

Totley History Group
Totley Library
Wednesday, 25 February 2009

Present: 30 members

Business Items:

Good news, Brian Edwards has been signed off from hospital, and he is hoping to help out where he can with the Group. Sally suggested that perhaps a few of us could go to his house and see what information he has. He is currently preparing information he has to go to the archives at Matlock.

ACTION: ALL

The History Fair at the Town Hall has been cancelled as sponsorship cannot be obtained.

Contact List for the Group - A list was circulated for everyone to put their names, address, telephone number and email address, if they have one. A distribution email list for the history group will be created.

Funding - Avril has been speaking to someone regarding a grant called "First Steps for Older People" jointly supported by SCC and Help the Aged, and has been advised that if most of the people in the group are over 55 years of age we can apply for this, Avril confirmed that this is the case. Avril will obtain the forms. Norman advised that the history group has over £500 in the bank account.

ACTION: AVRIL

The refurbishment of Greenoak Park is continuing. Tree planting is on Wednesday, 4 March at 11.00am and 1.30 pm if anyone wants to come along. Totley school children will be helping plant the trees.

ACTION: ALL

School House on Totley Hall Lane – The council have advised that they are proposing to auction the building. Jennie Street has written to all 3 councillors advising that she feels that the matter has not been investigated sufficiently and that this building was granted for the people of Totley. Dom will send a similar note to the council from the history group expressing concern. The Group felt that its community use is very limited but agreed that the SCC should wait until the deeds are found before putting it on the market. And all agreed that the history group

should try to find them via the land registry, this will cost approximately £20. Dom and Norman will discuss.

ACTION: DOM/NORMAN

We all listened to the recording of the Radio 4 programme called “Making History” regarding St George’s Farm where John Ruskin arranged communal activities and Totley Tunnel. Everyone thanked Sally for arranging this which was very interesting.

What do we want to do in our history group? Sally handed out a list she had compiled from the last meeting where we had all put input into what we want to research, what we need that we do not have and what we want to do with the information. Sally printed some cards with items of interest on and we all selected ones that we wanted to work on. Sally made a list of who wants to research which items. We should all now think about how we are going to start work on our preferred subject and work with others if they have similar interests. Sally will also speak to Brian to see what information he has on these subjects.

ACTION: ALL

At the next meeting we will sit in smaller groups to discuss how we are going to take our research work forward so that we have an end goal. It was felt that it is important to record and archive what we have, could keep some of it on the website.

ACTION: ALL

Also, the Sheffield Archives, Shoreham Street, are holding 30 minute sessions between 9am-10am on the following dates to explain how to use their facilities: 9 March, 6 April, 11 May, 8 June. Also, the local studies on the 1st floor of the library are doing the same on 16 March, 20 April and 18 May.

The archives can be used for primary source material and the local studies can be used for published materials.

Computer training can also be arranged in the library if anyone wants to know more about how to use computers for research.

ACTION: ALL

Website – Sally will ask Eventus (who she worked with in Beighton) about the community website design they used which was easy for people to use, downloading stuff onto it etc

Date and Time of Next Meetings

Totley Library on Wednesday, 25 March 2009 at 7.30 pm

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