

**Totley History Group  
Totley Library  
Wednesday, 27 June 2009**

**Present:** did anyone count?

**Business Items:**

4 new members welcomed. It's great to see the group growing.

**Website group** has met with John Beezer. A website name has been bought. The site will have the capacity to store and display information we put onto it. Material (text and photographs) should be sent to Ian Clarke ([iangclarke@hotmail.com](mailto:iangclarke@hotmail.com)) who will then send it on to John for putting onto the site.

The site will have a forum where questions can asked and answered.

Copyrights of the material put onto the site will have to be protected and respected.

**Brian Edwards and Derbyshire Archives** visit with Sally and Sue has still to be arranged.

The walk with Bob Warburton through Gillyfield Wood was a great success. 35 people attended. There is the possibility that Bob will come to our November meeting to give us an illustrated talk to us about the woods.

Marlene, Sally, Avril and Ann visited the **Social Studies Library**. They were introduced to the services offered and the systems they use. A picture archive has been set up so that anyone with computer access can search for photographs.

The library has a full collection of the Totley Ind. and some spare copies. We have some gaps in our collection. They offered to fill our gaps. Marlene is going to follow this offer up.

The Local Studies library offers familiarisation events regularly for all those who missed this visit.

**Old Dronfield Soc.** Alan and Ann ran the History Grp stall at this event, with help and documents from Jim, Tony and Kate. Ann met up with old school friends and people she'd not seen for 50 years!

There was an Edward Carpenter display and groups from the little villages around Dronfield. A good time was had by all. We will be doing this event again next year.

**The Old School House** Totley Hall Lane. Marlene, Jim, Ann and Avril gained access through the Council to take photographs inside the house. There are still some original features, but much modernisation has been done. It is pretty certain that the house will be sold. Concern was expressed about the Council using obscure auctioneers for the sale. Dominic offered to continue pressure on the Council to use a local estate agent for the sale.

**Rony and Jim** are doing another **history walk** for the next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We are to meet at the Library at 7.30 and can stay there if it's raining.

We decided to have an August meeting on 26<sup>th</sup>.

The September meeting will be used to review the walks (Rony and Jim's and Sally and Christine's TBA) and photographs.

October Tony Smith is talking to us about Bradway footpaths.

November

December will be a Christmas party.

Next year we hope to have Bill Bevan talking about Tin Town (to echo our own tin town where the Totley Tunnel navvies lived).

## **Public Footpath dispute.**

1 Shrewsbury Terrace is now on the market and advertising its private path to Baslow Road!

The Ramblers have suggested that we were wrongly informed by the Council that appeals are not allowed on footpath disputes decisions. Despite being outside the appeal period of 28 days, the lack of correct information from the Council may make an appeal allowable. Duncan is to investigate.

Several people offered to contact the estates agent to point out that the footpath dispute is still on-going.

## **Research resources**

There is a rich variety of sites out there that we can make free use of for research and interest. Dominic offered to put together an index for the various on-line research sites. Maps, archives and photographs.

Basic computer skills only are necessary to get into these sites. Sally suggested having a session with a projector to show how easily this can be done. Permission from the library might be necessary.

## **Any other business**

Music festival 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July

50 plus activities Heatherfield Club. Tai Chi and dance

**Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 7.30 at the Library**

**Rony and Jim's history walk.**