



Shearsby History Group Minutes 24/04/2017

Attendees

Martin Reynolds, Norah Burton, Martin Littlejones, Jill Littlejones, Gaynor Barnacle, Alan Barnacle, Paul Chawner, Stuart Burton, Ann Beeson, Keith Beeson, Sue Parker, Nigel Walker, Sue Timms, Julian Timms, Martin Price, Jean Chapman, Phil Adams, Man Lan Adams, Margaret Godsmark, Sally Timms, Flo Timms, Friends of the Timms'.

Apologies & interested others

Ann Blaine, Alan Bircumshaw, Pearl Bircumshaw, Rosemary Sharp, Jane Timms, Chris Swaine, David Durran, Yvonne Smith, Phil Poncelet, Alan Bird, Ann Charles, Richard Kew.

Open Evening at The Timms'

April's meeting was held at the home of Sue and Julian Timms in Church Lane so that we could study the large- scale map and other artefacts that they have collected.

The map was dated 1886 and showed Shearsby and Arnesby in fine detail, along with field sizes.

An array of artefacts was on display on the table ranging from a William III coin to horse tackle, candle sticks, old photos, jugs, cream ladle, clockwork train, lamp and pans.

Some items were set aside as a "guess its use" competition. These included metal sight restrictors for horses, a long probe used to pull out a piece of hay from the centre of a pile to test its condition, thatch roof hooks and reels, a two man saw, a hay cutter, a fork for gathering potatoes and mangelwurzels, and a pitchfork known as a long tom.

An old wooden door was shown which was autographed by German prisoners of war who worked on the farm in WW2.

Our thanks go to Sue and Julian for an excellent evening.

Subscriptions have been passed to LOROS hospice at the request of Sue.

Next meeting

Monday 29th May, 7.30pm in the village hall.

We may hold the June 26th meeting in the ruins of Knaptoft Church (permission being sought). Shearsby was once a part of the parish of Knaptoft. Meet in The Square or by the village hall and we can car share. If it rains we will decant to the village hall.