

**Totley History Group  
Totley Library  
Wednesday, 23 June 2010**

**Present:** 25 people

**Items:**

Suzanne Bingham gave us a very interesting and informative talk regarding sources of local history we can use:-

Photos can be used for illustration of buildings, people, events, landscape. Old photos have been collated on the website [picturesheffield.com](http://picturesheffield.com) and search for Totley.

Early maps were done by individual cartographers, also there are early town plans from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Ordnance survey maps began in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, the first ones completed were for the vulnerable South Coast re the French Revolution. The maps for Yorkshire were first done in 1850, Derbyshire in 1870. Maps are kept at the Local Studies Library, they can be ordered online or purchased at libraries or in some bookshops.

There is a website called old maps, but this can be difficult to use.

Apprenticeship records at the Local Studies Library, these go up to 1820 when the system changed, they are also on the internet on Sheffield Indexes website. Also, a good website is Sheffield Records online.

Kellys, Whites, Trade Directories 1677 to 1974, 1774 was the first one for Sheffield and listed specialised trades, in 1787 added professionals and gentrys.

Census records began in 1801 to headcount the population, 1841 was the first useful one as it detailed everyone in a household.

Findmypast website - Can search on names and addresses.

Electoral Register is good for 20<sup>th</sup> century records.

Parish records from 1538, format of records until 1754 was for births, marriages and deaths to be registered in the same book.

War Memorials

Casualty records – A database of people who died in both World Wars.

War Medals – There is a war medal index card available on the ancestry website or national archive website at Kew.

Service Records – A lot were destroyed in WW2, they are on the ancestry website or national archive website.

War diaries – Each unit had an official record of activities, these are on the national archive website

Newspapers, local papers in WW1 published biographical sketches of killed/missing soldiers or wounded. Also local people's details such as births, marriages, incidents/accidents were in newspapers.

Also good items for information are, wills, apprentice indentures, hospital records, migration records, occupational and criminal records, poor law, skill records, education year books, musicians for musician festivals, members of amateur dramatics, personal items such as letters photos.

Where to go? – The Internet, local archives, libraries, museums, parish churches, family history societies.

### **Any Other Business:**

We have a stall at Mickley Hall on Saturday, 26 June, Christine has a rota for people to put their names on to help man the stall.

Membership forms were given out, all to complete and return at the next meeting or pass to Kerry.

The next meeting is the 21 July Sally will be doing a 3 mile version of the Totley Radicals walk, please note the earlier meet time is 7pm at the library.

Sally is also doing 2 other walks – the Edward Carpenter and his circle walk, 24 July at 11am at Holmesfield Church Car Park, booking essential and The Totley Radicals Walk, 31 July at 10.30 am, meet at Dore and Totley Station, booking essential, Sally has a leaflet with further details.

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

Dates of meetings in 2010 will be 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month as follows, unless otherwise stated:-

(3<sup>rd</sup> week of July) 21 July – Walk by Sally, a shortened version of the Totley radicals walk, meet at the Library at 7pm (note earlier time)

August – No meeting

(3<sup>rd</sup> week of September) 15 September – Speaker – Thelma Griffiths regarding Longshaw Estate