

**Totley History Group
Totley Library
Wednesday, 28 October 2009**

Present: 40+ people

Tony Smith gave a very interesting talk and slide show about scenes past and present in Bradway and adjoining areas. It was fascinating to see how things have changed over the years.

Business Items:

Books/Archives – Sue has now got a large storage box with various books etc, some of which she has bound, all welcome to borrow items. Totley library cannot currently help with storage although they may be in years to come when the library is refurbished. Sue saw Brian Edwards yesterday and all his research is in the process of being bound, 56 volumes. **ACTION ALL**

School House on Totley Hall Lane – This has been sold at auction for £210K, currently it is unknown who has bought it, all to keep a watch on this. **ACTION ALL**

Christmas Party on 12 December, there will be a ceilidh band and mummers play, anyone wanting to reserve tickets let Sally/Ian know so we can gain an idea of numbers. £3.50 & £3 (concessions) per ticket. All to meet on 18 November at 11 Lemont Road for rehearsals for those doing performances. **ACTION ALL**

Share Your Photos Day – On Saturday, 5 December at the Dore Old School from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon there will be an open day for people to bring along old photos which we will scan. If anyone has any old photos or knows anyone who has they should bring them along, we will also record the stories associated with them. Martin Campton advised that the new landlady at The Fleur De Lys has found some old photos and he will find out what these are. **ACTION ALL AND MARTIN**

Rony and Sally did 2 walks for the Off the Shelf Literature Festival and will do these again next year for the history group. They did an Edward Carpenter walk who lived in Millthorpe and also a walk with places around Totley associated with Totley radicals, eg Harry Brierley and Edward Carpenter. Sally and Rony raised £100 for the history group and these will go towards recording equipment.

Sally and Dorothy went on a Woodland Heritage Day at Holmesfield. David Hey did a talk on ancient trackways and Mel Jones did a talk on Holmesfield Deer Park. They also studied woodland, tracks and boundaries. There will be more of these days and details can be found by googling “ukeconet”, it is run by Sheffield Hallam University by Ian Rotherham.

Bill Glossop saw an enquiry in The Sheffield Star where someone was asking about a young lady from Aldus Rod (Aldam) who was an ATS killed at gun battery aged 21, called Mary Wilkin. Bill remembered the family and after discussions with Richard Wrigglesworth found someone who knew her, she was his dad's sister. Sally will let Bill have the contact details so that he can let them know the information. **ACTION SALLY**

Research topics currently being carried out:-

Victoria Gardens

Big old houses

Archaeology

Footpaths

Totley's old mills

Maps

Medieval History

Shops, pubs, looking at history of houses

Richard Furness

Totley's links with Dronfield

Totley Tunnel

Farms

Edward Carpenter

Dorothy thinks a good new area to research is the names on the local war memorial on Baslow Road, there are 10 names from World War I. Anyone interested to let Dorothy know. Also, Totley in World War II could be researched. **ACTION ALL**

Pat Borland has information on the Creswick family and Ian will put this on disk for her. **ACTION IAN**

Friends of Gillfield Wood Group – Dave Gash thinks it will be a good idea to form a group for Gillfield Wood and will be putting an article in the next Totley Independent, all to contact Dave if interested. **ACTION ALL**

Any Other Business

Richard Tetley knows Geoff Pinder who is a descendant of Totley Bents, if anyone has any information regarding the Pinder family can they please let Richard know. **ACTION ALL**

Shrewsbury Terrace footpath, the current owner has left the property, if anyone has any information about usage of the footpath please contact Duncan. **ACTION ALL**

Sue has obtained a map of Totley from 1876 from Brian Edwards and is getting a copy of this for the history group.

Sally has been the chair of the Group for one year in February and would like to know if anyone is interested in taking over the role? **ACTION ALL**

At the January 2010 meeting the future direction of the group will be discussed, all to think about any questions /feedback regarding this and advise Sally, Christine, Ian for discussion. **ACTION ALL**

Date and Time of Next Meetings

25 November – An illustrated talk on Gillfield Wood by Bob Warburton
Saturday, 12 December – Christmas Party at the Totley All Saints Church

Dates of meetings in 2010 will be 4th Wednesday in the month, the first being 26 January 2010.

28 April 2010 – Joan Stratford – History of Totley All Saints School
Saturday during April 2010 – Fanshawgate Hall Visit

Sally is to see if David Templeman will give a talk to us regarding Sheffield Manor. **ACTION SALLY**

Sally is awaiting a response from Bill Bevan regarding a talk on either Tin Town or the Peak District, he is an archaeologist and photographer. **ACTION SALLY**