

Summer 2017 Newsletter News

March and April meetings

In March Mike Ogden described the regular transatlantic crossings for fare paying passengers in the Graf Zeppelin and the Hindenburg during the 1930s, a very different role for this type of airship used on bombing raids in WW1. The splendid facilities made for luxurious travel until the Hindenburg disaster of 1937 ended the flights. In April Malcolm Dolby spoke about Worksop Manor, shown right in the early 19th Century, a building designed by James Paine to replace an Elizabethan mansion. Only one wing of Paine's design was completed (enough for a grand house), but after the estate was sold by the Duke of Norfolk to the Duke of Newcastle in 1839, much of the building was demolished, some of the materials being used at Clumber Park.



Local History Fair

Thanks to Lesley Nicholson, Roger Ranson, Mike Goddard and Sally Tyas for looking after our stall at the Fair on 22 April when the WW1 banners were launched.

Website news

Peter Brown, who lives in Australia, has recently come across our main website and sent his memories of living in Tickhill in WW2 - he was 8 years old when the war ended. His father was the local GP and lived at Renong. Peter's memories can be found at the Book website under Chapter 15 'Tickhill and war'.

Metal detectorists' visit

While out walking the dogs on 15 March, Steve Payne saw some 40 detectorists from Doncaster Metal Detectors' Club scanning the field between Common Lane and the A1M just after you cross the bridge from Tickhill. Working systematically with their metal detectors they hoped to find interesting objects on what they believed was once a site of an old market. By lunchtime the day had not proved very productive but one of the detectorists said this could be in part due to the fact that the farmer had not ploughed the field this year so that buried treasures had not been brought to the surface. He did say however that one or two coins had been found. The club apparently can usually summon some 80 people. They pay the landowner a fee to use the land. For successes in unearthing treasures locally see the Occasional Paper 'Finding antiquities in the Tickhill area'.

Tinsley Court Rolls

Mike Goddard has received an update on the Tinsley Court Rolls. The University of Sheffield has awarded a PhD studentship beginning in October to help with the translation from Latin and interpretation of the Tinsley Court Rolls. Another task for the PhD student will be to liaise with a Heritage Lottery funded project, 'Tinsley Time and Travel', based at Heeley City Farm, Sheffield, to explore the relevance of the Rolls to contemporary Tinsley. Some TDLHS members will have attended the talk about the Rolls about two years ago when links with Tickhill were explained. For further details see <<https://public.engagementblog.wordpress.com/2016/09/tinsley>>

Talk on The British Army in France in 1914 'This contemptible little army' by Alan Cowpe

Arranged by the Braithwell, Micklebring and Clifton Village Memories Group, this talk takes place at The Ruddle Centre, Off Doncaster Road, Braithwell S66 7BB, on Friday, 26 May. Tickets price £10 to include pie and peas served at 7.15 pm prompt. (Bring your own drinks and glasses.) Tickets available from Sue McDermott Tel. 07932660852.

Notice of the AGM and membership renewal

The AGM will take place at the beginning of the meeting on 19 October which starts at 7.30 p.m. Members may renew their annual subscriptions, due in September, by taking £6 per person preferably by cheque payable to TDLHS (but cash never refused) in an envelope, with your name on the front, addressed for the attention of Lesley Nicholson at Tickhill Community Library. This will help to avoid a long wait at the start of the September meeting. We hope you will all renew your membership. New members welcome.

Snippets included in this newsletter

1940s Fashions

On 10 June a 1940s themed day will be held in Tickhill. An item on 1940s fashions includes how clothes rationing had an impact on bridal outfits, the popularity of hats, clothing given to returning servicemen (demob suits), reaction to the New Look and versions of adult clothing for children.

Albert Hauthuesen 1903-1979

This Dutch born artist lived in Tickhill during WW2

Sir Walter Urswick

Constable of Tickhill Castle when it was owned by John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster