

**Totley History Group  
Totley Library  
Wednesday, 23 March 2011**

**Present:** 30 people

Marjorie Dunn attended the meeting and gave a very interesting talk and presentation with an insight into old Sheffield.

We have to rely on paintings and old drawings for how Sheffield used to be. Mills and Forges were built on the 5 rivers in Sheffield and horse power was used to move the materials. Loxley Mill, Abbeydale Hamlet and the Shepherd's Wheel are examples that still exist today. Steam power began in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The canal was built in 1818 with the railway 20 years later. Sheffield was a filthy, dirty place to live. People with any money soon moved away to London and it was only when manufacturing began that people stayed in Sheffield and lived in the outlying areas like Fulwood, Broomhill etc

Marjorie did extensive research for her books, reading years of newspapers to gain an insight into how people lived and worked. She then included some of these events in her books.

**Items:**

None discussed.

**Date and Time of Future Meetings**

20 April (a week early due to Easter) – AGM followed by Howard Smith speaking about turnpike roads.

25 May – A research meeting in preparation for the Totley library exhibition that starts on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Saturday, 11 June – Padley Chapel visit, Celia White will be the guide for the Chapel. We will travel to Grindleford through Totley Tunnel and have a picnic when we get there. Train times to be confirmed nearer the date.

22 June – Catch-Up with Research Meeting

20 July (a week early) – Evening at Beauchief Abbey with Tony Smith as our guide for a walk around the Abbey and District. NB 7 pm start

August – No Meeting.