

Hook History Society Archive Catalogue

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Hook History Society Pembrokeshire was formed in 2012 with the purpose of encouraging the study and recording of the history of the village and neighboring communities. It arranges a series of talks, outings and related walks with particular focus on the former local coal industry and local fishing activity. It has printed several publications and a DVD as well as restored historic structures and increased awareness of local history through signage.

This catalogue has been created for Hook Local History Society and details items currently held within the collection.

It has been created as part of the Five Communities Group History Project to catalogue and digitise collections of local historical material.

The catalogue is divided into a several 'Sections' each corresponding to a different area of interest or relevance to the particular collection.

Within each section material has been listed to 'Item' level.

For additional details of items within this collection please refer to the digital spreadsheets for the Five Communities Group. As additional items are catalogued and added to the collection this document will expand.

Dates have been provided where known. Where not known the letters 'NK' appear

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H_1 Mining

Reference H_1_1

Title The Black Diamond Village

Description A short leaflet on the anthracite mining in Hook Pembrokeshire. This gives some information on the living conditions of the miners and their families,

Date NK

Reference H_1_2

Title Memorial to the Miners

Description Letter written to Pembrokeshire Life re the Trustees of the village playing field and cricket ground and their wish to mark the debt of the community to the miners of Hook.

Date NK

Reference H_1_3

Title Hook Drowning Tragedy

Description Account of the tragedy in which five miners drowned off Picton Point. The miners had been sent to Blackpool Mill to load timber for use in the mine at Hook. By the time they had completed loading the weather had worsened and four of the men decided to walk home. The others all drowned as gale force winds filled the little craft with water and it sank.

Date NK

Reference H_1_4

Title Conveyance of piece of land situate in the parish of Llangwm

Description Conveyance between Col E. G. Harcourt Powell and G. L. Taylor to Mr Cyril Jenkins and others (Trustees of the Hook Recreation Ground)

Date 17/10/1962

H_2 Lime Kilns

Reference H_2_1

Title Riverside Project

Description Members of the Hook History Society are renovating the old lime kiln at Boggy Lane Hook. Lime was very much in demand as lime mortar for building and lime wash.

Date NK

H_3 First World War

Reference H_3_1

Title Hook and World War One

Description Reflections on the role of a Pembrokeshire Village during the most horrific human conflict the world has ever seen

Date NK

H_6 Publications

Reference H_6_1

Title Woodland, Meadow and Riverside Walks

Description A selection of the many walks around Hook several are centred on the picturesque Boggy Lane and the restored lime kiln

Date NK

H_14 Transport

Reference H_14_1

Title The Hook Road

Description Until the 9th of February 1922 the village of Hook did not have a direct road link with Haverfordwest. There were rough tracks which the women of Hook tried to keep open but for most of the year they were impassable. The new road was made to link Hook with Freystrop and was eventually constructed by pennies collected from the poor and donations kindly given by the leading figures in the area. The road was opened on February 9th 1922

