



## Shearsby History Group Minutes 29/01/2018

### Attendees

Martin Price, Martin Littlejones, Jill Littlejones, Ann Beeson, Martin Reynolds, Paul Chawner, Keith Beeson, Nigel Walker, Jean Chapman, Norah Burton with 2 granddaughters.

5 Guests from Gilmorton History Group (Pete Jackson secretary).

### 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, Phil Adams, Man Lan Adams, Margaret Godsmark, Fiona Candlin-Gill, Madeleine Twigg, David Durran.

### Minutes

This meeting was the first of what may be an exchange of visits and forging of links between Gilmorton History Group (GHG) and our Shearsby version.

After a brief welcome we found out that GHG have been going since 2016 and have 60+ members. Shearsby formed in February 2015 and we have a core of around 12 members but occasionally have 20+ attendees.

GHG were keen to note how we keep records on the village website and are considering doing the same.

We exchanged ideas about museum visits and speakers and said we would inform each other when we were organising something so that it may swell attendances.

We told them of our visits to Knaptoft Farm and Church Ruins, Lutterworth Museum, Shearsby's Church, the Timms' farmhouse, and of our speakers talking about windmills, also a visit to the war graves in Flanders. They told us of their contact with Lutterworth Museum (which is temporarily closed and looking for a new home) and about Wigston's Framework Knitters Museum. Also, of a planned visit to the Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground.

GHG meetings are usually set up as themed displays for people to browse which is practical for them as a sit-down meeting might prove unwieldy. Shearsby generally meet around a table and after taking turns becomes an open discussion.

We changed positions around the table so that the guests were flanked by the home team as it were. Then we opened the boxes of newspaper cuttings and photos and showed a glimpse of what Shearsby has uncovered.

### Next meeting(s)

GHG have invited us to their meetings in February. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm also Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00am. You can make your own way of course, or if you contact Martin Reynolds or David Durran we can arrange a car share option.

Shearsby History Group will meet next on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome.