

Welcome to the Treeton Local History Group's new-look newsletter. It will be jointly-edited by group members Jean Noble and Steve Ruffle.

Initially, we plan to publish two newsletters per year. Our next issue is due out in Spring 2004, contributions for which will be welcome. The closing date is 15 February 2004.

Our best wishes and thanks go to Pauline and John Wilson who recently moved from Treeton to start a new life in the West Midlands.

Both were active members of the History Group, John being both Chairperson and newsletter editor. Pauline was joint-treasurer and joint-secretary.

They will be greatly missed.

Another recent departure from Treeton has been that of our good friend Steve Ruffle who, in his role of Community Development Worker, was a very familiar figure in the village. He took up the post of Funding Officer with Rotherham MBC in May.

Steve first came to Treeton as manager of the IT Centre and later became Community Development Worker, a post he held for four years. A founder member of the Local History Group, Steve started out as Secretary then became joint-secretary. He will continue to be involved with the group as joint-editor of this newsletter.

As Community Development Worker, Steve gave a tremendous amount of help and support to many groups, organisations and individuals

Thank you, Steve, for all you have done for the village. You will be missed, too.

There were a number of changes to the Steering Committee at this year's Annual General Meeting in April. The new team is as follows:

<i>Chair:</i>	Grace Stephenson
<i>Vice-Chair:</i>	Gordon Payne
<i>Joint Treasurers:</i>	Iris Gahegan/ Monica Walker
<i>Secretary:</i>	(Vacant)
<i>Minutes Secretary:</i>	Monica Walker
<i>Publicity Officer:</i>	Sarah Atkins
<i>Archivist:</i>	(Vacant)
<i>Joint Newsletter Editors:</i>	Jean Noble/ Steve Ruffle
<i>Co-opted members:</i>	Derek Walker Keith Finner Kevin Atkins

We are still looking for a Secretary, an Archivist* and anyone else who is interested in being co-opted onto the Committee.

All Group members are welcome to attend Steering Committee meetings. They are all on Mondays at 7.00 pm. Forthcoming meetings are as follows:

- 6 October, 2003 - Treeton Cricket Club
- 3 November, 2003 - Treeton Cricket Club
- 1 December, 2003 - Grace's house
- 2 February, 2004 - Gordon's house

Contact Jean or Steve for further details.

***Sadly, our Archivist, Hedley Frost, feels that it is time for him to step down from this prestigious role. We are indebted to Hedley for all his hard work and commitment.**

Subs Reminder

Would members who have not yet paid their subscription fees for this current financial year 2003/2004, please submit their payments (£3.00 individual/£5.00 joint) to the treasurer, as soon as possible.

Also in this issue....

- Eric Singleton's memories of Treeton
- Treeton goes on the World Wide Web
- Letter from Joan and Terry Bates, USA
- Next TLHG publication

...and much more►

88 Well Lane - Recollections of Treeton in the Fifties (Part 1)

by Eric Singleton

I was born on a Friday afternoon in the front room of Mam and Dad's house at 88 Well Lane, Treeton. I was born there and at that time because I wanted to be near my Mam!

It may seem a little brutal to say that I was born in the front room of a house but that was how it was in those days. A bed was brought down stairs and the midwife was summoned at the right time. Neighbours came in to help and the midwife opened her bag just at the opportune moment and produced a baby for the expectant mother.

Dad was one of the Yorkshire Miners, he had lived through the depression and two world wars, in the Second World War he had also served as an auxiliary fireman because Miners were not allowed to join the armed services and that was when in his late twenties he had met me Mam.

One of my earliest recollections is of Mam playing cricket with me in the yard when I was about a year old. This was a game I was to follow and play all of my life. I played until my mid-twenties then my knees gave out on me but I still watch it today.

Communal

The yard was a communal area to the rear of the houses that separated the houses from the coal houses and the outside lavatories. I would be over 5 years old before I used an inside lavatory or had a bath that was not taken in front of the fire. The yards were also where most of the recreation for the younger members of the families who lived on each yard took place. Gardens weren't for playing in but for growing food in.