Date NK

H_15 Exhibitions

These items are jpeg image files on CD H_15_1-30

Reference H_15_1
Title A Centre for Village Life
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village including images and text featuring the Tute - Hook Miners Welfare Institute, and the Hook Sports and Social Club. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_2
Title Sayings of Yesteryear
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, featuring the 'The Language of Old Hook - colourful expressions and words that are rarely heard about the village today, features a list of words and definitions from the historical Pembrokeshire dialect. Also featured are images of elderly hook residents. Images included. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_3
Title Memorial to the Miners
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing the building of the building of a memorial to local miners and the Miners Memorial Garden. Includes images of plaque, the garden and the dedication ceremony and image of document recognising the playing field is under the overall care of the Charity Commissioners. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_4
Title Gifts with Memories
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, covering items associated with mining in the community including information and images on an anthracite sculpted wedding gift to Hook Colliery Owner John Frederick Lort Phillips, the ceremonial key to the 'Tute' Hook Miners Institute, a colliery winch rescued by the National Trust and a miners lamp associated with miner and Great War veteran Hubert John. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_5
Title Society's Busy Years
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing the activities and publications of the Hook History Society formed in 2011 including images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_6
Title Pupils Through the Years
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, focuses on education in the village including a newspaper article on the village school and multiple class photographs. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_7
Title The Wren Box
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing the local tradition of the Wren Box, and the singing of Carols at the New Year as opposed to Christmas. Includes images and the lyrics of the associated song. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_8
Title Compass Net Fishing
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing Compass Net fishing with images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_9
Title Geographical and Geological Maps
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, showing the geographical location of the village in association with the geology of the County. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_10
Title Black Diamond Village
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, focuses on Hook as a mining community and provides a brief overview of the history of the village including the key relationship with mining and the Cleddau and images including the Village Flag. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_11
Title A Hero's Welcome
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing the story of two Hook airmen, Levi Thomas and Viv Phillips as prisoners of War in Stalag Luft III the camp famous for 'The Great Escape'. Also features the story of Hook prisoner of war Gunner Douglas Jones and death of sergeant Fred Chalk married to a lady from Hook. Includes images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_12
Title Hook Closes Down
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing events associated with miners in the community. Includes information and images on the closure of Hook Colliery, a map showing some of the mine shafts in the area, the account of 5 miners drowned in a boating accident on the Cleddau, the drowning of two miners in 1916 during a flood and information on Esther Phillips, the last woman miner at Hook deceased 1917. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_13
Title They Dug Black Diamonds
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing coal mining at Hook with images. Includes the story of the potential origin of the Tenby daffodil and coal trade with Spain. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_14
Title Supreme Sacrifice
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing those lost from the village in both World Wars including images. Includes information on James Henry James, Martin Thomas, Gwyilm Jones, William Henry Hitchings, A Owen James and features the cover image of the History Society's book regarding the men of the village and the First World War. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_15
Title Bird Watchers Paradise
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, featuring wildlife of the area including images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_16
Title Lime Kiln Restored
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, featuring the Boggy Lane Lime Kiln, including images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_17
Title The Centenary School
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, featuring the village school including information on the first pupil, logbook entries and time capsule. Includes images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_18
Title A Long Struggle
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing the story of the provision of road access from Hook to Haverfordwest including images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_19
Title Places of Worship
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing places of worship Mount Zion Chapel and Hook Gospel Mission including images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_20
Title Agriculture
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing the changing face of farming and agriculture in the Hook area including images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_21
Title History in Buildings
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing buildings within the village including listed farmhouse, Flemish chimneys and thatched roofs. Includes Hook Farm, West Hook, Havard House, Palm Cottage, Gwynfi House, Old Post Office, Council School, Clom cottages. Includes images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_22
Title Sporting Village
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, detailing the sporting history of Hook including snooker, cricket, football, hockey and bowls. Includes images. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_23
Title Hook Colliery
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, showing three images of disused buildings at Hook Colliery including the powerhouse and wash tower.
Date NK

Reference H_15_24
Title Hook Quay
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, showing colour images of the remains of Hook Quay and reed beds. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_25
Title Hook Colliery
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, showing images of derelict buildings at Hook Colliery including the blacksmiths shop, power house and winding house as well as an extract from a page of deductions from miners for medical insurance / doctor's care. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_26
Title Images around Hook
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, showing three views of the village including a Flemish Chimney, Hook Farm and geese at Hook Quay. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_27
Title Images around Hook
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, showing three views taken around the village including Underwood, Hook Quay, and Little Milford. 1 item
Date NK

Reference H_15_28
Title The Lane to the Shore, Lower Quay Road, Hook
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, featuring painting of 'The Lane to the Shore, Lower Quay Road, Hook' by Maurice Sheppard. Watercolour gifted to HRH Queen Elizabeth II from the Royal Watercolour Society of Great Britain. Includes image and details of Mr Sheppard
Date NK

Reference H_15_29
Title Hook Playing Field
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, featuring the conveyance of the village playing field as purchased by the miners of the village. Includes images and plan. 1 item
Date 19 May 1948

Reference H_15_30
Title Hook Council School
Description Exhibition Board relating to Hook Village, featuring the architects plans for Hook Council School. 1 item
Date 1 December 1912

H_18 Digital Format Files

Reference H_18_1
Title The rebirth of Boggy Lane Kiln
Description CD tracing the rebirth of the Boggy Lane Lime Kiln. The kiln was built over 150 years ago and then fell into disrepair but has been returned to its glory using many hours of manpower!
Date NK

