

Totley History Group
Totley Library
Wednesday, 26 January 2011

Present: 35 people

Roy Yates attended the meeting and gave a fascinating presentation regarding the history of surnames.

First surnames 1066 – 1400:-

Alfred
Athelred
Athelbeort
Ecgbeort
Athelstan
Wulfstan
Wulfric
Eadward
Eadmund
Hrothgar

They arose for tax records/legal and court proceedings/property transactions and employment/church records.

The categories they fall into are relationship, occupational, descriptive and geographical.

Relationship:-

Williamson – means son of
MacDonald – The Mac part means son as does the O' in O'Connor
In Welsh AP or AB means son of so many Welsh names start with an A or B.
Fitz also means son of

Occupational:-

Baker, Butcher, Webster (female weaver), Baxter (female baker), Smith (metal worker), Smythe, Wright, Tallboys, Fuller (wool making), Tucker, Walker (walking on the cloth), Ambler (nickname for walker on the cloth), Pinder (enclosure), Milner (miller), Turner (turned material on a lathe), Parker (man in a deer park).

Descriptive:-

Long, Small, Grant, Whitehead, Head, Hand, Legge, Foot, Kennedy (ugly head), Ponsford from Pauncevolt (man with big belly over the centuries consonant change lead to the name change)

Morris – From the Latin meaning black, dark skinned
Nature – Meek, Wylde, Peace, Shakespeare, Murray, Jolley, Pleasance,
Gulliver (French meaning gluten), Oliver, Olivier, Laurence (Latin
meaning laurel symbol of victory)

Geographical:-

Hyl (on the hill)
Dael, Denu (valley), Hole (hollow), Cumb (dale)
Gryfig – Bottom, Hop (in the valley), eg Hope Valley, Hopton, Glossop
Ramsbottom (lives in the valley with the sheep)
Broc, Beck, Wells, by the stream
Sic (wetland), Bourn (stream), Keld (spring), Font (fountain)
Woods – Wudu, Shaw, Hurst (wooded hill), Holt, Forest, Graf
Ford
Burh (man-made feature fort and given name borough), Castel, Cestre
(big fortress eg Chesterfield), Bridge, Cairn, Gates
Citrice, Kirk, Eccles (different words for church)
Hlinc (undulating hill), Holm (dry area in marshy country), Hlith, Clif,
Crag, Knah, Knoll (top of a hill), Edge, Ridge, Tor, Pic (peak), Bank,
Side, Chef (headland eg Beauchief beautiful headland), Ness, Beorg,
Mont, Penn (Pennines) Mellor, Ross, Don, Ofer

Influences our names come from – Celts 3500 BC, Romans 43 AD,
Anglo Saxons, Vikings, Normans 1066

Celtic Surnames – Carrick (store), Keld, Kelly, Penn, Ross, Mellor, Walh

Latin names – Yates, Grainger

Anglo Saxon – Ham, Tun, Worth, Feld, Leah, Royd

Scandinavian – Thorp, Thwaite (clearing), By (large village, eg Whitby)

Norman – Daubney, Bellamy, Beaumont, Beauchief, Bonser

Items:

None discussed.

Date and Time of Future Meetings

23 February – A sharing our research meeting.

23 March – Why the T'allistone, Majorie Dunn (An insight into what inspired the speaker to use Sheffield as a backcloth for her books. A peep into a very old Sheffield).

April – AGM followed by a speaker. Please note this date may be 3rd Wednesday of the month due to Easter, to be confirmed.

25 May – A sharing of research meeting.

TOTLEY HISTORY GROUP
23RD FEB 2011

Present: 25 – 30 people

1. Christine Shimell announced that the group had been successful in obtaining nearly £2000 from the Sheffield Community (Grassroots) Fund for audio equipment for oral history. A vote of thanks was given to the people responsible for obtaining this and for the hard work of Ann Lee and Christine. A Marantz machine had been bought and was ready for use.
2. John Beezer had been invited to the last Management Committee meeting to advise on the group setting up their own interactive website. The Committee was also consulting Dore Village Society about their website.
3. Ann Lee announced that Library had offered the group a week's exhibition using their display boards. It was agreed for members to contact Ann if they can help at all – especially with material (but not original material), making an information flyer etc. It was agreed to look at a date in early June.
4. Next meetings:
 - March 23rd Talk - Marjorie Dunne on Why the Tallistone?
 - April 20th Talk – Howard Smith on Turnpike Roads
 - May 25th Research Groups and putting the June exhibition together (bring material)
 - Sat June 11th Outing and picnic to Padley Chapel on the train.
 - July 20th Walk around Beauchief – the Abbey and the Hall - with Tony Smith (Bradway). Wear stout shoes.
5. The Committee had decided that Cherry Tree would not be suitable for the storing of the Archive. In discussion, it was decided to approach the churches and schools for possible space. Also to approach the landlord of the Cross Scythes for possible space or even for a mobile building in the Car Park.
6. Dominic announced that the Council were looking for people to nominate local buildings that contribute to an area's character. He has the criteria and will bring these to the next meeting and circulate where possible.
7. Marlene has been given the written story of the Pearson Family by Tom Pearson (of the Nursery in Dronfield Woodhouse). He is willing for the group to have this. Christine will investigate obtaining the right to make this publicly available. Sally would like to interview Tom who is 87, for the oral history archive.
8. Dorothy's husband had scanned old Totley Independents and put them onto DVD or CD with a search facility (instructions included). People wanting a copy should contact Dorothy. We may be able to demonstrate this with a projector and laptop at a future meeting.
9. Sally said that she was looking for people to interview who had particular memories of Gillfield Wood and the surrounding area. These interviews would be contributed to our oral archive and help with the research of the wood for the new Friends of Gillfield Wood Group.
10. Sally reported that Bill Glossop had written up a piece on the material in "Auntie Win's Briefcase." Auntie Win had been the Secretary of Harry Brearley, the inventor of stainless steel! The centenary of the discovery was set to take place in 2013 and the Museums were planning to celebrate this.