Dad at that time was an avid gardener but then again all the men were. The Second World War had only ended 7 years earlier and rationing had only just finished in 1952. I was born that October, the youngest of three boys. Not quiet another mouth to feed but the planned last child of Cyril and Elsie.

Ailments

I remember vividly playing once with my cousin Peter who was about a year older than I was. Peter was the son of my Auntie Ivy and my Uncle Pat who lived at that time in same the yard as Mam and Dad. My recollections of Peter are very sketchy. If I remember rightly I was only about one year old and Peter was no more. His name was never mentioned again. Peter had died of one of the many childhood ailments of that time and was lost to us forever.

As I said earlier, Dad worked in the local pit as a miner and Mam stayed at home and looked after us kids. If she needed help, all of Dad's family lived on the yards of Well Lane. Pat and Ivy lived next door-but-one, Grandma and her bachelor son Wilf, lived in the next yard as did as did Judie, Percy and Edith, and Dad's youngest brother, Eddy, and his wife Margaret lived in the bottom yard. All of these people were related to me in one way or another when I was a child. All the men worked in the pit and all the women stayed at home to look after the houses and the numerous children.

Coal

I grew up in a time of relative plenty the country needed coal. Then it was the main source of fuel used to generate electricity, which was needed for our expanding industries. Dad and his brothers worked every day deep in the bowels of the earth to supply this need and at that time the rewards were good. My brothers both tell me that I grew up on the fat of the land, as they had both been born in the depths of the war.

When I was a baby Dad spent a lot of time working afternoons on a special development job in the pit. In the long periods of time whilst he was waiting to go to work, he used to take me in my pushchair on long walks down over "Moody's" fields and over the meadows to Whiston. The meadows and Moody's fields were the playground of my older brothers and their friends. The meadows were formed by the meandering of the River Rother and cattle and horses were grazed there all year round, weather permitting.

Washing machine

I remember when I was about three being taken to Rotherham on the bus to go to Peck's, a local department store, so that Mam could pick out a new (in fact her first) washing machine. She and Dad had saved up for the last six months for the deposit and Dad had been persuaded to sign the HP agreement. To get to the part of the store where they sold the washing machines, we had to walk past the children's three wheeler bikes. I jumped onto one and screamed and refused to get off of it, so Mam had to wait another six months for her washing machine.

(to be continued in the next issue...)

Eric Singleton now lives in Eastwood and is a Community Development Worker in Dalton and Thrybergh.

Treeton Shops of Yesteryear

Red Scott has compiled a list of the many shops he remembers as a boy growing up in Treeton.

Can anyone add to the list? Do you have any interesting or amusing anecdotes connected with these shops and their owners?

Bole Hill Wood
Mr Waldron (cobbler)
Mr Phillips (barber and coal deliveries)

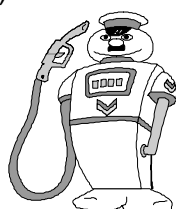
Bole Hill
Mrs Massey (house shop)
John Smith (weekend barber)
Alf Naylor (general)
Aubrey Scales (butcher)
Eversden's (grocer/off-licence)



Flatts Lane
Moody's Farm
Stackhouse (house shop)

Well Lane
Bilton's/Vickers (fish and chip shop)
Harvey's (general stores)
Savage (house shop)
Martin (dentist in Mason's house)
Raison (house shop)

Front Street
Parkin (butcher)
Walker (bread and confectionery)
Rossington (newsagent now PO)
Duckenfield (butcher)
Ashforth (petrol/paraffin)
Cummins (milk)
Brightmore (farm)
Companies Yard (house repairs)



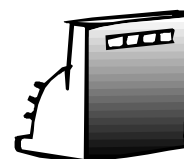
Wood Lane
Batty (grocer/off-licence)
Sandlands (house shop)
Edwards (house shop)
Nellie Chapman/Colley (ladies' hairdresser)
Doctor Carruth's surgery
Wilcox (fish and chip shop)

