



Shearsby History Group Minutes 31/07/2017

Attendees

My apologies but I did not take names as we were roaming loose. Well over 20 attended including some non-Shearsby guests.

Regular attendees and interested parties

Ann Blaine, Alan Bircumshaw, Pearl Bircumshaw, Rosemary Sharp, Jane Timms, Yvonne Smith, Phil Poncelet, Alan Bird, Ann Charles, Richard Kew, Gaynor Barnacle, Stuart Burton, Sue Parker, Sue Timms, Martin Price, Phil Adams, Man Lan Adams, Margaret Godsmark, Martin Littlejones, Jill Littlejones, Ann Beeson, Fiona Candlin-Gill, Madeleine Twigg, Martin Reynolds, Paul Chawner, Keith Beeson, Nigel Walker, Jean Chapman, David Durran, Norah Burton.

Minutes

We met in the village square and travelled to Knaptoft. We were greeted by Mr Neville Hall, farm owner (and District Councillor).

Mr Hall had some display boards and cabinets showing old coins, buckles and lead shot. Also a potted history of Knaptoft.

We were taken into the upstairs office area where we looked down upon the automated feeding / milking rotating platform. Cows were filtered onto the platform through a gate. Knowing they were to be fed was encouragement enough. As the platform slowly rotated milking suckers were attached to their udders whilst the cows chewed the nuts in the trough. When the rotation was completed the suckers were removed and a blast of air encouraged the cows to leave.

We then visited barns where calves were seen in various stages of growth. Then on to a holding pen for the next lot of cows to be processed through the milking stage.

Then we made the short trip to the Church remains and looked around, reading plaques and headstones.

A visit to the old Manor House ruins, which is due for a sympathetic modernisation, completed the tour.

Some of us enjoyed a glass of wine and the sunshine in the Church garden to complete the visit.

Next meeting

Monday 28th August at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome.