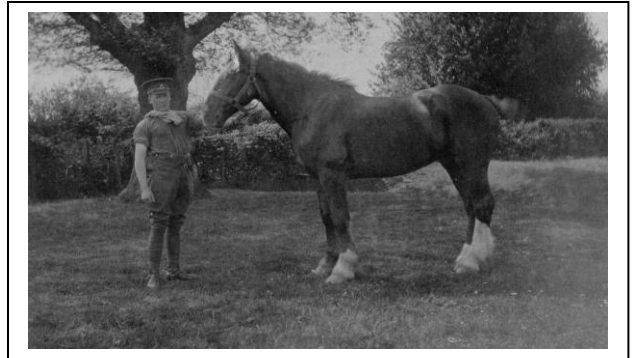
A talk by Michael Turnock on the Great War and some of the Biddulph men who served.

Monday 19th May 2014

A talk by Ray Johnson entitled 'The Renovation of the Hanley Spitfire'. TBC.

Monday 16th June 2014

Nigel Daly & Brian Vowles present : 'An Update from the Hall'.



The Great War Project

Through our website we are creating an on-line parish chest to record information about the First World War and the effects on the lives of the people in the Biddulph area.

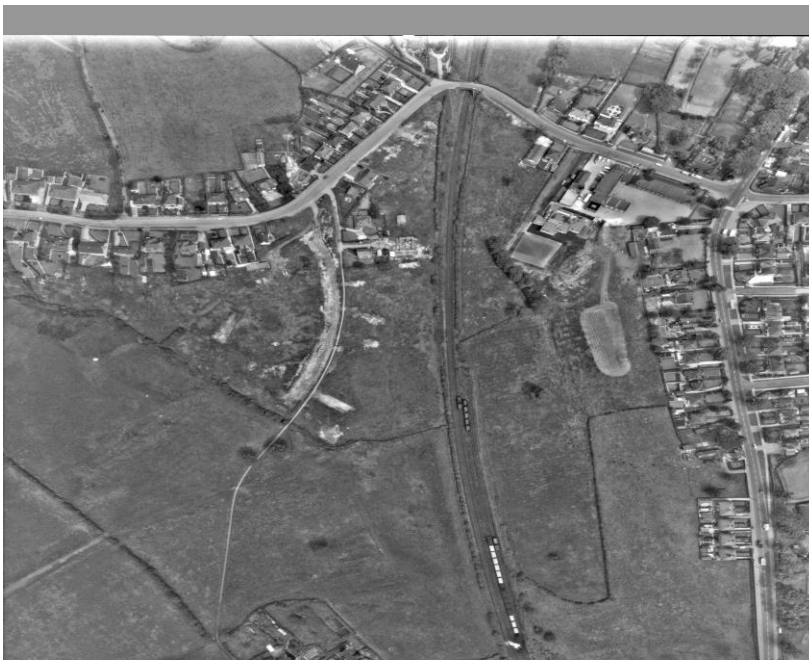
We are currently researching the lives of the Biddulph men who died in the Great War. The St. Lawrence churchyard memorial records 73 names.

On our website you can now read about the men who died in 1914 and 1915. This will be regularly updated. We will also try to research the men who returned home but this is a big task as there were almost 500 men who served in the war from this area.

If anyone has any information or photographs they would like to share about any of the Biddulph men we would be very grateful.

Above is a photograph of Arthur Wilshaw. He was one of three brothers who enlisted. The eldest brother, John, was killed on the 25th May 1915.

Kath Walton



Aerial views from the 1960s now on our website: www.bdghs.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-

CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY:
FAMILY HISTORY DAY, CIVIC HALL,
ELLESMERE PORT.
SATURDAY MAY 10th 2014

BORDER HISTORY FAIR:
ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL,
SANDBACH
SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 2014

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Additions to our archives....

Work continues on the McLean Collection and thanks to Derek Wheelhouse, it is almost complete.

Items have recently been deposited by Gordon & Pam Lomas: a selection of maps which will be on display at the March meeting.

Madelaine Lovatt has donated the Staffordshire Parish Register Society's latest publication: 'Quarnford, St. John's Parish Register'.

