

WINSTER LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
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OUR NEXT MEETING:

Monday 24 November. An Evening of Nostalgia: Slides of Old Winster.

Some of the Winster places and personalities copied from photographs kindly loaned by villagers and former villagers. 7.30 in the Methodist Church, East Bank. Please will every member try to bring at least one village resident. Several people born in Winster have promised to be there.

Annual General Meeting

This will take place on Monday 8 December at 7.30 at the Old Shoulder of Mutton, West Bank. It shouldn't last more than half an hour.

Our Christmas Social

This will be held at the Old Shoulder of Mutton* on Monday December 8 immediately following the A.G.M. Jean Skyrme has kindly made her home available and responsibility for everything else rests with the other members. Please bring a bottle and some light refreshment or a snack. Partners also welcome.

**As featured in Peak Practice.*

Programme of Talks for the New Year

We are putting a programme together. These are possible subjects:

Llewellynn Jewitt, famous occupant of Winster Hall 1867-1880.

How did they know where to sink their shafts? Is lead divining the answer?

Paths and Trackways in the Winster region.

The history of Winster Morris Dancers.

The church graveyard.

We also plan to use some of our future monthly meetings to describe work in progress by the workshop groups (oral history, buildings, field names), and perhaps to hold another slide show. However, we still need suggestions for subjects and speakers.

A Parish Map for Winster? Report of the Meeting Held on 20 October 1997

Thirty-five people were present at the Methodist Church, East Bank, to hear Wendy Bullar and Peter Fellows from Bonsall talk about their experience of producing a parish map. Wendy works for the Derbyshire Rural Community Council which is able to provide grants for rural action projects, including parish maps.

Wendy showed a number of colourful slides of parish maps, which demonstrated the range of formats they can take. The maps depicted villages in a variety of different ways: one illustrated the flora and fauna, another a bird's-eye view of the village, and a third place names and field names. Some had been painted, others were made from embroidery, batik, ragging, knitting, and one was a 3-D map. All had involved a group of people coming together, firstly to share their ideas and then to work together to produce the map. Wendy gave examples of the benefits of such projects. For instance, in one village a map of the flora and fauna led to land being reclaimed and walks established so that local people and visitors could enjoy the plants and wildlife. In another village the map was part of a project which involved tidying up local footpaths, after the village had been described as having the worst footpaths in the county. The group who worked on this became a strong community team and went on to raise funds for the village hall. Wendy commended parish maps as a way of celebrating a village and the people who live in it.

The Bonsall map has been produced in a double-sided format which has the map on one side and information about the village on the reverse, including local geology, architecture, mining, local business, farming and annual events such as the carnival. The map was given free to every household in Bonsall and is on sale to visitors. Peter explained it was the culmination of eighteen months' work which grew from a discussion in a local pub. Small groups of residents worked together to research the information and many villagers contributed their time, memories, photographs and expertise.

The map cost in the region of £7,000 to produce; this covered the time given to the project by a local graphic designer and an editor, plus printing costs of £2,800. The graphic designer and editor donated half of their fees to the project and this was used as 'matched funding' to obtain grants. Wendy suggested possible sources of funding for such a project and gave the group a list of helpful books and other publications. She and Peter would be happy to give advice and further information to anyone interested in working on a similar project in Winster.

