



Shearsby History Group Minutes 25/05/2015

Attendees

Martin Reynolds, Ann Beeson, Keith Beeson, Martin Price, Jill Littlejones, Martin Littlejones, David Durran, Manlan Adams, Phil Adams, Rosemary Sharp, Brenda Spree, Ann Charles, Sue Timms, Alan Bircumshaw, Pearl Bircumshaw, Sue Parker, Paul Chawner, Jean Chapman.

Apologies & interested others

Gaynor Barnacle, Richard Kew, Ann Blaine, Nigel Walker.

Structure

We thank the Bea Spree for the tea and biscuits. Rosemary Harris will cater for June.

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. £6 surplus.

Projects / Homework / Discussions

Martin L. & Jill

Talk of Saddington Close being 5 acres. It was decided that it was a field and not a road.

Phil & Manlan -

Correction: In 1828 there was an outbreak of typhoid reported in Arnesby, it was exacerbated by a shortage of loos. It was thought that a stagnant pond was the cause.

1544 there was a manor associated with Richard Turville.

1840 saw the Shearsby riots.

Cut Throat Lane was part of the footpath between Arnesby and Shearsby.

Accidents at the Mill. William Weston was "caught" in the mill and died. Also Mr. Wilds was thrown clear from the mill from a height and broke his bones.

1878 when the reading of the Church banns was read the bride-to-be's brother objected strongly as it was the first he had heard of the match.

1889 the mill was put up for sale.

Timeline for the village - Each member of the group is challenged to come up with 20 events that made Shearsby. Phil will then compare results and form a Timeline.

A visit to the Heritage Centre at De Montfort was proposed. It would have to be on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Martin R will approach David Austin and the Volunteer Bureau for the use of the mini-bus.

Bea -

The 1842 survey showed the village had 349 people.

Names of streets found included School Square, Butterpot Lane, Hill Street, Clarke's Alley, Church Street, Crown Bank, Back Street, High Street, Severt Alley, Three acre cottage, Cable Castle.

Thought it would be interesting to do a survey of artefacts found in gardens etc. and will prepare a leaflet for circulation.

David

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) record book used to be the electoral role.

A stock book from 1923 was looked at and prices for stock compared to today, i.e. cattle now worth £6000+ were then worth £17.

Martin R.

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 P.

An Indenture dated 1817 worth 5 shillings

The cottage was derelict but there was a brew house and a wash house.

White Gates on the Bank used to belong to Mount Pleasant. It was sold to David Durran's father and rented out by his family.

Brought a copy of The Enclosure Award of 1773, appertaining to Shearsby.

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

Grange Farm was known formerly as Shearsby Farm and was 55 acres. A letter showed it belonged to Henry Mitchell.

Paul & Jean

Aware that former villager Clive Garner has old photos of the village and will make contact.

Sue Timms

Brought a box of artefacts for display, including a crucifix and a bell.

Alan & Pearl Bircumshaw

Produced photos thought to be from the late 60's. They are to be scanned and added to the records.

The Chandlers was formerly a shop.

Sue Parker

Had the deeds to Old Crown Cottage on the Bank. Bank House was the Crown pub. Old Crown cottage was a brew house and cellar.

Next meeting - Monday 29th June at 7.30pm in the village hall.