



## Shearsby History Group Minutes 27/04/2015

### Attendees

Martin Reynolds, Ann Beeson, Keith Beeson, Martin Price-Williams, Jill Littlejones, Martin Littlejones, David Durran, Man Lan & Phil Adams, Rosemary Sharp, Brenda Spree, Ann Charles, Sue Timms, Alan Bircumshaw, Pearl Bircumshaw, Nigel Walker, Ann Blaine.

### Apologies & interested others

Gaynor Barnacle, Sue Parker, Richard Kew, Paul Chawner, Jean Chapman.

### Structure

We thank the David Durran for the tea and biscuits. Bea Spree will cater for May.

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.

### Aims

General interest, capture, record and share, website, newsletter, Hexagon, History Record Book, filing cabinet space, information for walking groups, leaflets in the Chandlers, history trail around the village? Please keep source references. Open day in the village hall? Other history groups and experts.

### Projects / Homework / Discussions

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

Found a powder horn in their back garden believed to be from the Civil War.

Believe their house were Alms-houses in 1848.

Referred to the book of Leicestershire and Rutland privies which featured John Burton in one of the articles.

Made mention of Mr Stamp and also of the Leicester Museum records.

The Poor Law had an amendment to the act in 1834 which resulted in a workhouse being built in Lutterworth. As a result their house was sold off in 1840.

Phil & Man Lan -

In 1828 there were no loos in Arnesby

Bill Mackie's discs contain videos and photos of bygone parties and barbeques and of the Church.

Has paper plans for Tigh Rhu and an older will from Mr. Footman?

Will take on the challenge of producing a timeline for the village.

Bea -

Has typed handwritten notes from John Burton and presented them and a stack of Parish Newsletters to the group.

David - Church history

Presented a map of the fields of Shearsby with associated names.

The Church has had fires and the roof was burnt down.

Near the altar on the left hand side is a carved statue of Mary Magdalene, believed to be 13<sup>th</sup> Century.

The Church Terrier is a log book of fixtures and contents, windows and pictures.

The records office in Long Street has 1658 records, including one that says the vicar experienced rudeness at a festival and got an apology.

The bells date around 1620 to 1625 and are rung by moving hammers.

There are 5 stained glass windows depicting the crucifixion, ascension, women at the tomb and sleeping soldiers. One was donated by William and Ann Reeve in 1883.

Martin R. - Minutes and website.

Checked library records for any Roman occupation notes. Nothing specific to Shearsby, though Leicester and the County saw much activity.

The History Group now has a place on the village website. Check it out for minutes, links and scans of documents and book pages

<http://www.shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk/history.html>

Martin PW.

The cess pit on the Bank incurred a 6d charge.

The 1810 deeds to their house show it a brew house.

Talked of Watery Lane with its abattoir and Sheep wash.

Mentioned the Elliot's lived in the White House.

Has a contact who is a history expert.

Discussed the difference between a Post Mill (Shearsby) and a Subscription Mill (Arnesby).

Made mention of the Bake house.

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

Told of a cattle transport lorry from 1947.

Referred to a ledger book with a list of farmers from times past.

Nigel - census information back to around 1841

Provided a disc with census information from 1841, 1851 and 1891.

Believes John Burton has the windmill mill stone

Sue Timms

Has musket balls from the Civil War.

Mention was made of Cut Throat lane.

Has a large wall mounted map of Shearsby (MR to photograph)

Ann Blaine

The door in the Limes Cottage is from Knaptoft Church. The house was built in 1774.

Will research dendro dating

Pearl Bircumshaw

There were 150 steps up to the Church before it was tarmacked.

### Discussions and notes

Mention was made of German prisoners of war.

Talk of Hannah Reed, murderess.

Next meeting - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the village hall.