Church Lane
Billingsley (post office)

Station Road
Foers (undertakers)
Tilley Smith/Skelton (news/sweets/tobacco)
Skeet (barber)
Gladys Colley (wool and drapery)
Dougie Hague (cobbler)

Bob Gibson (house shop)
Alice Foers (green grocer)

Mildred Foers (milk, Rose cottage)
(and later)
Roland Payne (greengrocer)
Drake's (draper)
Co-op (grocery and butcher's)
Wolstenholme's (general)
Hoff's (fish and chip shop)
Station Hotel



Mill Lane
Booking office (for railway)
(and later)
Fred Cope's (betting shop)
Hobbs (general stores)

A Letter from our Local Historian friend, John Fisher

Dear fellow members of Treeton Local History Group

I am writing to thank members of the Committee for the new Treeton booklet with its delightful short stories – in a local context – in which most of the contributors had taken part or borne witness. Whilst most local histories take us back into the distant past – those periods we learnt about at school, it is refreshing to read accounts of local events and activities in which the contributors were participants.

I too had links with Treeton - circa 1960 to 1975 - first in association with St. Helen's Church and an ever extending link with the wider community. One ongoing evidence of my link with village is my published history of Treeton.

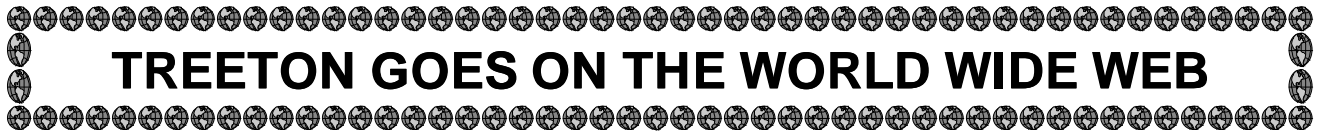
During my association with the village, I lived in Handsworth – my direct association ending when we moved to Anston, my birthplace, in retirement. Still affectionately bonded to Treeton and many friends but because of growing ill-health, my visits there are few but Hedley keeps me well-informed!

Christmas is approaching and no doubt there will be a busy postal link with our many Treeton friends - it's a lovely thing to be remembered! Incidentally I enjoy reading about TLHG activities with its ever-expanding membership.

At this point I will end my sharing with you, lest my letter of thanks develops into a I WAS THERE sketch of my twelve-year association with Treeton and the church on the hill.

Love to all - and Irene joins in the salutation.....

John Fisher



TREETON GOES ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Some very interesting and historical information about Treeton has been put onto the Internet and can be accessed at www.treetonweb.co.uk. Here the webmaster tells us all about Treetonweb:

Although I live in Rotherham, I have strong Treeton connections; my parents were born in Treeton; my grandparents lived in Treeton for most of their lives; some of my great-grandparents were born in the village. I spent a large part of my childhood here, attending the Primary School for a short while.

My father, Norman Clegg, had a large collection of local memorabilia which it had always been intended to lie at the heart of this site but, following his recent death, it has now become, in part, a tribute to him.

Aim

My aim for the History pages of Treetonweb is to provide detailed information and include unique and comprehensive stories about the history of Treeton and its residents.

The Internet, with it's global access, provides a wonderful opportunity to tell 'Our Story' and put Treeton on the map!

Changes

Never before in our lifetime have there been so many changes in Treeton. With the closing of the pit and the new housing developments, we feel it is all the more important to document the history of the village and it's people.

Typically, the present format includes a generalised history of the village with profiles of families closely connected to the editor, plus newly introduced sections covering 'Treeton's Greats' which includes an article about Jesse Pye.

Genealogy

Due to interest from ex-pats, together with e-mail enquiries, received on almost a daily basis – I introduced a Genealogy section.

I am actively seeking stories which will in-

terest not only the reader with links to the village but also anyone interested in our national heritage, including schools.

