

## Celebrating the history of Belper for over 60 years

Since 1957, Belper Historical Society has worked to promote a better understanding and appreciation of Belper's history and heritage.

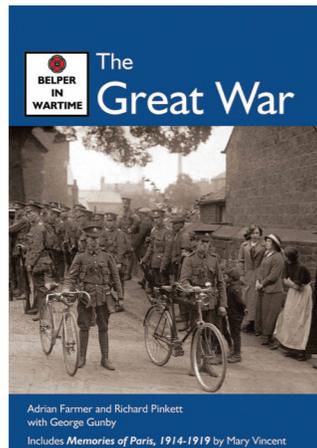
The society's main aims are to:

- Cultivate an interest in the history of Belper and its neighbourhood;
- Collect and preserve artefacts, books, photographs and documents;
- Encourage practical historical research into Belper's past.

The society has a presence at Number 28 in the Market Place from 10am to 1pm during the Monthly Market, held on the second Saturday of each month (except January). Please pop in and we'll endeavour to answer questions and provide information.

### ***Belper in Wartime: The Great War***

Belper Historical Society's newest publication covers life in the town during the First World War of 1914-18, including short biographies of the men who died. Price £15 it is available in several shops in the town, or at the society's stall in Number 28 on market days.



## Join Belper Historical Society in appreciating our local history

**'Industry reposing in the heart of beauty' is how one visitor described Belper in a postcard to his London relatives in 1912.**

Although best known for its industrial history - recognised by inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2001 - Belper's history is much broader and richer.

Here, long ago, its Norman overlords described this place as 'Beaurepaire' meaning Beautiful Retreat, and the town continues to live up to that title today.

Join Belper Historical Society and throughout the year you'll find talks and other events that will help you understand and appreciate the history and heritage of the town and wider county of Derbyshire.

Details on how to join are overleaf.

## Belper Historical Society

Meetings are held monthly, except for August, in the Strutts Centre (the former Herbert Strutt School) on Derby Road, Belper, DE56 1UU.

These take place usually on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm, with a wide variety of speakers and activities over the year.

Membership is £15 per year, with subscriptions due from September. Non-members are always very welcome to attend at £5 per meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society takes place in November. Nominations for officers, additional trustees and committee members, or motions appropriate to the AGM must be sent to [secretary@historicbelper.org](mailto:secretary@historicbelper.org) at least 21 days before the meeting.

For more information contact [chairman@historicbelper.org](mailto:chairman@historicbelper.org)

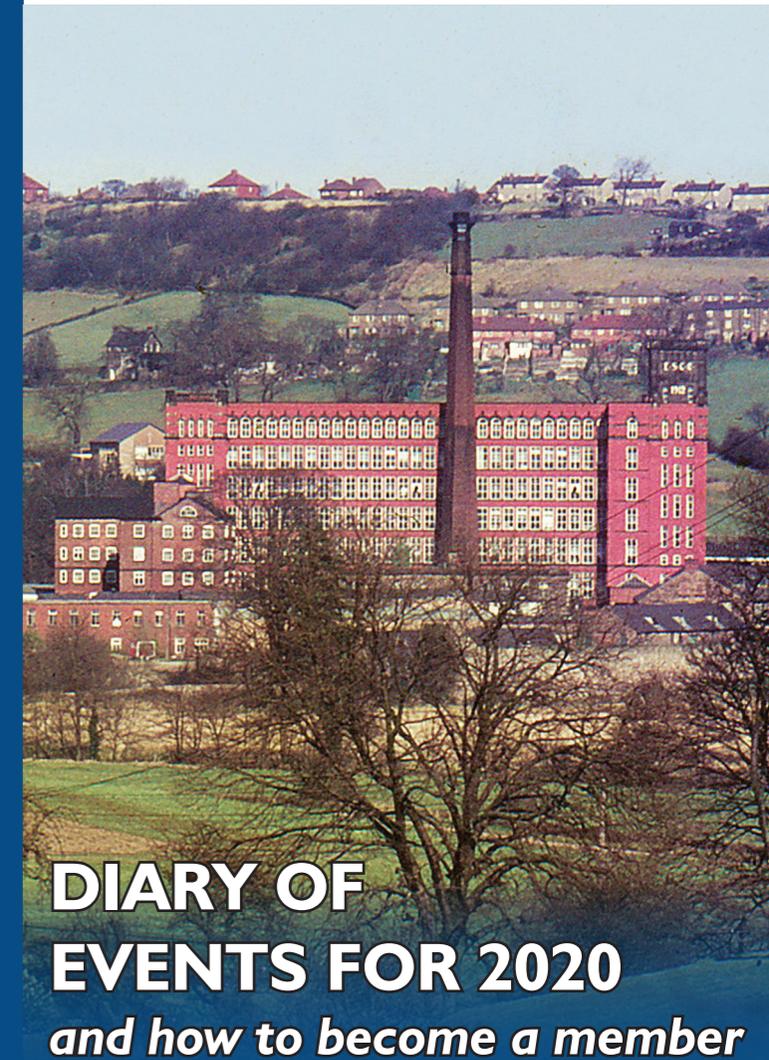
Belper Historical Society is a registered charity, number 1158020.

The Society has a website which can be found at [www.belperhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.belperhistoricalsociety.org)

It also has a Facebook page, found at [www.facebook.com/historicbelper](https://www.facebook.com/historicbelper)

# BELPER

## Historical Society



**DIARY OF  
EVENTS FOR 2020**  
*and how to become a member*

**Wednesday 8th January 2020**

## ***Derbyshire's Connections with the Sea***

Liz Keeley

Derbyshire is about as far away from the sea as anywhere in the UK, but Liz Keeley will reveal a surprising number of local maritime connections.

**Wednesday 5th February**

## ***Belper's Musical Links - The Rev Thomas Mawkes and Sigismund von Neukomm***

Jonathan Dwerryhouse

A musical prodigy from Belper - a story with global connections and artistic intrigue - and an Austrian composer with connections to Belper's Strutt family.

**Wednesday 4th March**

## ***Looking for Frances Arkwright***

Rosemary Annable

Better than a period drama! Rosemary explains the research undertaken to discover the talented life of Frances Arkwright.

**Wednesday 1st April**

## ***Derbyshire to the Pyramids: World Heritage in action***

Rod Pearson

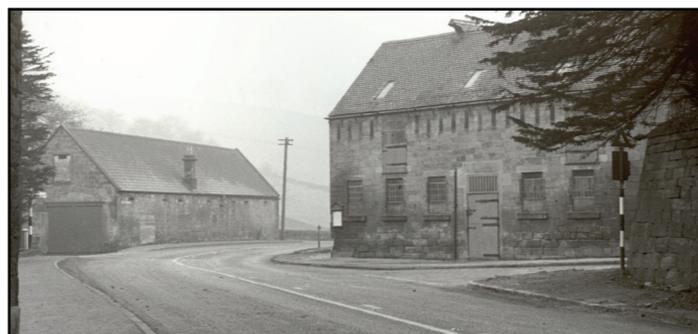
Reviewing the origins and development of UNESCO's World Heritage List.



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



Derwent Valley Mills  
inscribed on the World  
Heritage List in 2001



**Wednesday 6th May**

## ***The Strutt Farms***

Alex Gilbert

Research into the Strutt Farms, their innovative design and construction and what they provided.

**Wednesday 3rd June**

## ***Florence Nightingale - the Lady with the Lamp***

Danny Wells

To mark 200 years since her birth in Florence, Italy we follow the story of Florence Nightingale, from her early life in Holloway to being known as the founder of modern nursing, a profoundly talented statistician and advocate of social reform.



**Wednesday 1st July**

## ***Images of Old Belper – Open discussion***

View images of old Belper, challenge your knowledge and share recollections.

**August - no meeting**

**Wednesday 2nd September**

## ***Thatching***

David Wood

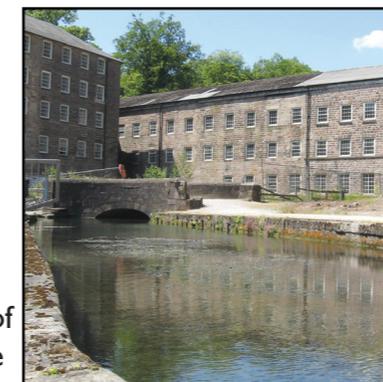
Discover the ancient art of thatching - still very much alive today through the skill of modern master thatcher David Wood.

**Wednesday 7th October**

## ***The Watercourses and Culverts of Cromford Mills***

John Higton

Discover more about the water system of Cromford Mill, and John's digital mapping of the Cromford Mills site and his research on the underground culverts. With photos, film footage and 3D computer modelling, this is a remarkable insight into the Cromford Mills site.



**Wednesday 4th November**

## ***Morley Park***

Ian Coker

Close to Belper, Morley Park has a rich history - it once provided fine iron for the Belper nailers. ***Includes the Annual General Meeting.***

**Wednesday 4th December**

## ***The Douglasses of Ashbourne, Jedediah Strutt and the Slave Trade***

The Douglasses were involved in the slave trade before moving to Ashbourne. Isabella married Joseph Strutt, son of Jedediah. Learn their stories.

Annual subscription is £15, due in September

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Bring this form to a society meeting or send, with a cheque for £15, to Belper Historical Society, c/o Strutts Centre, Derby Road, Belper DE56 1UU.