

WEA - Routes of Social Change - South Shields Heritage Research Group

Meeting Update - 6.4.2024

Mailing List: David Whale, Kim Lockney, Stephen Clark, June Valente, Bronwen Howard, Louise Conquer, Michelle Whale, Nicola Cook, Ian Robson, Jim Coxon, Alder Smith, Steve Sheriff, Philip Morton, Tina Roche, Stuart Meikle, Colin Jordan, Sharon Vincent, Yvonne Ord, Melanie Todd.

Add or pick a research theme to explore!

Resumé of themes to date:

- Roman history
- Natural and cultural history
- Lifestyle, social history
- Victorian housing
- Genealogy / Family history
- Railways and Shipbuilding
- Seamen's strikes
- Local dialects
- Civil War - Battle of Boldon Hill
- Coastline bays
- Graveyards
- Suffragettes
- Women in industry
- Amy Flagg, photographer
- Maps and walks
- Dentistry and Health
- The Hanseatic League
- The rope industry

Meeting of 14.3.2024

The meeting discussed Steve's forthcoming walk around the Lawe Top area of South Shields. The 'experimental' walk is planned for Sunday, 17th March, meeting at St Stephen's Church on Mile End Road at 12.00.

The guide for the walk will be Steve Sheriff, and it will take in stories and memories of:

St Stephen's Church, Harper Street, the Churchyard, the Turk's Head, Green's Place, Baring Street, Roman Fort, the Post Office shop, Roman Road, Fort Street, the Lawe Top, the Harbour, the Harbour Lights, and Mile End Road.

Matthew raised the subject of the Hanseatic League, and any North East connections to European trading routes. In the C13th and C14th, "Westphalian traders continued to dominate trade in London and also Ipswich and Colchester, while Baltic and Wendish traders concentrated between King's Lynn and Newcastle upon Tyne" - Wikipedia.

Alongside other maritime subjects, the rope industry in South Shields was also discussed.

Matthew demonstrated the National Library of Scotland's online historical map overlay function.

Note: A Steve's experimental walk took place on Sunday, 17th March, and his stories were very well-received. Steve agreed to guide a second walk to be arranged as the Lawe Top - part 2.

Due to the anniversary party at Action Station, the meeting of the 28th March has been postponed to **Thursday, 11th April at 12.00 - 14.00 at Action Station**. All are welcome.
Invite a friend or colleague!

NB. Please note that the North East Maritime Trust are planning to re-launch the EX (1917) TYNEMOUTH LIFEBOAT HENRY FREDERICK SWAN on Sunday, 7th April from 12.00 - weather permitting!

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