

Winter 2018 TDLHS Newsletter

News

Autumn programme



Our programme of talks began with a thoroughly engrossing presentation by Simon Tomson about Roman finds at Castleford. Some of the discoveries have not been found at any other Roman site, including the mould for a pewter spoon, shown left © Castleford Museum. In October Sonia Preece held our attention with a witty and informative account of 'Bess and her household' while in November Michael Fowler, a retired police inspector, revealed Alfred Hattersley's life of crime after gaining experience in local mines working with explosives. Hattersley broke into Co-op stores all over the north including here in Tickhill before moving to London, but of his 40 years of safe-breaking he spent 21 years in jail. With the closure of The Millstone, our

Christmas social and supper moved to the Tavern Hub where Eatons and the Deli provided the catering and Lloyd Powell entertained us with his presentation on the ghosts of South Yorkshire.

Committee news

At the AGM our Chair, Lesley Nicholson, announced the continuing growth of the Society, membership having reached 172. She thanked the committee for their on-going commitment and hard work, especially Dorothy Bradley for the excellent programme of talks. An extra meeting has been planned for June - details in the next Newsletter. Lloyd Powell's programme of history talks continues. Please contact Dorothy Bradley if you would like to join the waiting list. Also let Dorothy know if you would like to attend the Flower Power!!! February evening, a ticket-only event. Finally, welcome to Chris Pearce who has joined the Committee.

Website news

Steve Payne writes: 'The Society's website has had another good year. The photographs have now been viewed just short of 1.2 million times. Lots of contacts have been made locally and from around the world with new information added to the main website and the book website. Requests for information include a member of the Hansby family, now in New Zealand, asking for help to visit the Castle (access denied!) in spite of the family's association with the Castle since the 16th Century.' A new website has been created to share details about historical pageants and associated events. Tickhill's pageant in 1936 held at Tickhill Castle is featured along with all the events held during the week of the pageant. Go to the website 'The redress of the past: Historical pageants in Britain 1905-2016': <<http://www.historicalpageants.ac.uk/pageants>>. The website includes a blog with updates about research and exhibitions. This website may also be reached via the Links section on our main website.

Clerical errors

A blog by Tom Hughes outlines his research into a range of rather surprising stories about clergymen. Headed 'A tale of two clergymen' one of the stories concerns the sister of Tickhill's vicar the Rev Townley Gardner, Margaret. She married the Rev Charles Henry Butcher and travelled with him to Shanghai in 1864 where the Rev Butcher set up the first Anglican diocese in China. In 1871 Mrs Butcher returned to England for health reasons and lived with her brother and his wife in Tickhill. After the Rev Townley's untimely death in 1872, his sister, who had become close to Tickhill's curate the Rev Frank Chorley, moved with him to London, divorced the Rev Butcher and married the Rev Chorley. See <https://victorianclericalerrors.blogspot.co.uk/>



Very recent history: road repairs

This photograph, left, taken towards the end of the morning on 31 October 2017 near the junction of New Road and Pinfold Lane is included by way of a celebration.

As a result of the complete resurfacing of New Road and St Mary's Gate during 30 and 31 October it was possible, for the first time for many years, from 1 November, right, to drive along the two roads without having to encounter deep pot-holes.

(Photograph, right, © Tracy Medforth)

Snippets featured in this Newsletter:

Mystery pictures,

Examples of pardons granted by Edward II,

An Edwardian wedding.

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