Christine Renouf

Reports of Workshop Groups

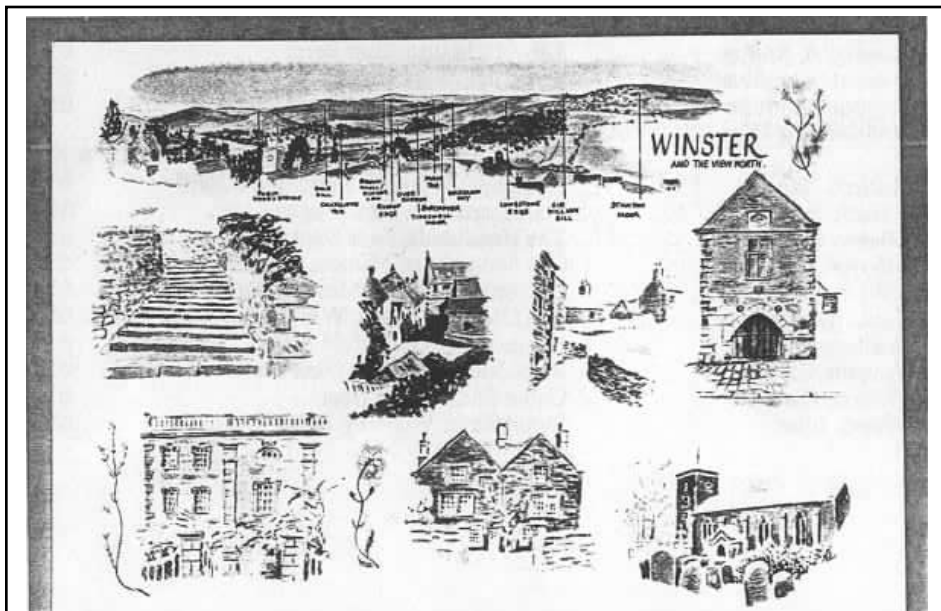
The Oral History Group met on 27 October. We briefly discussed progress so far, the quality of recordings, transcription and publication, etc, and assigned new subjects for interview. Next meeting: Monday 12 January 7.30, Rock View, West Bank.

The Buildings Group met on 30 October and drafted a pro forma which we plan to use to record every building in the village which was here 100 years ago. Different individuals will be assigned groups of buildings to investigate. The idea is to draw together information on the separate buildings so that we can get a more detailed idea of the history of the village as a whole. Next meeting: Thursday 4 December 7.30, The Old Farmhouse, East Bank.

The group working on the Model of the Village met on November 17. Now that the base shape with its contours has been established, different individuals are taking responsibility for buildings, roads and rights of way, mines and field names. Measuring 5 feet by 3 feet and covering the area from the school to Oddo, it is going to be a very impressive model.

Colour Print of Winster in Aid of History Group Funds

Our regular activities involve financial commitments of one sort and another – expenses for speakers, materials for the model of the village, audio cassettes, slides, etc. – and it seems a good idea to try to offset these by raising money wherever we can to supplement what we get from subscriptions. With this in mind we have commissioned a watercolour painting showing views of Winster and the prospect from Winster Bank looking north towards Mam Tor. A limited edition print has been made from it, copies of which are on sale at the Post Office price £10. Solve your Christmas gift problems and help the Local History Group at the same time! The photocopy below gives an idea of the print (but doesn't, of course, do it justice).



List of Members November 1997

These people are either paid-up members or have indicated that they wish to remain members. Please pay any outstanding subscriptions to Geraldine Hopkinson. Thanks.

Bastin, Helen	Stepney House, East Bank DE4 2DS	650213
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Burnett, Lyn	The Old Rectory, Well Street, Elton	650015
Campbell, Hilary	Rock View Cottage, West Bank	650853
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Dawes, Betty	The Lodge, Main Street	650768
Dawes, Len	The Lodge, Main street	650768
Duncan, Graham	Gable End, Main Street	650757
Elliott, Arthur	Market House, East Bank	650278
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
Hammond, Brian	The Nook, Main Street	650848
Hope, Frances	North View, East Bank	650575
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Lester, Marg	Orchard Mine Cottage, East Bank DE4 2DT	650090
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McDaid, Jane	Angel Cottage, Main Street	650692
McManus, John	The Old House, Main Street	650320
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Mills, Sue	West Bank House, West Bank	650549
Mitchell, Sheila	The Old Forge, Main Street	650220
Newsam, Brenda	The Old House, East Bank	650186
Newton, Clive	The Old Manse, East Bank	650480
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Pellow, Jill	Burton House, Main Street	650130
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Shiers, Rod	The Headlands, East Bank	650523
Skyrme, Jean	Old Shoulder of Mutton, West Bank	650778
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Tomlinson, Hilary	The Old Bakehouse, Woodhouse Lane	650629
Walter, Anne	Heathcote House, Main Street	650342
Watson, Charlie	Rock View Cottage, West Bank	650853
Wilson, Carolyn	Gable End, Main Street	650757
Wood, John	Sunnybank, Wensley Road	650264