

Totley History Group
Totley Library
Wednesday, 23 September 2009

Present: 25 people

Business Items:

Brian Edwards' Research – Sue and Sally have been to meet Brian at the Local Studies Department at Matlock with a view to negotiating how they are going to keep his research and how we can access it.

Sue is going to bind all of Brian's original research with a copy for the Group and another for the library. Sue was thanked for all her help with this.

Sue has also bound information regarding Hallfield Farm, Longshaw Estate and an archaeological study that Jean has donated to us.

Sue proposed a system whereby people can borrow information that the group has collected by putting an envelope in the front of each item and each member has a library ticket for if they want to borrow any items. The library have advised that they can provide a box to keep information in and Marlene is to discuss with them to see if they can help us with the lending of documents. **ACTION MARLENE**

Totley History Website – If anyone wants to put anything on this website please email it to Ian at iangclarke@hotmail.com. All encouraged to look at this site. **ACTION ALL**

School House on Totley Hall Lane – This will be going for auction on 13 October by Mark Jenkinson, it is grade 2 listed at a price of £200-£225k, we will keep an eye on what happens with this.

Totley History Group Christmas Event – The Totley All Saints Church hall has been booked for Saturday, 12 December, it will commence at 7.30 pm and finish around 10.30 pm. Sally's ceilidh band will perform and Rony and Tony are arranging a Totley mummer's play. We can bring our own alcohol and also mince pies etc. We need to sell tickets and think about what we can charge for the evening, we need to cover the band and charge for the church hall. Sally is to advise the cost of the tickets. **ACTION SALLY**

Cynthia Ramsden at Fanshaw Gate has published a book called Garden Tales, the price is £15, it is about people who have helped with the garden

and the garden open days. Sally will see if she will open her garden for the group. **ACTION SALLY**

Sally held a slide show of the 3 walks that had taken place over the summer:-

- Bob Warburton's walk on 31 May around Gillfield Woods showing us the old swimming pool, the old gateposts which were the original entrance to the woods, and many other interesting things.
- Virtual walk around Totley that was held in Totley Library due to the weather, this is Rony and Jim's walk that was completed last year.
- Old footpaths walk that Sally led in August which went through Gillfield Woods and up Shep's Bank and on to a medieval footpath called Hob Lane where you could see the old paving stones.

Martin Campion explained about a metal box he had found on a tree in Gillfield Woods, it is camouflaged with paint and had a lock on the top, so it clearly did have a purpose. Sally has sent a photo to Bob Warburton to see if he knows what its use was.

Marlene is continuing her work on the history of Cherry Tree Orphanage and what has happened to the children since they left, she hopes to be able to put her findings on the website.

A stone arrow has been found when clearing the stream in Greenoak Park. The picture will be put on the website to see if anyone knows what this is?

Richard Wrigglesworth advised that Hathersage have a history group it is £5 per year payable at the AGM and they have a programme of events for the year.

Forthcoming Events of Interest

12 October - Woodlands, Boundaries and Trackways at Holmesfield, Sally has the details.

27 October - Woodcrafts at Norfolk Park

10 and 17 November – Introduction to woodland archaeology and woodland survey at Abbeydale Hamlet and in Ecclesall Woods. If anyone is interested in this the details can be found on the internet under UKeconet. If anyone is interested please let Sally know as we can get a discount for a group booking of 3 or more.

Date and Time of Next Meetings

28 October – A talk with slides by Bradway historian Tony Smith
25 November – An illustrated talk on Gillfield Wood by Bob Warburton
The Christmas meeting will be on Saturday, 12 December at the Totley
All Saints Church Hall with a Ceili band and entertainment.