

Chairperson's Report – 2014-2015

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)

