

**Totley History Group**  
**Totley Library**  
**Wednesday, 27 January 2010**

**Present:** 25 people

**Items:**

Avril has met up with the architect for School House on Totley Hall Lane who advised that the owner, Kevan Tingle, is hoping to put it back to how it was, he is unsure if he will be living there.

Commencing this week for 6 weeks there will be an exhibition in Castle Market of old Sheffield photos.

Marlene has been doing a lot of work on the history of the Cherry Tree Orphanage and has found a thesis by Jack Handley. Marlene is currently copying this for the history group.

The history group has received an email from Rev Brian Cranwell from St Johns Abbeydale regarding a summer festival he is hoping to hold which will focus on local groups, he has no date for this yet but wanted to ascertain interest. Christine will advise him that we are interested and we will need to appoint someone to be responsible for this.

The Christmas Party on 12 December was great fun, the ceilidh band were very good as was the mummings play which is available to watch on the history group website.

The copying of documents day on Saturday, 5 December at the Dore Old School was a great success with many photos being brought along and people were also interviewed about their photos. Another one will be arranged in 2010.

All encouraged to attend the local history group meetings on Friday mornings 10am to 12 at Totley Primary School, there are currently only 4 attendees.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with us thinking about the direction of the group and structure of the meetings. A separate document with items we discussed is to be produced.

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### **What people like about meetings**

Speakers and walks

Socialising and meeting people

Sharing a common interest with others

Hearing about the research that members are doing

The Christmas party was a great success and an opportunity to have fun with history. It was suggested that we could use to film of the Mummers' play as part of any exhibitions we do.

Meeting people who have a common interest, and have local area knowledge

### **Research groups**

More sharing of research in our interest groups

It was suggested we alternate meetings for research and speakers.

Advertise the speakers locally

Time spent in research groups at every meeting.

Concentrate on smaller groups because people find it easier to take part and talk in a smaller group.

Projects to be more specific, detailed and focused on Totley.

More communication between members at meetings so that cross fertilisation of ideas and information can happen.

Study individual projects rather than in a group but need to ensure we do not duplicate efforts

More structured meetings, ie have an itinerary for so many months ahead so people know what is on

Tea and coffee and biscuits at meetings. We could make a small charge

We could have a list of what people are researching and each project has an owner.

Concentrate on smaller groups which could have separate meetings

Bring our own laptops to help others who are not able to use computers proficiently

Walks in the summer, not necessarily on history group dates. Then we could make notes and draw up maps and use these in our publications.

### **Do you meet with your interest group members apart from at the history group?**

I don't believe anyone does.

### **Activity suggestions**

Boundary walk. Would be as much fun finding out where the boundaries are as walking them

Research using house deeds. This is a resource not tapped at the moment.

Dividing Totley into geographic areas and concentrating research in these areas.

### **Possible speakers**

More speakers, suggestions were:-

David Templeman – Sheffield Manor

Longshaw Estate and use during World War I as a hospital. Not sure who the speaker is.

David Hey

Vanessa Tomlin – Fairground travellers

Howard Smith – Guide posts on the moors

Bill Glossop?

Ken Hawley - scythes etc

It was also felt that our speakers should be talking about Topley.

### **Other issues**

We need a central place where information can be stored and accessed by all.

The oral history project needs to get up and running as we are losing our older locals.

We need to set ourselves goals to work towards – publishing a leaflet; doing an exhibition....., otherwise the group just drifts along.

It was recognised and appreciated that Sally does an enormous amount to make the History group run smoothly. Now she needs to step back from this we need to fill the gap. A sub- committee/s could be set up to run the group - arrange speakers; sort agendas; get stuff copied and generally do the business of the group.

The meetings could be chaired on a rota basis.

### **What would you like the History Group be doing in 5 year's time?**

Newsletters published regularly for sale with research results and on special subjects – eg. history walks around Topley.

It was felt that any serious history group would be publishing its research.

More publicity and a higher public profile.

Doing exhibitions and festivals to share our research and get more people interested and joining in with what we are doing.

I (Christine) undertook to collate the views of the meeting and feed them back at the next meeting. With guidance from Sally about what's involved in running the group, we might also be able to set up a sub-committee at the next meeting.

**Totley History Group**  
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**Wednesday, 24 February 2010**

**Present:** 25 people

**Items:**

For the first part of the meeting we talked about the discussions at the last meeting and the ideas that were collated for the direction of the group and structure of the meetings. A separate document with items we discussed was produced.

It was agreed that a sub committee will be set-up and this committee will organise the structure of the meetings. We will then be able to have a programme for what is coming up and advertise this in advance.

Ideas for the role of the committee are:-

Organisation of the group.

Who is to chair the meetings.

Arranging a speaker, when required, say every quarter,

Producing agendas

It was felt one hour of each meeting should be given for people to sit in their individual groups if there is no speaker/walk arranged.

