

Autumn 2014 Newsletter

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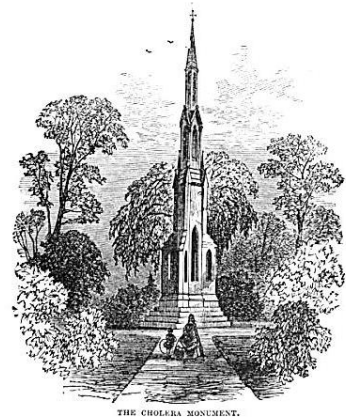
Summer visits



On a glorious July day 45 members visited the Bishop's House in the village of Norton Lees (shown left), the Cholera Monument, and Wincobank Iron Age Hill Fort, on a site giving a 360 degree view of the area, before the well-deserved meal and drink at the Queen's Head, formerly the Castle's Hunting Lodge. The visit benefitted greatly from having Lloyd Powell as an interesting and knowledgeable guide. Thanks go

to Dorothy Bradley for organising the summer visit.

The Cholera Monument, right, commemorates the deaths of 402 people in Sheffield during the 1832 cholera outbreak when 1,347 people caught the disease in the city. The Monument was completed by 1835 and positioned close to where the victims were buried. This land high above the city will never be built on as the disease stays in the ground. Curiously, given that cholera was a national epidemic and 1,960 people died in Yorkshire as a whole, in Tickhill there were fewer burials in 1832 than in preceding and



THE CHOLERA MONUMENT.

First World War History Fair at Tickhill Library

Some 240 visitors looked round the exhibition on 26 July (and more have subsequently viewed the various display panels). Thanks to all the helpers, especially to Lesley Nicholson who not only prepared displays but did a great deal of research in identifying those 348 men with Tickhill connections who fought in the War. See the snippets section for a sample of items on display. All the material will be kept in the Society's Archive. Once again Helen Wallder and Dr Charles Kelham came with a selection of material from the Local Studies Library and Doncaster Archives.

Raising the Society's profile

During the BBC Radio Sheffield Toby Foster Breakfast Show on 10 August a 5 minute slot was devoted to the friendship between Horace Brown MM and Aylmer Macartney (outlined in our Occasional Paper No. 16) as part of a series of WW1 stories. Horace's son Ken and Steve Payne were interviewed on the programme. The Society was mentioned in the Summer 2014 *Local History News* publication of the British Association for Local History with a reference to our 10th anniversary and our publications, especially *Tickhill - discover its past*.

Book launch

This very special event for the Society occupied the September meeting when members and Guests of Honour the Earl and Countess of Scarborough along with sponsors, celebrated the launch of *Tickhill - discover its past*, in all, a memorable evening. Carol was presented with a framed picture of the book's cover by the Society as a thank you for all her work on the book.





The Book Project Team with Lord and Lady Scarbrough

Archive

Among the books kindly donated to our Archive by the son of Dr Coutts-Wood (1912-1997), who was a GP in Tickhill 1946-1974, is Dr Edward Miller's 1804 *History and antiquities of Doncaster and its vicinity*. Doreen Bletcher has also donated several publications which she saved from the bin when Tickhill UDC Office was closed. See the snippets section for an extract taken from one of the papers.

Growing up in Bircotes

As a contrast to life here, we have a well-written insight into life in Bircotes in the 1930s and 1940s by TDLHS member Norman Jessop who has recorded his childhood memories while honing his keyboard skills on a new computer. Before marriage both his parents had moved from villages into the new mining community of Bircotes. Norman's full account is in the snippets section of our website under 'Early days in Bircotes'.

Doncaster 1914-1918 project

Doncaster Heritage Services have received a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of just under £1 million for a five year project to commemorate the Centenary of WW1 and its local connections. Doncaster 1914-1918 will include a programme of events and activities and a project to collect and make resources available relating to local soldiers at war and the Home Front. The public is invited to a launch of the project at Doncaster Minster on Saturday, 8 November from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local groups will be on hand to discuss their projects informally with members of the public and there will be three speakers. It is hoped to end the afternoon with a special light show.