

News

Recent programme

In a moving presentation at the January meeting, Tim Mulroy explained how his father and his father's twin sister, then aged 10, were rescued by Sir Nicholas Winton, known as the British Schindler, from Czechoslovakia on the eve of WW2. In all 669 mainly Jewish children were brought to England by train, the kindertransport, organised by Winton. Tim's father attended Maltby Grammar School and became a GP but was separated from his sister who later became a teacher in Liverpool. Tragically Tim's grandparents and another one of their children could not be rescued and lost their lives in the holocaust.

In complete contrast, some 70 members immersed themselves with much hilarity and energy in 1960s' nostalgia at the February Flower Power meeting. Thanks to Dorothy Bradley and others for all the arrangements which included a photo booth (there's an album for our archive), a DJ, Beatles 'tribute', twisting the night away and good food. Four members are shown right, keeping the joint jumping. More pictures from the evening are featured in a special COLOUR SUPPLEMENT ([click here](#)) attached to this Newsletter. Thanks to Lesley Nicholson and Janice Hampton for their photographs.



Additional meeting in June

As well as the scheduled meetings in April and May, there is an extra meeting to be held at the Tavern Hub on Wednesday, 6 June starting at 2 pm for 2.30 pm. It will feature Lesley Smith, curator at Tutbury Castle, in role as Anne Boleyn wearing her execution gown. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets price £8 will be on sale at our April and May meetings. Instead of a visit in the summer, it is hoped that there will be a visit in October to Tutbury Castle hosted by Lesley Smith. For more details of Lesley's work see website <tutburycastle.com/lesley-smith>.

New Occasional Paper - in colour!

Thanks to Philip Taylor, who contacted our website, we have been able to produce an abridged version of his Master's thesis explaining his search for the lost Anglo-Saxon village of Dadsley. Not only consulting documentary evidence, Philip also used several archaeological techniques to explore some of the land around the remains of All Hallows Church, which was excavated in 1988. While the church was built of stone, houses were constructed of wood, leaving little if any trace. In the end Philip did not locate a settlement, but his search makes most interesting reading for anyone curious about this early community in our area. Our first full colour Occasional Paper is on sale at Castlegate Cards (thanks to Lindsey, Claire and Linda) and at our meetings price £2.

Tickhill in the 1980s

The next Occasional Paper in preparation is on Tickhill in the 1980s. Do you, or anyone you know, have any copies of 'Tickhill News' a free quarterly newssheet produced by volunteers from 1984? We have copies for 1989 in our archive and Brian Brownsword kindly provided a copy from 1984 but we would very much like to make copies of other issues.



Local History Fair

This year's Fair, organised by Doncaster Heritage Services, takes place on Saturday, 28 April, at Doncaster Museum from 11am to 4pm. There will be plenty of stands showing the work of Local History Societies. The Heritage Festival lasts from 28 April – 13 May. A highlight of the Festival will be a talk by Philippa Langley, from the Looking for Richard Project, about the historical investigation and locating the grave of Richard III. Details of this, other talks, workshops, walks and events can be found on website www.doncaster.gov.uk/heritagefestival or phone 01302 734307.

War graves and the War Memorial

This new sign has appeared on the church gates opposite the end of St Mary's Gate. Most of the local men who lost their lives in WW1 are buried near where they fell on the battlefields but two are buried in this churchyard while some others are remembered on family gravestones. A project is underway to raise funds to renovate the War Memorial in time for the centenary of the end of the 1914-18 war. Apart from cleaning and repairing faded and missing letters it is hoped to add names of those troops with a Tickhill connection who lost their lives but who have not yet been commemorated here.



See the snippets section for the following topics which appeared in this newsletter

- Some local shops in 1963 and 1987
- Another Edwardian wedding
- 'A late medieval tannery at Tickhill' by Andrea Burgess and Phil Andrews