People put forward their names if they are interested to join the sub committee and are meeting at Jean and Alan Byron's house at 7pm on 10 March.

Ann has produced a booklet which includes snippets, photos. It was thought we could publish a booklet say twice a year and sell at events/festivals.

Sue has arranged some library tickets for borrowing the books that the history group has.

Oral history training is being held on 16 April at Weston Park, Ann and Christine are attending.

The local history class at Totley Primary School is restarting after Easter, this is very interesting and all encouraged to attend if they can.

Dominic will review the contact list for the history group, ensuring that all the email addresses are included and correct. **ACTION DOMINIC**

Martin advised that he has the will for Thomas Earnshaw, the fish and game dealer, who lived at Totley Grange.

Marlene is continuing her study of Cherry Tree orphanage.

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**Totley History Group**  
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**Wednesday, 25 March 2010**

**Present:** 25 people

**Items:**

For the first part of the meeting we talked about the discussions we had at the Management Committee held on 10 March, items discussed were:-

Have a more formal membership with membership cards, and an annual membership fee of say £3. When speakers are present or we have a walk we could charge non-members say £2 with members paying a £1.

Have an AGM each April to make us a more formal group.

Marlene will speak to the Heeley History Group to see how they run their group. **ACTION MARLENE**

We will propose at the AGM in April to agree the following:-

Pauline – Will arrange the speakers, if anyone has any suggestions for speakers please advise Pauline. **ACTION ALL**

Kerry – Secretary

Ann – Publicity and publishing

Christine – Chair the Management Committee and sometimes the history group.

Norman – Treasurer

Dorothy – Deputy for Christine

In future paper copies of the last meeting minutes will be available at the meetings.

It was thought it would be appropriate to have a logo. If anyone has an idea of one we think we could use bring them along to the April meeting and we will have a vote for them. **ACTION ALL**

Post Meeting Update – Ian may be able to help once he understands what is involved!

Research Skills – It was felt that some people are unsure on how to undertake research and it was thought we would narrow our focus for say 12 months and amalgamate the research groups, this will enable skill sharing and support, Suzanne Bingham will be attending the meeting in June to talk about how to progress research.

Also, we will keep a list of the active projects and update people at meetings, this may give others inspiration.

List of current projects being researched:-

Richard Wrigglesworth – Richard Furness

Martin Campion – Thomas Earnshawe

Marlene – Cherry Tree Orphanage

Dorothy – World War 1 Memorial on Baslow Road researching names.

Any help would gladly be received for the last 2 projects.

It was noted Pat Borland has lots of info regarding deeds and Cannon Hall.

St John's Abbeydale Festival – The setting up is on Friday, 4 June, the event is on Saturday, 5 June. If anyone has any documents or research they think would be interesting to present please bring to the next meeting. **ACTION ALL**

Ann is coordinating this, we also need to discuss who can help to man our stall.

We thought we would have another photograph day, this time in Totley in say June/July.

Post Meeting – Ian has scanned the photographs from the Dore event and will be putting these on the website.

Sue will do a list of all books/pamphlets about Totley. **ACTION SUE**

Other dates of interest:-

Talk by Bill Stone, ex tunnel worker, July meeting of the Hathersage History Group

Exploring local history at Stocksbridge Library on 26 March 2.30 to 3.30pm

Key sources for Family History at St Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, 22 April 10am to 4pm

19 May - OS Maps at Shirecliffe, Pauline has the details

24 April - Family History Fair at Norfolk Heritage Park, 10am to 4pm

Also, the local studies have a family history leaflet to complete to help you get started with research.

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10 April 2010 at 2pm – Visit to Fanshawgate Hall, for those walking meet at the bottom of Totley Hall Lane at 1.15 pm, we will give a donation to Cynthia as she opens for charity, all funds go to cancer charities.

28 April 2010 – AGM and Joan Stratford – History of Totley All Saints School

26 May – Research discussion

23 June – Speaker – Suzanne Bingham regarding local history research

28 July – Walk to be arranged

August – No meeting

22 September – Speaker – Longshaw Estate

**Totley History Group**  
**Totley Library**  
**Wednesday, 28 April 2010**

**Present:** 25 people

**Items:**

This meeting was our Annual General Meeting.

The following committee members for the Management Group were proposed and agreed:-

Christine Shimell – Chairperson

Dorothy Prosser – Deputy Chair

Ann Lee – Publicity

Pauline Burnett – Speaker Arranger

Norman Ralph – Treasurer

Kerry Clarke – Secretary

Sue Scattergood – Librarian

Other members, Jean and Alan Byron, Dominic Harris

Membership – It was agreed to charge an annual membership fee of £5 and then members will pay £1 per meeting. When non members attend for say when speakers are at the meeting they will be charged £2.