Sally said that she was sure the Museum would be interested in this and the Totley History Group could also put it on their website.

11. Christine showed the group the Marantz recorder. People wishing to take part in interviewing people will be able to get training from other members of the group. Some interviews had already been carried out by Christine and Ann and these were already contributed to our Archive. Other interviewees were being sought.
12. Dorothy, Pauline and Jim talked to the group about the process of researching the War Memorial Project. Useful sources of research had been:

- Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- Online - Ancestry.com (free in the Library) for medal rolls and military records
- Census returns (Archives, Ancestry.com and our own archive)
- Parish registers (Dore Parish Registers available at Dore Old School on first Sat of month. They have a lot of Totley material).
- Vicar of Dore has records of burials
- Record Offices in Chesterfield, Matlock and Sheffield
- Newspapers – Derbyshire papers available through record offices or online with a Derbyshire Library card.
- Admission records and log books for All Saints School – available through Archives
- People offering material in response to article in Totley Independent
- Talking to older people met on the street
- Some local newspapers also available from Dore Village Soc (as above) contributed originally by Brian Edwards.
- Online – Free BMD and Find My Past
- Personal memories of older acquaintances and friends (Jim)

The enthusiasm and “fun of the chase” from this trio of researchers was palpable. Members asked questions and contributed many experiences of their own.

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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 18th 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 6th 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.

Totley History Group A.G.M

April 20th 2011

Apologies Kerry Clarke, Norman Ralph, Avril Critchley
 29 people present

Minutes of last A.G.M circulated and proposed by Alan Byron
seconded by Dorothy

Chairperson's report

Christine told us about the logo competition and showed us the winning entry. Thank you to all entrants.

Research is ongoing. Subjects ranging from the Cherrytree orphanage to the Totley war memorial. A publication about the war memorial is to be published. Work is ongoing on the Totley radicals, footpaths and the turnpike roads.

We have received a grant of £1000 for oral history. We are to buy recording equipment. A working group is to be set up for oral history.

We have had some interesting speakers and visits. We visited Fanshaw Gate, had a talk from Rony, a walk with Sally and a talk about Longshaw estate. There was a good balance of talks ,visits and research meetings.

In the coming year we hope to have a new website and interesting speakers are planned.

Christine thanked all the committee members.

Treasurer's Report

Apologies from Norman. He sent in a report

We now have our own account. Funds transferred from Totley resident's account.

£1000.64 in account at present. We have broken even but it was suggested we might raise subs.£2 for members and £3 for visitors. This will help with the increase the library wish to impose. £6 to £20

Floor agreed to raise fees.

Accounts were passed and accepted.

Committee for next year Pauline proposed that Christine remained in the chair. Ann seconded it.

All committee are willing to stand again.

Dorothy to be vice. Marlene proposed seconded Mrs Norris.

Pauline introduced speaker Howard Smith who was to talk to us about Turnpike Roads.

He said he was a Whirlow man born and bred. Connected to Totley by an uncle who lived on Laverdene Road.

He traced the history of the prehistoric roads right up to the present day motorways. Concentrating on Yorkshire and Derbyshire and locally Totley Hall Lane and Old Hay Lane which is a very important ancient route.

A very interesting talk. Pauline thanked Howard and the meeting closed at 9pm

**Totley History Group
At Totley Library
Wednesday, 22 June 2011**

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25 People

Items:

Totley History Group Website - Matthew Shaw (who has created the Dore Village Society website) has shown us his mock up of our proposed website, it looks good, and we hope by the end of July we will be up and running and live.

