

## Autumn 2015 Newsletter

### News

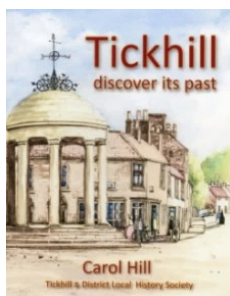
#### Summer visits

A fortunate group of members were able to make a private visit to Hodsock Priory in June before a second group went by coach to the old quarter of Hull in July. One highlight was a visit to Wilberforce House, right. The whole visit was led by Lloyd Powell who, during the past year, has also given a lecture course on British history for some of our members. Lloyd arranged several visits during the course - see page 4 of this Newsletter for some photographs of these visits.

#### New website

Launched in July, <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/search/> looks at the legacies of slave ownership. One aspect of the emancipation of slaves which has not received much attention is the compensation the British Government gave to slave owners (amounting to 40% of GDP). The website lists some 46,000 slave owners who received compensation ranging from, for example £13/0/2 for one slave to the second Earl of Harewood's compensation of £26,309/4/4 for 1,277 slaves kept on six estates in the Caribbean. Two slave owners lived in Doncaster: Christopher Waterton of Woodlands and Lt Gen Sir Fitzroy Jeffrey Grafton Maclean of Nether Hall.

#### Review of *Tickhill - discover its past*



The following is an extract from a review commissioned by the British Association for Local History: 'This is undoubtedly a well-produced publication. It is lavishly illustrated but not at the detriment to the written content, and significantly the old photographs are largely previously unpublished. The photos really bring the stories of Tickhill alive. It is a very accessible publication, reflected in the way in which it has been written and the content. A strong sense of local community is exuded through the text and photos in this book. It will inevitably be of particular interest to those with connections and a specific interest in Tickhill. Nevertheless, it may well be of interest to those further afield serving as a case study of the evolution of a medieval planned town for a wider audience.' Copies of the book are still available...with Christmas presents in mind!

#### New publication

A publication based on the life of Sarah Monk (1747-1848) and her family is now on sale, price £1, at our meetings and KSM (thanks to Linda, Lindsey and Claire). Sarah was widowed in 1785 when her husband drowned in Canada, then raised her gifted son on her own. She came to live in Tickhill to be near relations and earned the respect of the community. There is a memorial plaque to her on the west wall of St Mary's Church. Suggestions for other history profiles and offers to write them are welcomed.

#### Committee news

Special thanks must go to Sally Tyas for so ably chairing the Committee for the past 3 years (Sally's Chairperson's annual report is on page 4 of this Newsletter). All best wishes to Peter Welch who is Chair Elect.

Thanks to Lesley Nicholson for these photographs, below, of our Society's members visiting the Doncaster 1914-1918 exhibition on 25 July at Tickhill Library. Dr Charles Kelham and Helen Wallder spent the day helping visitors look at a selection of original material.



## Chairperson's Report

TDLHS has had another busy and successful year with a mix of interesting talks, outings and social events. The new Tickhill book launch set us off to a fine start and sales have gone so well that the second print run is nearly sold out.

Two particularly informative talks before Christmas were the history of Tickhill Castle by the inimitable Lloyd Powell and the session and slides about Amelia Staniforth's Journal. Given by Valerie Oxley - thankfully recovering from a severe illness - and Julia Colver, we were given a rare look at everyday life and special outings for the residents of Firbeck Hall in mid/late 1700's.

At the beginning of 2015 a talk on the History of the St. Leger was both surprising and fascinating and another favourite was Pat McLaughlin and his wonderful photographs and information on South Yorkshire Castles. We had a well-supported Christmas Supper and a suitably soporific talk at the Millstone and a raffle raised a healthy donation for Bluebell Wood.

Several members have attended two terms of lectures at the Library with Lloyd Powell and these will continue in September. We started with the Romans and as part of our learning Lloyd took a party to Wall and Lichfield to see Roman remains. He also organised a day visiting ancient sites in South Yorkshire. (See the photographs below kindly supplied by Mike Goddard.)

During the Summer although we didn't make Halifax we did make Hull and Hodsock. Hodsock was a delightfully sunny visit with cheerful host George Buchanan taking us where others don't usually go! - followed by home-made Afternoon Tea and the option of walking the garden. Once again Lloyd Powell was on hand for the Museums of Hull and a good day was had by all. He has also led other outings with the Hallamshire History group which some of our members have joined.

Hazel Horrigan gave two talks in church for members about the beautiful Fitzwilliam Tomb, and History Days at Doncaster and Tickhill focusing on WW1 were largely due to the dedication and effort of Librarian Lesley Nicholson and Roger Ranson.

We thank Hazel Moffat for the so interesting Newsletters and Occasional Papers and the staff at the Library (particularly Lesley) and at KSM (particularly Linda Mayes) for all their help. We are very grateful.

And finally as I bow out after three years as Chairperson, I want to thank a great Committee for their commitment to this Society. Everyone has something to give and it's given in full measure. It means TDLHS goes forward into the next season fit, well and financially healthy.

The Chair Elect is Peter Welch and Mike Goddard has been co-opted onto the Committee

And thanks to all you Members for your support, for turning out rain or shine, for being interested and interesting and for being Totally..... Tickhill (and District!)

Sally Tyas

### Visits led by Lloyd Powell



*Lichfield Cathedral (left)*

*Roman remains at Lichfield (below left)*

*Doncaster's Roman wall (below right)*

*Tattershall Castle (right)*