Logo Competition – There were 25 entries for this and voting will take place at the end of the meeting.

St John's Abbeydale Festival – Saturday, 5 June. Ann is coordinating the rota for this, all to consider if they provide assistance on the day or for setting up on the Friday.

Ann and Alan have been to see Kate Reynolds, if anyone wants to visit her please call Tony beforehand to arrange.

Joan Stratford, an ex-head of Totley All Saints School, attended the meeting and gave a very interesting talk about the history of the School, from when it first moved from the School House on Totley Hall Lane to the present day, how its attendance was affected when the Totley navvies arrived and the alterations that have been made to the building over the years. She also had many interesting photos. All the information and photos are in a book she has produced, if anyone wants to purchase a book please contact Joan via the History Group.

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**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.

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23 June – Speaker – Suzanne Bingham regarding local history research

21 July (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of September) – Speaker – Thelma Griffiths regarding Longshaw Estate

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**Wednesday, 23 June 2010**

**Present:** 25 people

**Items:**

Suzanne Bingham gave us a very interesting and informative talk regarding sources of local history we can use:-

Photos can be used for illustration of buildings, people, events, landscape. Old photos have been collated on the website [picturesheffield.com](http://picturesheffield.com) and search for Totley.

Early maps were done by individual cartographers, also there are early town plans from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Ordnance survey maps began in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, the first ones completed were for the vulnerable South Coast re the French Revolution. The maps for Yorkshire were first done in 1850, Derbyshire in 1870. Maps are kept at the Local Studies Library, they can be ordered online or purchased at libraries or in some bookshops.

There is a website called old maps, but this can be difficult to use.

Apprenticeship records at the Local Studies Library, these go up to 1820 when the system changed, they are also on the internet on Sheffield Indexes website. Also, a good website is Sheffield Records online.

Kellys, Whites, Trade Directories 1677 to 1974, 1774 was the first one for Sheffield and listed specialised trades, in 1787 added professionals and gentrys.

Census records began in 1801 to headcount the population, 1841 was the first useful one as it detailed everyone in a household.

Findmypast website - Can search on names and addresses.

Electoral Register is good for 20<sup>th</sup> century records.

Parish records from 1538, format of records until 1754 was for births, marriages and deaths to be registered in the same book.

War Memorials

Casualty records – A database of people who died in both World Wars.

War Medals – There is a war medal index card available on the ancestry website or national archive website at Kew.

Service Records – A lot were destroyed in WW2, they are on the ancestry website or national archive website.

War diaries – Each unit had an official record of activities, these are on the national archive website

Newspapers, local papers in WW1 published biographical sketches of killed/missing soldiers or wounded. Also local people's details such as births, marriages, incidents/accidents were in newspapers.

Also good items for information are, wills, apprentice indentures, hospital records, migration records, occupational and criminal records, poor law, skill records, education year books, musicians for musician festivals, members of amateur dramatics, personal items such as letters photos.

Where to go? – The Internet, local archives, libraries, museums, parish churches, family history societies.

### **Any Other Business:**

We have a stall at Mickley Hall on Saturday, 26 June, Christine has a rota for people to put their names on to help man the stall.

Membership forms were given out, all to complete and return at the next meeting or pass to Kerry.

The next meeting is the 21 July Sally will be doing a 3 mile version of the Topley Radicals walk, please note the earlier meet time is 7pm at the library.

Sally is also doing 2 other walks – the Edward Carpenter and his circle walk, 24 July at 11am at Holmesfield Church Car Park, booking essential and The Topley Radicals Walk, 31 July at 10.30 am, meet at Dore and Topley Station, booking essential, Sally has a leaflet with further details.

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August – No meeting

(3<sup>rd</sup> week of September) 15 September – Speaker – Thelma Griffiths regarding Longshaw Estate

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**Wednesday, 15 September 2010**

**Present:** 25 people

**Items:**

Thelma Griffiths attended and gave a very interesting talk regarding The History of Longshaw.

The Longshaw Estate was owned by the Duke of Rutland and the lodge was built as a shooting box for the then Duke to use whilst he was visiting his shooting estate.

On the 5th July 1927 all 11,533 acres of the Longshaw Estate went up for sale by auction. This huge estate ranged from Houndkirk and Burbage Moors in the North to Leash Fen, Eagleston Flat and Birchen and Gardoms Edge in the south. Also incorporated within this estate were three public houses, the Fox Inn at Fox House, The Chequers at Frogatt Edge and the Peacock at Owler Bar as well as many small farms in between.

The Sheffield Council bought some of this property and then later sold it to The National Trust who still own it today.

Thelma had many interesting maps and photos of the estate which showed how the lodge was used as a hospital in the War and then used by Holiday Fellowship. She also had photos of people skating on the lake, the quarrying of the stone that was undertaken and the 2 guide stoops on the estate amongst many others.