Reference H_18_2
Title Black Diamond Village The story of Hook
Description The story of Hook over the years.
Date NK

Reference H_18_3
Title The old language of Hook
Description An enclave of Old South Pembrokeshire lingo as the village lies below the Landsker Line. Some examples are given and can at times still be heard.
Date NK

Reference H_18_4
Title Hook and Cosheston
Description Although ten miles apart by road Cosheston and Hook are on opposite sites of the river and so very close with only the river between!
Date NK

Reference H_18_5
Title Hook People
Description An article on people who were born or lived in Hook and contributed to the wider world
Date NK

Reference H_18_6
Title Growing up in Hook
Description A short piece on Ruth Ashworth who has returned to live in Hook the place of her birth
Date NK

Reference H_18_7
Title Artefacts in Hook
Description A brief recount of some of the artefacts from Hook
Date NK

Reference H_18_8
Title Hook Post Office
Description A brief article about Hook Post Office and its role in the life of the village
Date NK

Reference H_18_9
Title Hook School and the Vicar warns of riots
Description Hook School, Reverend Henry Adams, Llangwm, Thomas Carr, Headmaster of Llangwm School, non-conformism, Joseph Davies, Gwilym Rhys Jones, Nancy Davies, Major Jack Evans, William Henry Davies,
Date NK

Reference H_18_10
Title Bird Watching in Hook
Description An article about bird watching in Llangwm and Hook
Date NK

Reference H_18_11
Title New Road Hook
Description Locals fought for a new road and got one!
Date NK

Reference H_18_12
Title Hook and Argentina
Description Hook and Argentina
Date NK

Reference H_18_13
Title Hook – The Ancient Kiln and Tranquil Walks
Description The ancient kiln and some tranquil walks. A leaflet is available describing some of the walks and a dvd about the kiln
Date NK

Reference H_18_14
Title Hook – Compass Net Fishing
Description An article about compass fishing on the River Cleddau with boats from Hook
Date NK

Reference H_18_15
Title Hook – Miners Memorial Garden
Description An article relating to the Miners Memorial Garden
Date NK

Reference H_18_16
Title Hook – Desmond Donnelly
Description A short biography of Desmond Donnelly
Date NK

Reference H_18_17
Title Hook – The Village Memorial and in memory of fallen heroes
Description An article about the fallen heroes in the village including Henry Hitchings, G R Jones, Martin Thomas and Owen Jones
Date NK

Reference H_18_18
Title Hook – Five Miners Drown
Description A tragic tale of five miners from Hook Colliery who drowned in a boat on the River Cleddau
Date NK

Reference H_18_19
Title Hook – Esther Phillips
Description Esther Phillips was the last woman to work in Hook Colliery – this is part of her story
Date NK

Reference H_18_20
Title Hook Colliery – Manager censured
Description Hook, Hook Pembrokeshire, Western Telegraph, 1916, Nash Colliery, Mr Lort Phillips, Albert Harries, John Brock, Peter Thomas, William Thomas, Freystrop, William James, Henry Jones, Joe Thomas, David Phillips, Wm Brock, Joseph Owens, William Havard, Hook Chapel, James John Thomas, Peter Phelps, Hook Colliery night fireman,
Date NK

Reference H_18_21
Title Hook – Riverside Colliery with Royal Patronage
Description An article on the history of coal mining in Hook and its royal connections
Date NK

Reference H_18_22
Title Hook – the mystery of the key finally solved
Description An article about the mystery key – the TUTE key!
Date NK

Reference H_18_23
Title Hook- Playing Field another miners legacy
Description An article telling the tales of the field adjacent to the Miners Institute and its links to the miners of Hook
Date NK

Reference H_18_24
Title Hook – the River Through The Lens
Description This article sheds light on the River Cleddau through the camera lens
Date NK

Reference H_18_25
Title Hook – The Clom Built Houses of Hook
Description Article about the Clom built houses of Hook
Date NK

Reference H_18_26
Title Hook – Coal was sent all over the world
Description Article about coal mined at Hook and sent all over the world
Date NK