We have acquired an article by Eric Cox on WWII soldiers in Biddulph and also an article by David Moore on Biddulph Station. This appeared in the October Journal of the North Staffordshire Railway Study Group. If anyone would like to borrow any of these items please ask Elaine Heathcote.



Above: Spotted recently on ebay. A 'lantern slide' c.1900 taken from Top Road, Biddulph Moor.

In the news 100 years ago.....

April 11th Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel
Knypersley Cricket & Bowling Club: Annual Tea and Concert.

'There was a large and representative gathering at the tenth annual tea and concert of the Knypersley Cricket and Bowling Club on Saturday. Tea was served in the Public Hall where over 300 people sat down to a substantial knife & fork repast. The concert was held in the gymnasium, Mr F E Buckley presiding and a much appreciated programme was supplied by the Royal Apolios, a troupe of artists in pierrot costumes. Miss Gertie Perry, the popular Potteries soprano, and a great favourite with the Biddulph audience, was in excellent voice.'

FREEHOLD
FARM & LANDS
At BIDDULPH, in the COUNTY of STAFFORD.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY
MR. HILLIARD,
AT THE CHURCH HOUSE INN, IN BIDDULPH,
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1862,
AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON,
In the following or such other Lots as shall be then agreed upon, and subject to such conditions as shall be then produced.

LOT 1.-ALL THAT
MESSAGE OR TENEMENT,

Situate in the Parish of Biddulph aforesaid, and on the Westwardly side of the Highway leading from Biddulph Moor to Boshton, together with the Outbuildings and Closes of Land thereto adjoining and belonging, known by the several names and containing the several quantities following, or thereabouts, viz:-

No. in the	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	House, Outbuildings, Yards, and Road	0 1 19
2	Part of House Field, and small Garden	1 9 19
3	Message Yard	0 1 0
4	Near Meadow	1 3 31
5	Lower ditto	2 9 27
6	Common Land, (open to Land belonging to G. C. Antrobus, Esq.)	0 0 19
TOTAL		5 3 31

A right of road to Lot 6 will be reserved over and along the northwesterly side of the close of Land called the "Part of House Field."

LOT 2.
ALL THOSE FOUR CLOSES OF LAND,

Situate on the northwesterly side of and adjoining Lot 1, known by the names and containing the several quantities following, or thereabouts, viz:-

6a	Part of House Field.	Pasture	0 1 0
7	Thimbley Lomew	Arable	2 1 17
8	Far Field	Pasture	3 1 5
9	One day Work	Ditto	0 3 0
TOTAL		5 3 22	

LOT 3.-ALL THOSE
TWO CLOSES OF LAND,

Situate on the Westwardly side of and adjoining Lot 4 known by the names and containing the several quantities following, or thereabouts, viz:-

10	Near Bottom Field	Pasture	3 1 0
11	Far Bottom Field	Ditto	3 0 31
TOTAL		5 1 27	

Lots 1, 2, and 3, are subject to the farm rent or other annual outgoings of 10 10s. per annum, payable to Mr. Thomas Hilliard, Mr. James Knight-Anderson, and Mr. William Shagbottle.

LOT 4. ALL THAT
CLOSE OF LAND,

Situate on Biddulph Moor, adjoining the Road leading from Biddulph Common to Oughton, and containing 1s. 2r. 31p. or thereabouts.

All the above Lots are now in the occupation of Mr. THOMAS SHUTELL BOSHTON, who will show the property and a Plan may be seen and further particulars obtained, on application to Mr. RICHARD LOCKETT, of Biddulph; Mr. BREALEY, Land Agent, Leek; the AUCTIONEER; or

MESSRS. CHALLINOR, BADNALL, & CHALLINOR,
SOLICITORS, LEEK.

LEEK, 90th August, 1862.
JAMES RIDER, PRINTER, SPOUT STREET, LEEK.

Above: Item from the McLean Collection.
Dated 1862.

Any ideas as to the name of the farm?

**Saturday March 15th at Biddulph
Library
Book Launch
'Brownhills, The Beatles and Beyond'
By Geraldine Outhwaite**