

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

The Society has been involved in many projects since its inception. A list of the Exhibitions we have mounted and the places we have visited are recorded separately.

PHOTOGRAPHS

In 1991 Neville Rawson and Tony Horsfall took photographs of the village to provide a pictorial record. David Price added to this in 2000. Trisha Shirt started an on-going project recording the houses of Hope with their occupants.

Mrs Money passed on to the Society many of her late husband's photographs and these have been catalogued by John Longden and form The Frank Money Collection

Members and local people have been generous in lending old photographs for us to scan, and we now have a large collection of copies of photographs. Our next project must be to catalogue these.

Members have tried to record alterations to local buildings or the disappearance of features such as Hope Market.

PUBLICATIONS

"Discover Hope"

In September 1996 Hope Parish Council asked the Society's secretary, Doreen Sedgewick, if the Historical Society would put together a guide for visitors to Hope and so our "little green book" was devised. It describes places of interest in Hope and the surrounding area, guiding visitors to the locations with the help of an annotated map and with delightful line drawings by Keith Green to illustrate the features described. Doreen Sedgewick drafted the text for submission to the Parish Council, and saw the whole project through to publication. The booklet was printed locally by Mill Farm publishing. A grant from "Living Landscapes" fund and a loan from Hope Parish Council financed the venture. The booklet was on sale by March 1997, in an amazingly short time from its inception, The loan was repaid to the Parish Council in April 1998.

Such has been the booklet's popularity with residents and visitors alike that in 2004 it became necessary to consider a reprint. Di Curtis and James Burton brought the text up to date for the 2nd edition and the project was financed with a loan from Hope Parish Council and a grant from Hope, Edale, Castleton Interpretation Fund. The loan was repaid in 2006. This excellent little guide continues to be an important source of revenue for the Society.

"No Flowers for Elizabeth". - Reflections from Castleton, Edale and Hope.

This book was a joint venture between the three villages under the auspices of the Hope, Edale, Castleton Interpretation group. The Historical Society set up interviews in Hope with local residents, who described their experiences of life in the village in the past. These stories were incorporated into a book edited by Steve Truelove of Yorkshire Arts Circus.

"100 years of Parish Council Minutes"

Part of the Millennium celebrations included placing extracts from the Parish Council Minutes in the time capsule which was later buried in the Millennium garden. Seeing these minutes prompted Councillor Joe Dalton to ask Edwin Chapman to write an abstract of Hope with Aston Parish Council Minutes from its inception in 1895. The result gives a fascinating glimpse of one hundred years of Parish business. Edwin used the original minutes to abstract information on specific topics, such as Charities, Education and Railways which makes access to the information much easier for the researcher. In addition Joe Dalton provided a list of chronological highlights from the one hundred years. He then invited the Historical Society to see the project through to publication. The Parish Council gave a loan for the publication which was repaid in 2007.

ARCHIVES

The question of archive storage first arose in 1996 and Barbara Hall offered space at Fulwood Stile for any items.

George Townsend also offered storage space for documents. Currently document archives are held at Joan & Tony Clough's. These have been entered on a computer catalogue by Di Curtis, Joan Clough and Ann Price

We are still looking for a suitable place where all our archives can be stored, one which will provide access to the archives for members and other interested people.

RESEARCH GROUP

This group has been meeting fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at Hope Valley College since 2004.

Our first project was on local houses and other buildings and members enjoyed finding out about their own houses with the use of maps, census returns and local knowledge. Other topics we have covered include

Buildings

Families

Poor Law

Charities

Education Parish Records.

We plan to continue our work with an oral history project. Meetings will be held in Hope Old School in the future.

VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY OF DERBYSHIRE

Joan Clough, Di Curtis, Ann Price and Jill Robson have been involved with this project for the last two years. They are researching various aspects of Hope's history for inclusion in the current volume of the Victoria County History of Derbyshire, meeting fortnightly in Matlock under the auspices of the County Editor for the History, Philip

Riden. Topics include topography, geology, archaeology, manors and estates, religion, education, charities, social and economic history and local government.