As a new member of Treeton Local History Group, I would like to work with members, and am open to suggestions from the group, as to it's future content. I have the enthusiasm and knowledge of web development - Treetonweb enjoys position number 1 out of 2370, in Google's search engine.

It was suggested recently that along with all the research I have accumulated, I could give a detailed history of every family in Treeton in the late 1800's and early 1900s!

My ultimate aim is not only to provide information, but in a format which would make it enjoyable and entertaining and will ensure viewers visit the site on a regular basis. I cannot do this without you.

Webmaster Treetonweb

Family Trees online to date:

Bartholomew | Bloom | Cawthorne | Clegg | Cummins | Frost | Haslam | Norton | Revill | Walker

Many ex-Treetonians have already contributed to the website. One enquiry is from Joan and Terry Bates in Maryland, USA, whose letter is reproduced opposite on *Page 5*. ►



After visiting the website, Jenny Evans contacted Roy Bloom to enquire of the whereabouts of the Treeton Cup and the plaque which was on the wall of the Village Garden.

Jenny's grandfather, the village GP Dr F N Coram-Evans, was a founder-member of Treeton Horticultural Society which disbanded a few years ago. He opened the Village Garden in 1967.

We have recently traced the cup, along with several other Horticultural Society trophies and will inform Jenny of our success.

These are to be placed in the safekeeping of the Treeton Partnership pending a decision on their possible future use. (*See Page 7.*)

Greetings from Joan and Terry Bates, Maryland, USA

I was pleasantly surprised to discover Treeton Web site recently and congratulate everyone involved in this venture, many of whom we know quite well. It has been put together in a very professional way and although it is just in its infancy stages it has every potential to be a gem of information not only for those still living in the Treeton area but for many ex-pats like ourselves who will always have deep and fond connections to the village.

To put that in perspective, on a visit to Treeton a few years ago, Joan and I walked up to the top of Pit Lane. I knew that the mine was closed down and wanted to go and have a look at the mine as we remembered it. The emotional shock that I experienced when to my disappointment I saw that the mine no longer existed at all was something that I will never forget. Coal mining and the Treeton and Orgreave mines were such an integral part of what Treeton and its people were, and had been for over a century, that my first thoughts were how are the new generations of children ever going to understand what mining coal meant to the lives of those that lived before them. Will they ever have an understanding of the life of the miners and their families? Your web site can be an important vehicle for documenting and sharing that information as well as means by which people can maintain contact with Treeton regardless of where they are in the world. Treeton Colliery was an integral part of my life since being a small boy when I would walk to the pit at Sunday dinner-time and take my Dad his Sunday dinner on a plate wrapped in a towel when he was working at the weekend loading materials in the pit bottom. The banksman would take me to the cage and put Dad's dinner on the cage. I would watch it go down to him where he was waiting in the pit-bottom. I remember thinking that going down on that cage must be the most scary thing anyone could do. Little did I know at that time that my whole career would be as a mining engineer and that career would start with the National Coal Board as an apprentice surveyor at Treeton and that my life would be always closely connected to the mining industry.

First, let me say "Hi" to a number of friends whose name I noticed on your Local History Group. Derek Walker and I went to school together and we played cricket for Treeton together. We also played football on the same team but Derek was also good enough to play for Rotherham United. We were also fellow members of the Treeton Methodist Social Club. I knew Fred Higginbottom well. Fred was a champion wrestler and you knew it when you saw those great shoulders. I also knew Walt Farmer well and he was a good friend of my brother-in-law David Harper. Hedley Frost and his sister Joan lived on Church Lane, and I believe Hedley was an avid fisherman who fished at times with Joan's brother Andrew Harper. I am curious to know if Bessie Roys is related to Albert Roys who was a Deputy at Treeton colliery.

It seems that for many years there has always been a proud interest within the village to document its history, the village life, and its people. I have a number of books and pamphlets that I have saved over the years some of which are mentioned on your site.

