

Kelly's Directory of Darlington. These directories were also produced by various other companies including the Post Office and we have them dating back to 1828 for Darlington. The popular Kelly's series ceased production for Darlington in 1974, but we have something for most years (excluding the War years) in between.

So our book of the month this month is really a collection of Trade/street directories of Darlington and the Northern Counties (Durham, Northumberland and North Yorkshire mainly).

From the directories for Darlington you can trace who lived at a particular address, find out which schools and churches were in the area and their history, where the corner shops were and where the parks were. Opening hours for the library and the Corn Exchange, where and when the markets were are also part of the information listed. Some also list postal collection times, societies and clubs, train times and in alphabetical order lists of residents.

Many of you will be aware what a great resource our collection of directories are, but for those of you who are not so familiar, do call in and take a closer look. You never know, you may answer some of those longstanding family history questions or you could even test your memory about which shops were on High Row in your younger days!