Exhibition in Totley Library – This has been running for the past 2 weeks, it has been a success with positive feedback and was extended a week. It is proposed we will have another one in November which will feature the War Memorial research and this will coincide with Armistice Day

Storage for Brian Edwards' Information – Christine appealed for anyone who has some space if they could store some of Brian's works. Those who volunteered for this were thanks and all to contact Christine if they can help. **ACTION ALL**

Fleur De Lys – There is a planning application for the Fleur De Lys to pull down the barn and also erect a smoking shelter etc, the reference for the application will be in the July edition of the Totley Independent.

A Cup of Tea! – We now have facilities to have a cup of tea at meetings and we all voted that 20p would be a fair price to charge.

School House on Totley Hall Lane – Work has commenced on this building, the builder has said he will let us have anything he finds of interest, so far we have got some bottles and a fork which date back to 1827 when the house was first built.

Local Studies Library – On 26 July they are holding a research of historic newspapers event, it runs from 2pm to 4pm, to book a place you need to call them, there is no charge.

Marlene and Dorothy are going to meet Michael Hill next Monday he has information on the Hills re the War Memorial research, Cherry Tree Orphanage and also he has made reference to the Monkey Garden at Victoria Gardens.

We all then spent time in groups writing our memories of past owners of the shops in Totley on maps/sketches provided. Everyone thought it was an enjoyable exercise and provided lots of information. It was proposed that in the future we will create a Totley map showing the last 50 years of history and stories for the shops.

Forthcoming Meetings

20 July (a week early) – Meet at 7.00 pm at Beauchief Abbey with Tony Smith as our guide for a walk and talk around the Abbey and District. Strong shoes essential.

August – No Meeting.

28 September – 7.30 pm Lead Mining in Derbyshire by Jim Rieuwerts (with mention of smelting in Totley)

26 October – Open Library Meeting

23 November – The Turnpike Roads of Totley and District by Howard Smith

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Jim Rieuwerts came along to the meeting and gave a talk about the history of leadmining in Derbyshire, he is a member of the Peak District Mines Historical Society. He had many interesting pictures of inside the minds and it was a very fascinating talk. He may attend a future meeting to talk about the smelting works.

Dawn Coggins is involved in the archives for Dore and they are doing some archaeology research in Totley, Dore and Bradway and wants us to become involved, anyone interested speak to Christine who has Dawn's telephone number.

The members involved in the research project about the war memorial in Totley will shortly be publishing their works, this will be published before Armistice Day.

The Friends of Green Oak Park are raising money for the child play area, anyone interested in more information speak to Avril.

Sally is a member of SPACE and an inappropriate development has been brought to their attention for an application to build 2 big houses behind Stocks Green Drive, there is a green belt anomaly, if anyone wants to find out more speak to Sally who has some template letters to sign and send to the Planning Officer concerned.

The Friends of Gillfield Woods meet each 1st Tuesday of the month. On the 6 December Mel Jones is coming to talk specifically about Sheffield woodland, speak to Sally or Chris Measures if interested.

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prior to the turnpike roads. This talk will concentrate on the building of the turnpikes.

14 December – Christmas Party with Mick Williamson. Mick is a member of Vulcan Varieties and is treating us to a Christmas at the varieties.

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Tonight is a research/sharing information evening and gives the opportunity for anyone who is currently doing research to tell us all about it.

We started by announcing our first publication that Dorothy, Pauline and Jim have produced, it is about the War Memorial and costs £4.50, any profits will go to the History Group. Well done Dorothy, Pauline and Jim on this great booklet!

Marlene told us all about her research for Cherry Tree Orphanage, she has made contact with some of the orphans who lived there via the Sheffield Forum and acquired information about how they lived and what it was like living there etc, she has loads of information/photos and will want help in the future about how she is going to record all of this.

Marlene has also found an interesting newspaper cutting at the archives about Victoria Gardens and also a lady she knows who used to live at The Rifle Range house has sent her some photos.

Margaret Warwick talked to us about the Literary Society at the United Reform Church, every year they published a booklet and they give an interesting insight into their lives and attitudes. Margaret read out one of the stories from the booklet and also has photos of the people who attended the Society.

Richard Wrigglesworth has obtained information re Samuel Hill who assembled grandfather clocks from 1780 to 1810 in Totley.

Richard also has information regarding Victoria Gardens which he is happy to pass on to anyone who is interested.

Ann advised that there is to be a Sheffield and District Family History Fair at Norfolk Park on Saturday, 21 April, we are going to have a stall and will need volunteers to man it.

Is anyone interested in researching the history of the scouts, then Richard Frost the Totley Scout Chairman would like to hear from you

Marlene would like to speak to anyone who has any information about cricket played at Green Oak Park in past years.

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25 January – The Navvies with Ted Hancock

Ted will be talking to us about the workers and the building of Totley Tunnel.

22 February – Open Meeting at the Library

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28 March – The History of Grouse Shooting with David Hey

David's talk will be wide ranging and will include the gentry, the workers and the management of the local countryside.