

**Totley History Group**  
**Totley Library**  
**Wednesday, 23 March 2009**

**Present:** 26 members

**Business Items:**

Further to our good news from the last meeting we are sorry to hear that Brian Edwards is not well again, he has an eye problem following an accident and we all wish him a speedy recovery. He is still keen for a few of us to visit him at his house to see the information he has once he is feeling better. Brian has lots of information on Totley Lead Mill, old houses and buildings and Totley Tunnel in particular. Sue has got an archive list of the items Brian has. He may have more since this list was compiled.

Contact List for the Group – Marlene has created the contact list for the Group with name, address, telephone number and email address. Any new members will be added ongoing.

First Steps for Older People Grant – Christine has agreed to look at the application form for this grant. We then need to decide what we want to apply for, eg voice recording equipment, training to use the equipment. Jim is attending the next Dore Oral History Meeting where they are discussing what type of equipment to purchase and he will report their findings.

**ACTION: CHRISTINE/JIM**

All agreed to set-up a sub group to get the oral history moving forward, this will be Christine, Gill, Ann, Jim

Also, all agreed to set-up a sub group to look at setting up a website for us, this will be Rony, Ian, Ann, Richard, Dom

School House on Totley Hall Lane – Brian Edwards is very concerned about this, he believes it is one of the most important buildings in Totley and is happy to speak to the Council about it. However, it is thought that the council are going to sell this property and that there is little we can do as a group to influence this.

Sally handed out some sheets she had produced with areas we want to look at and placed them into research groups, we assembled into our

groups and discussed what we had done to date and how we were to progress going forward. We all then reported back at the end of the meeting as follows:-

**Rony's Group:-**

John has done work on the orphanage and Cheshire Home and is passing this to the library.

Links with Dronfield - Ann attending Dronfield History Group AGM next month.

Want to look at Totley Tunnel

Railways – Brian has done a thesis and also written a book, will talk to Brian to see what he has

A series was done by Radio Sheffield about the Totley Tunnel with a booklet by Rob Tomlinson. There was a play at the Sheffield Playhouse by Stan Barstow and Alfred Bradley about the tunnel. Rony to find out more.

Joan Stratford (Totley All Saints ex head and historian) might speak to the group.

**ACTION: RONY**

Sally will see if David Hey - Derbyshire and Yorkshire historian and expert on tracks and roads - can speak at the next meeting.

**ACTION: SALLY**

**David's Group:-**

Victoria Gardens – From research found that Joseph Mountain, a property developer, put money into this and there was a pavilion building, archery, cricket, refreshment rooms etc but no photos of the buildings can be found, it was over 15 acres but only lasted one year due to a recession.

The group are to see if they can find newspaper entries with photos and maps and see if Brian has any more information.

**Sally's Group (Walks and Maps):-**

Sue has got loads of information.

Organise a walk in the summer.

Long term aim is to start drawing up the earliest map possible and keep overlaying with later maps, with end result being Sue's relief map idea.

Christine is going to the archives to see what maps they have.

Rolling Mill – Vincent is going to write to the people who did the removals around the mill to see if any information. Brian has lots of information as well.

**Shops, Pubs, Farms, Big Houses Group:-**

Marlene has done work on Cherry Tree Orphanage.

Create map to see how the shops have changed over the years. Start at Dore and Totley Station as this had an influence on the growth of Totley, when the railway came Totley grew, there were also businesses at the railway station

Ian has lots of information regarding previous shop owners from the Kellys Directories from 1930s to 1973, need to complete to date.

Medieval Group – Tony and Jean have met and have been sorting through the lots of information Jean has. Tony did a short resumee of progress to date!

Also, if anyone has anything they want placing on the TRA website please email to Kerry and she will arrange.

**ACTION: ALL**

And Marlene will ask Totley library if we can store items in the library so that people can go along and reference it.

**ACTION: MARLENE**

And just a reminder that:-

The Sheffield Archives, Shoreham Street, are holding 30 minute sessions between 9am-10am on the following dates to explain how to use their facilities: 6 April, 11 May, 8 June. Also, the local studies on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the library are doing the same on 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**

### **Date and Time of Next Meetings**

Totley Library on Wednesday, 22 April 2009 at 7.30 pm

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