

**Totley History Group
Totley Library
Wednesday, 26 May 2010**

Present: 25 people

Items:

Funding – We can apply to the SY Community Foundation which covers people in South and West Sheffield for a small grant of between £250 to £700, we may use this for oral history, Ann and Christine have now done the oral history training.

Also, there is Heritage Lottery Fund money available, Christine recently went to an oral history meeting, and there was a speaker from the grant approvers. Monies available are from £3K to £50K and it has to be for conserving something, educational, wide community involvement, something that is not already being done, is time focused and has specific aims.

Suggestions for this were leaflets, eg walks around Totley, an exhibition stand, oral history, or use for something more dynamic such as a small sketch/play production. It must be fun and realistic.

The following people spoke about research they are progressing:-

Bill:-

Bill is writing the history of Harry Brierley from 1930 to when he died in 1948. His auntie was Harry's secretary, he has Auntie Winn's briefcase, and he is sorting through the information in this, there are many interesting stories.

Dorothy:-

The Totley War Memorial work is continuing. Dorothy has written a letter appealing for information to The Totley Independent and Dore to Dore.

From this the Head of Notre Dam School has called her to say he is taking a group of pupils to the war graves and he is willing to visit the graves, say a few words at the grave and the pupils will write some words.

Mary Crossland has also been in contact, her uncle was killed in World War I but he is not on Totley's memorial, Dorothy has discovered he is on the Norton Memorial. Dorothy thought Mary may be a good candidate for oral history.

All the information collected will be placed on the website and put in Totley Independent and Dore to Dore.

Jean

Jean is researching the history of the houses on Chapel Lane, There is number 1 and 2 which is now one dwelling, and then number 3 and then 4 and 5 which are now one dwelling. The original pinfold is also here. She has documents of mortgages/deeds of the properties. We could perhaps have a meeting when we all bring in our deeds to see if any of the names correspond.

Sally

Sally reminded everyone about the meeting Dave Gash has arranged for 1 June at Totley Library at 7.30 pm for Friends of Gillfield Woods. Sally also plans to do her walks again, the old Totley footpath walk, Edward Carpenter and Totley Radicals. She is also involved in a women's walking group and walks around Sheffield, she has contributed part of her radical walk and also Big Moor and the archaeological site.

Ann

Marlene asked Ann to let everyone know she has put an appeal on Sheffield Forum for orphans from Cherry Tree to contact her. Marlene has received contact from one person and asked us to think of any questions we have.

Logo Competition – 2 logos have been chosen and these will be amalgamated, one is the Totley Tunnel and the other is the writing of our name which will be placed over the tunnel logo. Ian is progressing how this can be drawn for the computer.

St John's Abbeydale Festival – Saturday, 5 June. Ann is coordinating the rota for this, if anyone can help or has anything for this please contact Ann.

Fanshawgate Visit – Following our visit to the Fanshawgate we raised £125 in our collection for Cynthia Ramsden which has gone towards Christian Aid and Oesophagus cancer research.

Date and Time of Next Meetings

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

23 June – Speaker – Suzanne Bingham regarding local history research

21 July (3rd Wednesday of July) – Walk by Sally, a shortened version of the Totley radicals walk, meet at the library at 7pm.

August – No meeting

15 September (3rd Wednesday of September) – Speaker – Thelma Griffiths regarding Longshaw Estate