

Totley History Group
Totley Library
Wednesday, 21 January 2009

Present: 30 members

Business Items:

The date for the next History Fair at the Town Hall is 16 May 2009. It is £10 per table and there are 50 tables. Places will be drawn out of a hat, we await the outcome.

SWAP (South West Area Panel Meeting) will be held at Totley Library on 28 January at 7.30 pm, this will be the last one before we change to the Community Assemblies. There will be a presentation from King Egbert School Council regarding how to recycle waste and also Avril will be doing a presentation regarding Greenoak Park. At the end of the meeting there is an opportunity to ask questions to the councillors attending from Fulwood, Ecclesall, Totley and Bradway areas. All encouraged to attend.

ACTION - ALL

A History Trail will be held at the Sheffield Botanical Gardens during the environment weeks on 6 May, it commences at 7.15 pm, meeting at the Clarkehouse Road entrance.

The Heritage Lottery Fund have advised that not many groups are applying for funding in the South Yorkshire area, however, Avril attended a funding forum yesterday and advised that the process involves much hard work and if the slightest mistake is made then the application is rejected and have to wait a year before we can reapply.

History in the Future – Concerns are growing regarding the new street lighting on Baslow Road beyond The Cross Scythes and also the new speed limit of 30 going into a 40 mile per hour zone, this work has been undertaken due to the new bus terminus arrangements. Dore are also concerned regarding this and a meeting has been held with concerned parties and a petition has began asking for the lights to be removed and this will be presented at the next full Council Meeting. All encouraged to sign this if feel appropriate. **ACTION – ALL**

Also a new group has been set-up called Space (Sheffield and Peak Against City Encroachment), if anyone wishes to join Avril has the details. **ACTION - ALL**

School House on Totley Hall Lane – The Neighbourhood Investment Programme have held a meeting regarding this and they are investigating the legality of what work can be done and the cost, would it be sold or work undertaken and then rented. Avril has asked Keith Hill for a copy of the deeds. It was felt this would be good for use as community building although it may not be large enough, could heritage lottery funding be used or would it better served as a dwelling?

Archives Day (where people can bring along any items which we can scan/copy and return to their owners) –

We will wait until computers are mended in library as we cannot bring in our own equipment, we have to use the equipment provided by the library. The scanner and computer we would use is working but is the only one usable at the moment so unfair to hog it. Several different times during the week were negotiated with the library. They would like the number of people attending from the history group to be kept to 3 / 4 people. Sally to investigate how to use their scanner. **ACTION - SALLY**

Way Ahead for the History Group – The Totley History Group has now been in existence for one year and we have achieved lots – 2 walks around Totley, a film show, Mel and Joan Jones came to speak to us about how they started their history group, a talk by Brian Edwards, a Christmas party. It was felt that we needed to have more structure about us, have something to aim for but we must remember to keep it fun!!!

We all split into discussion groups and came back with the following as things we would like to achieve:-

Kate's Group:-

- Repeat the first walk – Rony and Jim
- Avril would like to know more about her house, it is near the Victoria Gardens.
- Interested in the farms of Totley – Judith
- Need to have a large map of Totley – Avril is speaking to the school
- The history of the Marrison family and how they came to have such a large shop in Totley – Christine
- Jobs in Totley in years gone by – Judith

Norman's Group:-

- Victoria Gardens – Marlene and Vincent

- Cherry Tree/Mickley Hall history – John and Marlene
- The lead mill and cottages at Totley Rise – Vincent
- Buildings and their structures – Current/Buildings no longer in existence – Dom
- Railways, maps, famous people and things that have occurred in Totley – Norman
- Richard Furniss and Bradway Bank history –Richard
- Should we ask the library if we can use some space to start an archive of material?
- Plays and music – Sally
- Skills we have for researching – We could have a session on how to go about doing research.
- Need a structure as a group.

Jean's Group:-

- Archive/Somewhere to store information.
- Make a relief map of the middle 18th century – Sue
- Encourage members to submit the history of their own houses and also ask friends/neighbours who may want to contribute.
- Oral history course to understand how to interview people.
- Photographic record of Totley how it is now – Marlene/Bill/Sally
- Publishing a book
- Investigating old buildings
- Medieval history and archaeology – Duncan
- More talks about history – Sue has a book of names of people who do such talks

Tony's Group:-

- The history of the shops in Totley - Ian
- Publicity – Get word of month around about us – liaise with other history groups
- History of the bigger houses in Totley
- Links with Dronfield – Ann
- Exhibition in the library
- Performance/Show – Rony/Sally
- Structure of the group
- Brian's loose ends
- Publications – Web/TI, leaflets, now have a facebook site that Ian has set-up, search on facebook for Totley history to locate it

Also, discussed the possibility of more local walks - Bob Warburton, Michael Savage and David Hayes may be able to take us.

Sally will write up these list of ideas and at the next meeting we can decide what we are interested in and what each of us want to do.

ACTION – SALLY/ALL

Structure of the Group - We need to get a register of members and email addresses, Sally agreed to be the chair for the next few months, with the help of Avril. **ACTION - ALL**

Sally will arrange to play the tape of the Radio 4 programme recently broadcast that included the Totley Tunnel to everyone at the next meeting. **ACTION - SALLY**

The archive material for Totley is at Sheffield, Matlock and Chesterfield. Sue and Janice are to arrange a visit to the Sheffield Archive. **ACTION – SUE/JANICE**

All agreed it would be a good idea to hold a session at one of the meetings about how to use the computer for researching information and it is hoped to do this once the library computers are working.

Post meeting note. The computers in the library have now been moved and (apart from 1) are operational so we could now begin to copy material.

Date and Time of Next Meetings

Totley Library on Wednesday, 25 February 2009 at 7.30 pm

The 2009 dates will be on the 4th Wednesday of each month