**Any Other Business:**

The Totley Show is on Saturday, 18 September, we have a stall so anyone wanting to help can attend to set-up from 10.45 am and then we can return to man the table from 1pm

The next scanning day is on Saturday, 2 October 11am – 2pm at the Totley Library, all encouraged to bring any photos or information which can be scanned and then returned straight back to their owners.

Copies of the constitution for the Group were handed out to everyone at the meeting and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Dorothy has received an enquiry from Dore History Group. The new owner of the Station Master's House on Abbey Lane is researching its history, Sue advised she can help and will speak to Dorothy.

Roy Yates will be attending the meeting in January to give us a talk regarding the history of surnames. If anyone has a surname they would like Roy to research, please let Pauline or Christine know at the October meeting and we can pass it on to him

### **Date and Time of Next Meetings**

27 October – A get together with Dore History Group.

24 November – Rony Robinson talking about his recently published memoir.

December – Date to be confirmed – Christmas celebrations.

26 January – The History of Surnames – Roy Yates

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).

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**Items:**

Logo – We now have a logo, it is Totley Tunnel with the words of Totley History Group around it, thanks to Ian Clarke and Craig Freeston from Designetc. for all their help with this.



Constitution – We need to have a constitution for when we are applying for funding etc. This was circulated at the last meeting and everyone agreed to its wording and voted accordingly.

Victorian County History are undertaking a definitive history of the UK and currently undertaking research in Derbyshire, including Totley. If anyone is interested in helping with this see Christine.

An Archaeology Group covering Totley, Dore and Bradway is to be set up, anyone interested please see Christine who has the details.

Ian Clarke has been given Archie Thomas's memoirs of his life in Totley, it is a very interesting read, and there is now a copy in the archives that Sue holds.

The Scanner Day held on 2 October was very fruitful. Gill Warburton brought many of Bob's photos of around Totley, Ian is currently formatting these for the website.

Sally circulated a leaflet regarding the Christmas Do. Rony and she are coordinating this and it will be on Saturday, 11 December at the Totley Library. If anyone wants to volunteer to read a story, poem, carol singing etc rehearsals are on Thursday, 2 December at Sally and Rony's house at 7.30 pm, 11 Lemont Road, we will also ask the Poem Group if they want to be included.

At the January meeting Roy Yates is attending to talk about surnames. He can research up to 36 names before the meeting. If anyone wants a surname researching please advise Pauline ASAP.

Anne Slater and Dorne Coggins attended the meeting from Dore Archives.

They explained they have collected a lot of information including parish magazines, census records, trade directories, monumental inscriptions, baptism, marriage, death records, a lot of transcribed material, hold records for Totley burial plans, grave plans as Totley Church was not built until 1924.

Their information is very much paper based but they are starting to put this on the internet.

They have published various booklets and books, they use the University or Starprint for printing and Pinders for display boards.

Things to bear in mind when publishing are font style, catchy titles, photos which need to be as good a quality as possible, the size of the book, acknowledgements.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from 10am to noon at the Old School Rooms Dore Archives are open to look at information or can make an appointment with either Anne or Dorne.

We all thanked Anne and Dorne for coming along to the meeting, they were very enthusiastic and informative about their subject and given us an insight of what can be done.

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Rony attended the meeting and gave a brilliant talk about his new book called "Who's Been Talking?", the memoirs of Rony Robinson. All agreed it was excellent with much laughter and entertainment it gave everyone. Anyone wishing to purchase a book please see Sally/Rony, all proceeds going to The Children's Hospital charity.

**Items:**

Christine has spoken to Cherrytree and there is a possibility of us having space there for archive storage. The room is heated and looks good.

Christine and Sue are meeting Brian Edwards this Friday regarding all the information he holds.

Sue handed out a list of all the books we have as a group, they are all available to borrow, please see Sue if interested.

Ann advised that Dronfield are not having their usual exhibition next year, however, Ann is looking at other possibilities where we can exhibit.

Christmas Party Celebration – This will be on Saturday, 11 December at Totley Library. It is proposed there will be turns, readings, monologues, singing, readings etc, rehearsals for this will be on 2 December at 11 Lemont Road at 7.30 pm. If you have not got anything but want to be involved Sally and Rony can find you something to do! Please let Sally know if you are attending the rehearsal.

Ticket prices for the party are £4 and £3.50 for concessions, all monies will go to fund raising for the Group.

Marlene is currently compiling a list of maps that the Group members have. Please let Marlene know if you have any and she also needs to know the district, area, scale etc

**Date and Time of Future Meetings**

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

25 May – A sharing of research meeting.

**POST MEETING NOTE:-** ticket prices for the Christmas celebration will now be same as normal meetings i.e. £1 members, £2 non-members.