RESTORATION

The Society has been involved in two restoration projects in the village.

The Pinfold

In 1998 the Parish Council were alerted to the dilapidated state of the Pinfold. Graham Sedgewick organised a group of members to clean up the inside and David Price built a new gate.

The Guide Post

When the vicarage was sold in 2000 a site was needed to display a 17th Century guide post which had been stored in the vicarage garden after removal from its original site at the start of World War 2. It proved impossible to find this location, and so the Society, with help from the churchwarden, Maurice Dean, arranged for it to be placed in the churchyard. Hugh Wentworth Ping organised the stone pillar on which the guide stone rests and also a brass plaque to explain its history.

REPORTS

For several years now historical items and news of the Society's activities have been published in the Derbyshire Times and in the Hope Parish News. Notices of meetings appear in the Peak Avertiser. Contributors over the years have been Edward Chapman, Doreen Sedgewick, Joan Clough, Ann Price and James Burton.

Our trade mark posters are the work of John Longden, who is responsible for our publicity.

INTER-VILLAGE CO-OPERATION

Hope, Edale, Castleton Interpretation Group.

This group was originally set up with representatives of each village to provide interpretive panels of the area for visitors. Other projects have included "No Flowers for Elizabeth" and guided walks around Hope and Castleton villages and Edale hay meadows.

Guided Tours between villages.

We have visited Bradfield, Bradwell, Castleton, Dronfield, Byam, Hathersage and Great Longstone and have entertained these Historical Societies in turn. Edwin Chapman and Doreen Sedgewick were our first guides and their role has now passed to James Burton, Jill Burt, Joan Clough, Di Curtis, Margaret Peel, Ann Price and Jill Robson. We have been able to conclude our tours in St Peter's church with refreshments and this facility has been appreciated by everyone concerned.

Castleton Medieval Hospital

In 2008 Castleton Historical Society started a survey of the medieval hospital site near Spital Bridge and several of our members have helped with the resistivity and other survey work.

BEATING THE BOUNDS

It was suggested that in order to celebrate its twenty years of existence the Society should walk the Parish Boundary. Di Curtis planned the route - about 17 miles long and with over 3626 feet of climb, which included Lose Hill, Kinder and Win Hill. The walk was divided into three, with one group under the leadership of Sal Cave and Gill Glen doing the full circuit, starting and finishing at the Travellers Rest. A second party led by Charles Curtis started at Edale End and walked the northern part of the boundary, whilst a group under the guidance of Di Curtis traversed the southern boundary, collecting other walkers en route and all finishing at the Traveller's Rest for refreshments. Thirty people took part on a day of mixed weather. The practice walks undertaken by some members has led to the establishment of a walking group which meets weekly on a Monday.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 1995** The Society discussed the proposals for the Market Place under the Hope Environmental Enhancement Scheme, and a letter expressing concern was sent to the three authorities concerned.
- 1996** A plaque in memory of the victims of a Wellington bomber which crashed in February 1943 was put up by Mr Eric Robinson on his land near Veinbutt Villas. The Society donated money towards this
- 1997** Keith Green designed our Society Logo.
- 1997** Edwin Chapman produced a copy of the 1847 Tythe Map and record book which has been of great value for research purposes.
- 2000** Millennium Project. David Turton and Sylvia Kirk represented the Society on the Millennium Garden committee. Hugh Wentworth Ping provided a time capsule for burial.
- 2005** We held the first of the Society's popular Social evenings at the Traveller's Rest.
- 2006** A full Constitution for the Society was adopted at the AGM.
- 2008** 20 Year Anniversary Boundaries Walk.
20th Anniversary lunch at The Poacher's Arms, 29th September

WAKES WEEK EXHIBITIONS

1989	"War Time in Hope." Also "Things of Interest to see in Hope"
1990	"The Decade of the 1890's in Hope"
1991	No record.
1992-4	Keith Green and Alan Renshaw started their project to display an ongoing history. Over the years they produced twelve boards depicting scenes from ancient history to medieval times.
1995	"The Village in 1895" "If asked for display see if David Price will show his photos."(Comment in Society minutes) David has continued to do so nearly every year since.
1996	"Minutes of Parish Council" plus photographic record.
1997	"The People of Hope" plus centrepiece on the Society's newly printed booklet "Discover Hope"
1998	"Buildings" together with "Discover Hope" map showing their positions
1999	"Bygones" Exhibition in Methodist Hall. Our first independent venture. In church-Exhibition on "The First Millennium - The Romans".
2000	"Hope in 2000 Exhibition" Display of Time capsule and its contents.
2001	"Hope in the 20 th Century" A photographic Exhibition in the Methodist Hall. In church- an exhibition on the theme "Water".
2002	"Crafts & Hobbies".
2003	"Time for Leisure" an exhibition in the Methodist Hall.
2004	"The Family" exhibition in church showing three local families through several generations.
2005	"Houses" - a result of the ongoing research project on Hope's houses.
2006	"Roads"
2007	"Employment in Hope"
2008	"Wool and Sheep"

VISITS & EXCURSIONS

1989	Sept	Cromford Mill.
1990	April	Kelham Island Museum.
1993	June	Guided Tour of Chatsworth House by Judith Coggin.
1996	April	Crookstone Barn with Crookstone Barn Adventure Trust
	June	Birchfield with Trevor Bell.
	June	Bolsover Castle - afternoon visit
1997	June	Social Evening at Fullwood Stile Farm, home of Barbara Hall.
1998	April	Bakewell House Museum.
		Tour of Hope for Bradwell Historical Society.
1999		Wortley Top Forge with Mr G Parkinson.
		Guided tour of Hope for Stannington Historical Society.
2000	May	Bugsworth Basin Canal Restoration with David Frith.
	June	Torrs Industrial Heritage site with Dr Derek Broomhead.
	July	Dambuster's Museum via Vic. Hallam.
2001	May	Fire & Police Museum at West Bar.
2002	May	Visit to Bradfield for tour of village with Malcolm Nunn. ♦
	June	Castleton Museum and village tour, with Chris Thorpe and Peter Harrison.
2003	May	Visit to Bradwell, guests of Bradwell Historical Society.
	July	Archaeological Ramble with Di Curtis & supper at The Traveller's Rest.
2004	May	Longshaw Estate with Howard Smith looking at tracks and routeways.
	May	Severn Trent pipeline. Open Evening with Nottingham University Archaeological Unit.
	July	Heritage guided tour of Hope for H.E.C.I, entertaining Castleton and Edale.
2005	May	Longshaw Walk with Frank Galbraith - history of area including the estate
	May	Visit to Eyam for village tour.
	October	"Houses Exhibition" shown at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield as part of the Scarsdale Local History Fair.
2006	May	Visit to Dronfield for village tour. (
		Walk on Mam Tor - archaeology and geology with Di and Charles Curtis. This was repeated in the autumn.)
	October	"Roads Exhibition" shown at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield as part of the Scarsdale Local History Fair.
2007	May	Tour of Hathersage as guests of their Historical Society. Visits by Eyam, Dronfield and Great Longstone Societies to tour Hope.
	July	Social evening at the Manor House with Jill Robson.
	Sept	Archaeological Walk on Gardom's Edge led by Charles and Di Curtis.
2008	May	Tour of Great Longstone with their Historical Society.
	July 6th	Hope Parish Boundaries Walk.
	July 24 th	Visit by Hathersage Historical Society.
	Sept 29 th	20 th Anniversary lunch at the Poacher's Arms.
	Nov 1 st	Scarsdale Local History Fair, Chesterfield.

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