

**Totley History Group  
Totley Library  
Wednesday, 10 December 2008**

**Present:** 35 members

Sally arranged and directed a most enjoyable and entertaining collection of events, all to do with local history, the acts were:-

Ann Lee – Jo Rundle's memories (from The Totley Independent) – Strawberry Lea  
Jim Martin – Jo Rundle's memories (from The Totley Independent) – Annie Nuttie  
Sally Goldsmith – GHB Ward and the Clarion Ramblers – Feet in the Heather, sung by Sally  
Richard Wrigglesworth – The poems of Richard Furness, Dore Schoolmaster, radical poet and composer (Richard's great, great grandfather)  
Tony Reynolds – The autobiography of Harvey Teesdale, the man monkey  
Kate Reynolds – The History of TOADS  
Vincent Simpson – Albert and the Lion  
Interval – We all enjoyed tea and coffee and some lovely homemade mince pies and cakes  
Alan Byron – Bowton Yard, a dialect poem by Samuel Lacock  
Avril Critchley – Extract from the autobiography of Harry Brierley, the inventor of stainless steel, his early married life in Totley  
Ann Winter – Dore Village Society's information on the tradition of the Poor Old Horse (a group of people visited pubs in Dronfield and maybe the Totley area, dressed up as a horse)  
Jill Hnat – Extract from the memories of Danny Reynolds (Totley's oldest resident?) – The walloping of the Poor Old Horse  
Alan Lee – As the Poor Old Horse, costume made wonderfully by his wife Ann. We all sang the Poor Old Horse song to Alan!  
Jean Byron – Extract from Totley resident David Turner's autobiography "A Tyke in Tupland" – The Carol Singers  
Tony Reynolds – A peculiar rendition of Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
To finish off we all sang one of Richard Furness's unique Dore carols – Awake My Harp

At the end we all wondered how many other history groups have staged such an entertaining, varied event that relates to local history?? Thanks again to Sally for a great evening.

**Business Items:**

Totley Conservation Area – The date for submissions has been extended to the end of January. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

School House, Totley Hall Lane – A decision will be made in January if this will be refurbished or sold. The Conservation Team from the Council have been invited to attend the January TRA Meeting to discuss this.

Archives Day (where people can bring along any items which we can scan/copy and return to their owners) – The library have agreed we can still use their facilities on Saturday, even though the library now has extended Saturday afternoon opening hours. They would like the number of people attending from the history group to be kept to 3 / 4 people.

**ACTION - ALL**

Jim is investigating how we can get a grant to purchase equipment for voice recordings.

**ACTION - JIM**

The date for the next History Fair at the Town Hall is 16 May 2009. It is £10 per table and it was thought we should present ourselves at this.

**ACTION - ALL**

**Date and Time of Next Meetings**

Totley Library on Wednesday, 21 January 2009 at 7.30 pm

Following January's meeting the 2009 dates will be on the 4th Wednesday of each month