

Land Settlement Association

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Sidlesham Heritage Trail



Wednesday 4th November

Premiere of 'A Life from the Land'

Church Hall at 2.30 & 6.30pm.

As part of the LSA Heritage Trail Project we have now made our own film 'A Life from the Land' to commemorate the development of a Land Settlement Association in Sidlesham. The film has been made by combining archive footage from the 1937 film with the memories of tenants and staff who worked on the LSA: Don & Helen Baldwin, Freda Booth, Rita Cloud, Norman Dixon, John Graves, John Littler, Charlie Roe, Wil & Becky Wilson and Bert Young.

I look forward to seeing you on 4th November.

In 1936 200 unemployed men from Jarrow led a well documented march to London.

In the same year 120 men arrived in Sidlesham, some of the 1000 unemployed miners and shipbuilders from the north-east of England and South Wales who were to begin new lives as market gardeners on 20 different Land Settlement Associations across England.

Of the two events, the least known would prove the more significant. The Jarrow marchers who had demanded work and an end to poverty went home empty-handed. Those who came to Sidlesham helped to found a multi-million pound glasshouse industry which lasted for 60 years and still survives today.

The heritage trail **leaflet** provides a tangible record of the LSA in Sidlesham and Batchmere. The **website**, which is on-going, documents the development of the LSA, lists the people who worked on the LSA and tells their stories which make the locations on the heritage trail come to life. The **film** celebrates the importance of the LSA as a national historic event at a local level.

Novium Museum

Our film 'A Life from the Land' will be part of an exhibition explaining the development of the Sidlesham & Batchmere LSA to be staged at The Novium Museum from 9th November..

The Novium Museum is in Tower Street, off West Street, Chichester. Entry is free.

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Publications

Articles about Sidlesham LSA and the heritage trail have appeared in British Farmer & Grower, the magazine of The National Farmers Union, the Newcastle Chronicle and Sussex Life.

Visit the Website

www.sidleshamheritagetrail.co.uk

The website is 'work in progress' and I would welcome more information, stories and photographs as well as any mistakes you have noticed.

The contacts keep coming

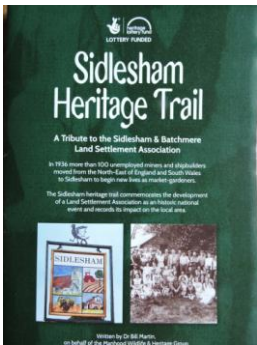
LSA postman - John Anscombe ?

Originals - Purcell (No ?)

Danny Cusack (NO 36) via The Newcastle Chronicle

R. Lewis (No 131), George Smith (No 132)

William Worden (No 135)



Heritage Trail leaflet

Copies of the trail leaflets (£1.00 minimum donation) are available from the RSPB Visitor Centre, West Sussex Libraries, the Records Office and from November) the Novium Museum.

Alternatively contact me direct and I can deliver (locally!)

What has been happening?

Presentation to 95 members of the Chichester Local History Society in September.

What's happening next?

Presentations to East Manhood Women's Institute (8th October)

West Sussex Horticultural Club (5th November)

2016 Bognor History Society

Friends of Chichester Cathedral

West Sussex Archives Society

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