



Shearsby History Group Minutes 23/2/2015

Attendees

Martin Reynolds, Sue Timms, Gaynor Barnacle, Nigel Walker, Ann Beeson, Keith Beeson, Jill Littlejones, Martin Littlejones, Richard Kew, David Durran.

Apologies

Pearl Bircumshaw

Structure

A discussion on the structure of the group took place.

We will advertise better for the next meeting. (MR)

We will take it in turns to supply the tea and biscuits. Martin Reynolds supplied this meeting. The Littlejones' volunteered for the next. (M&JL)

A subscription of £1 each was collected to cover the hall hire. If extra monies are forthcoming they will fund the cost of photocopying or other work on behalf of the group. The Community Association will be approached for possible financial assistance. (ML)

Martin Reynolds will Chair the meetings but we decided there was no need for any other formal position.

Aims

The aims of the group were stated as general interest and to capture, record and share.

We can share using the website, newsletter and have a History Record Book(s) kept in the village hall.

We may provide information for walking groups online or put leaflets in the Chandlers for customers.

We will discuss the possibility of a history trail around the village.

Topics

Topics for discussion include ancient and modern history, family history, commerce and business history, geographical (maps) history, Parish and Church history, and oral history.

A list of topics picked up from conversations include:

Droving herds into Leicester market: the stud horse; the turnpike, Nicholls History of antiquities in Leicestershire; Church silver; stained glass windows; deeds; Church wardens and vicars; The Timms' wall map; John Burton; Margaret Godsmark; Kath Wallis; Fleckney History Group; Geoff Smith at Lutterworth Museum; Civil war here and in Knaptoft; The screen in our Church is from the old Knaptoft Church; Carbon dating; 2 Manors; Rectories; Pubs; Harry Gadsby; Washing sheepskins on the other side of the A50; Washing sheep in the brook; Fell mongers and tannery; Watery Lane?;

Sources

Possible sources for the group include the Shearsby history book, libraries, records office, websites, photos, artefacts, memorabilia, diaries, maps, personal recollections especially from villagers that have lived here a long time.

Please note: we must keep source references at all times.

Dissemination

We considered having an Open day in the village hall in due course. Sharing with schools was thought to be a long way off yet. We could have talks and lectures with other history groups and experts.

Regular Meeting Format

Going forward the meetings will consist of round-the-table project updates with discussions after each report. Then if required new projects will be found for members.

Projects / Homework

Keith & Ann - farming history looking back over the last 200 years

Martin & Jill - housing history in Mill Lane (Post Office, bakery, etc.)

Richard - search out Bill Mackie's history records and see what they contain

Nigel - census information back to around 1841

Sue & Gaynor - diaries? An interest in dendro-dating older properties

David - Church history

Martin - Minutes, set up group on the website, information from and links to Nicholls books, library visits

