

Chair's Report
Tickhill and District Local History Society
2015-2016 Season

At the time of the Society's last meeting in May, the membership had reached an amazing 168 persons. Not surprisingly they are primarily Tickhill residents, however a substantial number of people are from the surrounding area. This is a testament to the excellent programme, put together each year, by the Society's outstanding Secretary, Dorothy Bradley. Upon renewing her membership one of our member's kindly commented "We look forward to enjoying another year of fascinating history."

I would like to say a huge thank you to Dorothy for all that she does on behalf of the Society, without her dedication and commitment, the Society would not be the success it is.

Incidentally the most distant member lives in Aberdeenshire!

The Society's finances are in excellent health. To date 815 copies of the Society's publication "Tickhill - discover its past" have been sold, regular sales are continuing, albeit at a slower pace. Books are still available for purchase at KSM and the Library, price £20.

The supper which coincided with the AGM in September 2015 was a great success and will be repeated at the February 2017 meeting. Please note this event will be open to members by ticket only.

Lloyd Powell has been an influential figure in the Society this year, leading the very popular Adult History Course in the Library on Tuesday afternoons. The course re-commences on Tuesday 13th September. In June he also conducted a highly entertaining and educational guided tour of Lincoln & its Castle.

Many thanks are due to Hazel Moffat who continues to produce the Society's informative newsletters and fascinating Occasional Papers. A new publication "A Wadworth Childhood" will be available in the autumn and will be on sale in KSM as usual.

This year the committee has said farewell to three past Chairs, Steve Payne, David Walters and Peter Welch. Peter and David were involved in the founding of the Society in 2004. From small beginnings under their guidance, enthusiasm and expertise the Society has grown beyond all expectations. Their enduring legacy is the book, "Tickhill - discover its past". On behalf of the committee and members I would like to give our heartfelt thanks for their endeavours and wish them well in the future.

I would also like to thank committee members, past and present, for all their hard work. There are currently two vacancies on the committee; if you are interested in joining, please have a word with a committee member. It is not too onerous a task, honestly!

I hope you enjoy the new season, there is such a wide variety of events on offer, I know you will not be disappointed.

Lesley Nicholson, Chair.