

WINSTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER

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PROGRAMME FOR SPRING/SUMMER 1997

All meetings except June 23 are in the Market House at 7.30

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| January 20 | Workshop on oral history. Planning, interviewing, recording, editing, publishing etc. |
| February 24 | Tony Wood: Winster Underground. Illustrated talk on Winster's lead mines. |
| March 24 | Workshop on setting up a database for our local history projects. |
| April 21 | Dr David Kiernan: The Lead Industry in Winster: Medieval to Modern. Talk on the beginnings and the heyday of lead mining and its impact on transport and local society. |
| May 19 | Workshop. |
| June 30 | Village Historical Walk. |

Report of meeting on 16 December 1996

Christine Renouf was elected Secretary of the group and Geraldine Hopkinson Treasurer. We agreed to ask for a subscription of £5 from members (£3 concessions). Geoff Lester was to phone all people who had attended meetings to see if they wished to remain members of the group. [This has been done. We have approximately 30 members who would like to be thought of as 'active'. They are listed below].

Programme. We agreed to try a format of alternate monthly workshops and talks of more general interest. We will advertise the talks and hope to attract non-members. Workshops are informal. They may be on specified topics, but this doesn't prevent other subjects being introduced. One of the purposes of the workshops is to put like-minded people in contact so that they can work together in their own time.

Oral history workshop, January 20. Jan Shiers has done some tape-recording, including some involving schoolchildren. People who have attempted anything like this are asked to bring along any recordings they have made and to share their experiences with others in the group.

Map. The village section of the Ordnance Survey map (2nd edition, 1899) acquired by John Geddes has been photocopied (enlarged) and can be used as the basis for work on buildings, their occupants, their changing functions, etc. Copies of the complete map can be provided at a cost of £3 - £4 each. Tony Wood has a map showing commercial properties and pubs dating back to the 18th century. Copies will be available at the next meeting.

Heathcote Charity. Our application to this fund resulted in a grant of £50 to get our activities going. Secretary to send a letter of thanks. We will ensure that the money goes towards an activity of general benefit to the village, possibly a project involving the school.

First World War. David Skinner (Doe Lea Cottage, Main Street) hopes to devise a play concerning World War I and its impact on the village. If anyone comes across any relevant materials or contacts in the course of research, please let him know. Phone 650049.

Information. Now that we are members of the Derbyshire Local History Societies Network we regularly receive information about publications and events, such as meetings of other local history groups. Selected items will be mentioned in our Newsletter. A folder containing all the current information will be held by Gill Elliott (Market House, East Bank), from whom it can be borrowed.

Census. A problem for our research into Winster 100 years ago is the rule that census information is not made available until after 100 years have elapsed. Alison Gray will obtain a copy of the village census return for 1891 and bring it to the next meeting.

Suggested ways of organising our research

Jean Skyrme has suggested that we keep a Research Index in order to reduce unnecessary duplication. Jean has offered to collate, maintain and house it. She could also house any copies of abstracts or ephemera, and keep details of books etc. which members are willing to share or lend.

Tony Wood already has an excellent computer database of Winster's mining history, which he is planning to extend to cover more general village history. We hope he will be able to demonstrate this at the workshop on March 24.

Visit to Record Office

Payments of £1.50 will be gratefully received at the next meeting from those who attended the evening at the County Record Office on 25 November.

Steps to the Market House upper room

It has been suggested that the steps may be discouraging some of the older residents from attending meetings of the group. If anyone has heard of this please mention it at the next meeting.

Publications likely to be of interest [Copies can be borrowed from Geoff Lester].

Houses and Everyday Life in Weston on Trent. Weston on Trent Local History Society, 1994, 60pp. £3.00.

Change in a Derbyshire Village: Weston on Trent 1900-1950. Weston on Trent Local History Society, 1996. 60pp. £3.00.

[Both the above use a blend of written records, tape-recorded reminiscences and photographs. Very similar to what we plan to do].

Oral History: Principles and Practice. Derbyshire Local History Societies Network, 1995. 9pp. 90p.

Forthcoming events

23 January, 2 p.m. Lesser Known Sources for Local History, Derbyshire Record Office. Free. Contact 580000 ext 35202.

20 February, 2 p.m. Sources for the County's History. Derbyshire Record Office. Free. Contact 580000 ext 35202.

20 March, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Using Manuscript Maps and Plans. Derbyshire Record Office. £8. Contact 580000 ext 35202.

Photocopies [can be borrowed from Geoff Lester].

Extracts from the biography of Llewellynn Jewitt, who lived in Winster Hall 1867-8.

From the *Bulletin of the Peak District Mines Historical Society*:

N. Kirkham, 'Winster Sough'. (1966?)
 L. Willies, 'Winster and 18th Century Lead Mining'. (1968)
 D Heald, 'The exploration of Wills Founder Mine'. (1978)
 D. A. Nash, 'Anecdotes on Mill Close Mine'. (1978)
 P. R. Ineson, 'Belland ground in the South Pennines'. (1982)
 D. Penney and E. M. Dixon 'Horsebuttock and Winster Pitts Mines' (1990)
 T. Wood and D. Warriner, 'Horsecroft Shaft, Winster'. (1991)
 'Eric Fisher of Winster: An Obituary'. (19920)
 G. Hardy, 'A shaft and workings in the garden of Mooresfold' (1993)

Winster Village Historical Group: active members January 1997

Campbell, Hilary	Rock View Cottage, West Bank	650853
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Elliott, Gill	Market House, East Bank	650278
Forster, Freda	Pinfold Cottage, East Bank	650110
Geddes, John	The Old Farmhouse, East Bank	650364
Gray, Alison	Sunnybank, Wensley Road	650264
Hope, Frances	North View, East Bank	650575
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Kewin, Joe	Rose Cottage, East Bank	650676
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Lester, Marg	Orchard Mine Cottage, E Bank DE4 2DT	650090
Mason, Frank	Armature Cottage, West Bank DE4 2DQ	650738
McDaid, Jane	Angel Cottage, Main Street	650692
McManus, Gwen	The Old House, Main Street	650320
McManus, John	The Old House, Main Street	650320
Mitchell, Sheila	The Old Force, Main Street	650220
Newton, Clive	The Old Manse, East Bank	650480
Pellow, Jill	Burton House, Main Street	650130
Rawlence, Anthea	The Old Manse, East Bank	650480
Renouf, Christine	Rockside, West Bank	650759
Shiers, Jan	The Headlands, East Bank	650523
Shiers, Rod	The Headlands, East Bank	650523
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Skyrme, Jean	Old Shoulder of Mutton, West Bank	650778
Tomlinson, Hilary	The Old Bakehouse, Woodhouse Lane	650629
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Watson, Charlie	Rock View Cottage, West Bank	650853
Wilson, Carolyn	Gable End, Main Street	650757
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