



# Tickhill & District Local History Society Newsletter

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## May and June meetings

The May meeting's presentation from Maria Glot was a tour de force in combining information about the extraordinary Sir Titus Salt, shown right, with role play as one of his workers at Saltaire. Through all the hilarity we learned of Salt's genius as an inventor (how to process alpaca wool, for example) and a business man whose construction of the factory and workers' homes at Saltaire was driven by a fierce determination to increase his profits while providing a decent environment for his workers. By 1865 Salt paid himself £1million a year and was respected by royalty and politicians for his success. Thanks to Maria and colleagues, Saltaire has not only become a conservation area but a World Heritage Site. Our extra meeting in June was a welcome return visit by Lesley Smith from Tutbury Castle. In Tudor period costume Lesley regaled the audience with details of the intimate lives of Tudor people, causing much amusement at their various beliefs.



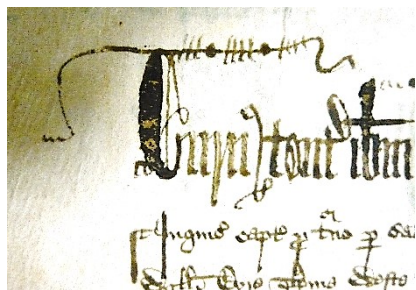
## Charlotte Curtis 1824-1918

Charlotte Curtis is the subject of our next publication, a History Profile Paper, which will be published at our October meeting. After a relatively uneventful early life as the daughter of Edmund Laughton, descendant of one of Tickhill's major landowners, her marriage to a wealthy industrialist saw her become Mayoress of Manchester before returning to Tickhill after her husband died in 1887. Living in the newly-built Weardale House, near the Market Place, Charlotte was a major benefactor to the community and the last of a long line of Laughtons to live here. The Paper will be on sale price £1.50 at our meetings and at Castlegate Cards.

## Website

Steve Payne writes: 'The structure of the new website is looking good. It's very clear, easy to navigate and has a more up to date look. A small team is busy rewriting the text for the main pages and the introductory descriptions of the numerous articles so that we will be ready to insert these into the new framework when the developer passes it to us.'

## Conisbrough Manor Court Rolls



As part of this year's Doncaster Heritage Festival, Dr Charles Kelham and Shirley Jones (Head of Conservation at West Yorkshire Archives) gave a presentation on these Manor Court Rolls, bought by Heritage Doncaster in 2017 with help from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Friends of the National Libraries. The illustration, left, courtesy of Heritage Doncaster, is from a roll of 1453 describing a 'Tourn' a twice-yearly circuit by a sheriff when he presided over the court in each hundred. The rolls were written in Latin on parchment until the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It is planned that the transcriptions made by Dr Kelham will be available online. Although Tickhill did not come under Conisbrough's jurisdiction, from time to time Tickhill people were involved in these court cases.

## Lindsey Burton

The Society was greatly saddened by the tragic death of Lindsey who was such a help in selling our publications at Castlegate Cards and at its predecessor KSM. This was just one of the many community initiatives she supported. Our condolences go to her family and her business partner, Claire.

## Articles included in this newsletter are:

- A wedding group on Northgate in 1917
- How styles of hats have changed
- The plague of 1583