

## 2015 Summer Newsletter

### News

#### Activities in March and April

Using some impressive photographs at the March meeting, Pat McLaughlin entertained us with plenty of information about local castles from the well-known such as Conisbrough Castle, shown right in an early 19th Century engraving, to the less obvious such as the motte and ditch remains of Laughton Castle. In April 'The history of mystery: magic through the ages' was the intriguing topic presented by Albert Smith.



#### Tickhill in World War 2



Following the publication of the Occasional Paper on Tickhill in World War 1 last year, its sequel on Tickhill in World War 2 has now been published. The Paper draws on all the work Carol Hill did for *Tickhill - discover its past*, but was not able to include many of the details and illustrations in the book. As before, we are most grateful to Linda Mayes and colleagues for selling the Paper, price £2, at KSM. More details of WW2 are given on pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter.

#### Summer visits

A day visit to a selection of Hull's museums has been arranged for 2 July. Please make a booking with Dorothy Bradley. The coach leaves the Methodist Church at 10 a.m. A visit to Hodsock Priory is already oversubscribed.

#### An album of local newspaper cuttings

Betty Hill, now a centenarian, who wrote the delightful Occasional Paper *Growing up in Tickhill*, has loaned our Society an album of local newspaper cuttings compiled by her aunt Florence Elizabeth Whinfrey (1885-1970). A digital copy is being made for our archive. Although the cuttings lack dates of publication and names of specific newspapers (do we always keep such details?) they are a rich source of information about local people in WW1, and the 1920s and 1930s.



#### Doncaster 1914-1918 Travelling Exhibition

Throughout July the 'Doncaster 1914-1918 at home at war' travelling exhibition will be in Tickhill Library. In addition, on 25 July, the 1914-1918 project team will be there in person with objects available for handling. You are invited to take your own memorabilia along to be copied on that day. It should be a very popular event. **Also...**volunteers are needed by the project for the following: events and education, digitisation, research, ambassadors with the travelling exhibition, and as digital champions to help volunteers and the public contribute to the project's website. Application forms available from [info@doncaster1914-18.org.uk](mailto:info@doncaster1914-18.org.uk).

#### Committee news

Mike Goddard has joined the Committee - good wishes to him in this new role. Lesley Nicholson and Roger Ransom are due, once again, to look after the Society's stand at the Doncaster and District Heritage Association's Local History Fair on May 16 (after the Newsletter goes to the printer).

#### The children of the Reformation

It is rare to find details about the lives of children before the Industrial Revolution and especially before parish records began, so an article 'Grave secrets - The children of the Reformation' in *Current Archaeology*, Issue 301, April 2015, pages 20-26, by Benjamin Penny-Mason, has been summarised for the light it could shed on what happened to children in this area, as well as the rest of the country, and will go in the Snippets section of our main website.

#### Notice of the AGM and membership renewal

The AGM will take place at the beginning of the Members' Evening on 17 September which begins at 7.30 pm. A buffet supper will be provided at this meeting, so members are reminded that there is no need to have a substantial meal beforehand!

Members may renew their annual subscriptions by taking £6 per person (preferably a cheque, but cash never refused) with details of name and address, in an envelope marked FAO Lesley Nicholson, to the Library before 17 September to avoid a long wait in the queue at the start of the September meeting. We hope you will all renew your membership. New members also welcome.

## **2015-2016 Programme**

17 September 2015	<b>AGM/members' night/archives/supper</b>
15 October 2015	Jean Townsend <b>Henry VIII, Victim or Villain?</b>
19 November 2015	David Bostwick <b>Beds &amp; Bedtime, Tudor/Stuart period</b>
10 December 2015	Christmas Social at The Millstone with John B Taylor <b>So you think you're British do you?</b>
21 January 2016	Lloyd Powell <b>Medieval Bawtry</b>
18 February 2016	Janet Stain <b>Knickers - a brief history</b>
17 March 2016	Victoria Ryves <b>The Great War on Tour</b>
21 April 2016	Simon Tomson <b>Everyday life in medieval England</b>
19 May 2016	Ian Morgan <b>Curious world of Old Time Punishments</b>