I also have a Program that was prepared in 1962 by the Treeton Horticultural Society called "Our Village". The introduction says: "This is a story of Treeton, a village near Rotherham, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. It is told by means of color film slides, coupled with tape recorded narration and music. It is a moving and sincere story of a typical Yorkshire coal mining village, and its inhabitants". There are a total of 147 slides that were taken by Ed Hinchcliffe and L. B. Thomas. Mr. Thomas was the Unit Chief Surveyor at Treeton and was my first boss. The narration is documented in the Program and all the slides are captioned. I only ever saw the presentation once. I cannot help wondering what happened to those slides and if they can be located it would be a wonderful achievement to have them put on a CD.

Additionally, my father Harry Bates, who worked at Treeton for over 50 years wrote extensively and documented his memories and experiences both in stories, anecdotes, and poetry. His story was published as a series by the Sheffield Weekend Star in November 1979. My father-in-law William S. Harper, started at Treeton at age 13 around the same date as my father, and became Under-Manager. He also documented his life story and providing extensive detail of his 50 years of experiences and the working conditions of miners.

About my own experiences. I was the Chief Unit Surveyor at Orgreave Colliery until 1966 when Joan and I moved to Canada with our two young children Stephen and Karen. I went out as a Mining Engineer with a British engineering company to work on the sinking of mine shafts in the potash fields in Saskatchewan. Since that time I have had the privilege of being involved in some of the largest and most interesting mining projects and federal programs all over Canada and the U.S. We have lived in Ontario, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Utah, and Maryland. For the Past 20 years I have been an Engineering Management Consultant for the U.S Department of Energy in Washington DC. I could go on forever about these wonderful experiences, however I am now somewhat retired, enjoying our four grown-up children and eight grandchildren. One of my hobbies is that I have accumulated a very nice collection of antique miners lamps from Britain and from many other countries, some dating back to the seventeenth century and beyond.

I will watch your web site frequently and would be glad to make any contributions to its content if you have any need. Please let me know if you are able to track down the slides for "Our Village". I will also find a way to order the John Fisher publications and Treeton Stories.

Our best wishes to all the good Treeton folks.

Joan and Terry Bates

From our Archives...

The Sheffield to Orgreave and Treeton 'Paddy Mail'

The following extract, which appeared in a 1956 issue of the 'Journal of the Industrial Locomotive Society', is especially valuable and is, therefore, reproduced in full:

"For many years 'Paddy Mails', or workman's special trains, were run between Sheffield Victoria Station and Treeton colliery for the 'day' 'afternoon' and 'night' shifts. The train was hauled to the 'Orgreave Colliery Sidings' by a GC loco, which might be anything from a 2-4-2T to a 4-6-0 'Lord Farington'. (Although it has been Orgreave for at least 150 years, the Railway people insist, in spite of protests, in adding the extra 's', hence 'Orgreaves Colliery' signal box).

Gingerly

No. 6 Loco which was fitted with a vacuum brake apparatus, then backed on to the train and took it gingerly down the bank. The train consisted of ten or so, I believe, ex-Great Eastern 4-wheeled coaches, with wooden seats, and without a shred of upholstery, with sundry windows broken or boarded up.

After stopping at the 'Paddy platform', i.e. the 'station' for Orgreave colliery, half way down the bank, it then went on to Treeton colliery. The train waited half an hour or so for the men from the previous shift and then returned to the GC sidings, the later part of the journey being decidedly hectic and enough to make a railwayman's hair stand on end. No. 6 was pushed or sometimes pulled by the train down the incline from Treeton to the junction of the GCR Treeton to Orgreave line with the Orgreave sidings.

Gradient

At this point No. 6's driver pushed his regulator right over to get some speed on the 200 yards or so of the fall to the foot of the bank. Meanwhile No. 3 or 4, which had been waiting in the siding, charged out and caught up with No. 6. and it's train and the pair of them went, all out, and in full gear up the bank, belching steam, smoke and sparks in profusion. The 1-in-30, gradient soon made itself felt and the speed dropped to around 5 miles an hour or less by the time they reached the 'Paddy platform'. The start from here on that gradient was a very tricky business, especially on a Friday (pay day) when the train was packed, and if the

rails were wet or covered in leaves from the trees that overhung the line.

