



presents its 27th annual conference:

HADRIAN'S WALL BEFORE THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS: ITS STUDY IN THE EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH CENTURIES



Roman Wall west of Howesheads July 16th 1833.

Date: Saturday 17th November 2018

10.00 – 5.00

Venue: Customs House, Mill Dam, South Shields

Admission:

Society members/concessions: £15 Non-members: £20
(includes morning and afternoon tea/coffee but not lunch, which can
be found at nearby pubs and cafes)

Hadrian's Wall before the archaeologists

Much of our knowledge of Hadrian's Wall depends on the work of antiquaries. This year's conference looks at their contribution, following the publication of John Horsley's *Britannia Romana* in 1732, which included a full description of what was then known as the Roman Wall. From 1840 onwards the pace of research increased, and new accounts were published by John Hodgson and John Collingwood Bruce. By the end of the nineteenth century the study of the Wall had become more systematic and began to be taken over by archaeologists. The conference will look at the careers and motivations of a wide range of antiquarians, ranging from great figures such as Hodgson, Clayton and Bruce to others who are less well-known but whose work was still important. Something will also be said about the wider impact of their discoveries.

PROGRAMME

- 10.00–10.20 Coffee
10.20–10.50 Introduction: 'The antiquaries and Hadrian's Wall on Tyneside'
Paul Bidwell
10.50–11.30 'Between John Horsley and John Hodgson: some eighteenth-century antiquaries and what they tell us about Hadrian's Wall'
Nick Hodgson (Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums)
11.30–12.05 "'The things themselves speak'" — early collectors of Roman inscribed and sculptured stones in North Britain in context, including Sir John Clerk and Sir Walter Scott'
Colin Wallace
12.05–12.40 'Victorian souvenirs of the Roman bridge at Newcastle'
Alex Croom (Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums)
12.40–13.00 Discussion
13.00–14.00 LUNCH
14.00–14.40 'John Clayton; the man who saved Hadrian's Wall'
Frances McIntosh (English Heritage)
14.40–15.20 'Preservation by record: the testimony of John Collingwood Bruce'
David Breeze
15.20–15.40 TEA
15.40–16.20 'The antiquarian career of Robert Blair (1845–1923)'
Martha Stewart (Durham University)
16.20–16.45 Discussion

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