

WINSTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
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Oral History Group

Tuesday 10 June 7.30 at The Lodge, Main Street

The group consists of about 10 people who are recording the memories of some long-term residents of Winster and others who have moved away. This is proving to be a very enjoyable enterprise on both sides, and we are grateful for the time people have given us and for the documents and photographs they have made available for our archives. As word gets round the waiting list of potential informants gets longer, so more help is always needed. Our meetings are very informal and at them we report on work in progress. This time we are meeting at the home of Betty Dawes (the former Crown Inn) and everyone is welcome.

Outdoor Meeting and Social

Sunday 22 June 2 p.m. at Heathcote House, Main Street

(Please note that the date 20 June mentioned in a recent leaflet was an error.)

Anne and Emlyn Walters have kindly volunteered the use of their lovely walled garden for us to meet and share a drink. Anne will provide the garden and cups of tea. Please will others bring a bottle of wine or a few crisps or nuts. That way we can make it a party.

To add an 'historical' element we are planning a few other things (not yet confirmed), e.g. a look at Heathcote House and/or The Old House (home of John and Gwen McManus) and possibly an Historical Treasure Hunt.

This is a chance to get to know everybody better. Don't miss it! New people welcome.

Meetings in the Autumn and Winter

Meetings will resume after the middle of September. I am beginning to put a programme together and would welcome suggestions. I also would like your comments on the general organisation of meetings, e.g. whether alternative monthly talks and workshops are the right format, whether in the coldest months we should use a venue other than the Market House, and so on. We might have a chance to discuss such things informally on June 22. Otherwise drop me a note or phone (Geoff Lester, Orchard Mine Cottage, East Bank. Tel. 650090).

Historical Guided Walk around Winster

Our plan to hold an historical walk (previously scheduled for June 23 and later for June 30) has been superseded because a very similar walk has been arranged by the Footpaths Officer of the Parish Council, and we are giving our support to that instead. It will take place after the church service on Wakes Sunday, 29 June, and before the concert by the brass band outside the Market House. It will last about an hour and the guide will be Tony Wood. See the Wakes Programme for further details.

(Incidentally, our walk round the village on Monday 19 May was cancelled because of the torrential downpour on that day.)