Sometimes one or both loco would be on top dead centre, and they would have to drop back a little, perhaps once or twice, or one, or both, would slip or gently slide downhill but sooner or later, they would get away. Nobody seemed particularly bothered or to regard it other than all in a day's work.

Flood

In May 1932, there was a very high flood in the River Rother which carried away one of the piers of each of the three bridges over the river. This cut off all the traffic between the GCR and Treeton colliery for several weeks. A bus service was hurriedly arranged to take the place of the interrupted passenger train services which were not resumed."

(We are grateful to the Industrial Locomotive Society for their kind permission to reproduce this article. It first appeared in a booklet the Society published in 1955 entitled: 'The Rother Vale Collieries and Their Locomotives' by R. Taylor.)

Hedley F. Frost

New book nearing completion

The History Group is in the process of producing a new book entitled 'Gleanings And Recollections'. It is primarily a collection of articles by the late Tom Rossington.

Group member Hedley Frost is collating and editing this archive material to produce a fascinating insight into Treeton and local life over the years.

Hedley has worked very hard compiling this latest publication and we extend our sincere thanks to him for all the hours he has spent preparing it.

Sadly, because of his increasing years (Hedley's words) and the pressure of publishing 'Gleanings And Recollections', he feels he has to give up the office of Archivist.

'But what to do with this wealth of information I have accumulated?' asks Hedley. 'It must not be lost as has happened in the past. Our expanding township will be eagerly wanting to know of our fascinating past.'



It is vital that these archives are preserved. Can anyone offer any suggestions as to where they could be stored and kept safe?

We should also like to hear from anyone who would be willing to take on the role of Archivist.

Old Treetonians

Jack Cheesman OBE, Diplomat

Jack Cheesman OBE, Diplomat was born on 3rd July 1921. He died on 31st December 2001 aged 80.

Born and brought up in a Yorkshire mining village (Treeton) Jack Cheesman was one of the post war generation of diplomats who re-defined Britain's relations with its former colonies. He helped to fan the wind of change in West Africa, serving as Deputy British Trade Commissioner before and after Ghanaian Independence in 1957 and Nigerian Independence in 1960.

He was appointed OBE for participating in a less orderly transfer of power during the Bangladesh war of liberation against Pakistani occupation in December 1971. Mr Cheesman was sent to Dhaka because, as British Trade Commissioner from 1963 to 1966 he had developed excellent working relations with the East Pakistani officials who would be setting up the new Bangladeshi government. His instructions were to survive the coming war and present the first British High Commissioner to Bangladesh with a fully functioning office and a network of connections with whatever government emerged out of the conflict. He also negotiated a temporary cease-fire between India and Pakistan so that the RAF could airlift British civilians out of Dhaka.

English History Quiz

1. Who was Squadron Leader of 'The Dambusters'?
2. Which King of Scotland invaded England but was defeated at Flodden Field in 1513?
3. The Grand Remonstrance of 1631 was issued by Parliament against which English King?
4. Where in England did the first V1 flying bomb or 'Doodlebug' land during World War 2?
5. Who was the last English Monarch to belong to the house of Hanover?
6. Who became Lord Chancellor of England on the fall of Cardinal Wolsey?
7. Who landed at Torbay in Devon and assumed the throne of England in 1689?
8. Which personification of the English nation first appeared in a pamphlet published in 1712?
9. Which English scientist first delivered the series of Royal Institution Christmas lectures?
10. Which king of England was on the throne in 1642?

Answers in next issue...

Should Horticultural Society trophies be 'regenerated'?

I was contacted recently by Mary Foster, wife of Gilbert Foster, a former official of the now-disbanded Treeton Horticultural Society.

Mary had a dilemma. They had been handed ten trophies which had belonged to the Society and competed for by members over the years. These had been in the safe-keeping of Eddie Hinchliffe, an old stalwart of the Society and whose health is deteriorating rapidly. His wife, Sybil, had asked Mary and Gilbert to find them a home.

Mary had taken them to be valued but was told they weren't worth much and it would cost more to remove the engravings than they were worth.

I spoke to Hedley Frost, himself a past official of the Horticultural Society, and we decided that the best thing to do was to approach Treeton Partnership for their advice.

The Partnership is made up of individuals, councillors and representatives from many Treeton groups. They agreed to act as custodians of these trophies until such time as a use could be found for them.

There are seven large cups and a small one, a rosebowl and a shield.

We have already mentioned that Jenny Evans has, coincidentally, been enquiring about her grandfather's trophy, 'The Coram-Evans Cup'. This dates back to 1954.

The rest of the trophies are as follows:

Robert Staley Memorial Cup 1954
Gervaise and Winifred Riley Shield 1956
T A Scales Cup 1958
C H Smith Challenge Cup 1958
Harry Bloom Memorial Cup 1961
T H S Aveling Cup 1969
Edgar Fisher Rosebowl 1972
Jim Alton Memorial Cup 1979

It would be interesting to hear from anyone who remembers the people behind these names and what memories they themselves have of the Horticultural Society, the annual shows and associated events.

It would also be interesting to hear members' opinions on whether they think the trophies should be 'regenerated' for competition by Treeton groups.

Anyone who has any views on this, or memories they'd like to share, should get in touch with myself or Steve.

Jean Noble

A round-up of some of this year's past events

Starting on **May 1st** with the Spa walk. Our thanks to Rodger and Sue for enabling us to wander round this most beautiful part of the village. A rainy day ended in a lovely evening with the bluebells at their best, some twenty members came along.



31st May. Thelma and I manned our exhibition with some dozen other local history groups. This is an annual event held in the Arts' Centre, Rotherham. It was a great success and we sold £9 worth of books. We had no help and being busy, totally forgot we were in a short-stay car park (four hours) and this resulted in a £30 fine to spoil our day!



I contacted English Heritage over the old war-time gun-site on Hilly Fields and three of us met their representative. A very interesting afternoon was spent, filming slit trenches and other still-visible parts which have not disappeared under dumped rubbish. Unfortunately, not enough of the site is left to warrant a preservation order. It's been classed as a brown field site, so shall we see that lovely skyline defaced by housing, or worse. We have been promised all the information they have on the site, including aerial photos.



19th June: One of the nicest History Group meetings was the 'Bring an Artefact' one in the Cricket Club. Again it cost the group nothing, and the stories told were amazing.



31st July: A walk around Treeton village centre with 18 members and a visitor from Handsworth. On asking permission, we were allowed to look around Woodlands Farm, which was due to be handed over to developers in August. We wish our friends at the farm good luck in their new venture, and a big thank you for the added bonus of looking round the farm. Another successful evening ended in the Cricket Club where we said a sad farewell to John and Pauline Wilson, they will be sorely missed.

Hedley F. Frost

Schedule of future events 2003/2004

2003

Thursday 25th September 7.30 pm:
Traditional Sword Dancing: John Pitts
Treeton Methodist Room

Thursday 30th October 7.30 pm:
A Slide Show of Scotland: John Swift
Treeton Methodist Room

Thursday 27th November 7.30 pm:
Antiques Roadshow
Treeton Cricket Club

Friday 19th December 7.30 pm:
Christmas Party
Reading Rooms

2004

Thursday 29th January 7.30 pm:
A Bobby's Life: Gordon Payne
Treeton Cricket Club (provisional)

Thursday 26th February 7.30 pm
Nothing booked

Thursday 25th March 7.30 pm
Nothing booked

Thursday 27th April 7.30 pm
AGM (no venue as yet)



If any members have any suggestions or preferences for the format of the February and March meetings, please contact Jean Noble or Steve Ruffle. Similarly if you have any ideas for fu-

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