



Lambley Historical Society Review 2010

For the first time this year we had a speaker at the AGM- Captain GLS Dyer talking about his experiences as a Vulcan Bomber Captain. This was warmly received by members as a welcome addition to the AGM. We will look to continue with this format at future AGMs.

Thanks to Celia we had another interesting and varied range of talks and visits. One talk that generated a lot of interest from members and particularly the local community, was *The Last Post at Newton* by Tim O'Brien. This talk on RAF Newton brought back many memories for people and I know that Tim was interested in the audience's stories and recollections of their time or friends and family contacts with the base.

Medieval Myths and Legend stories by Gareth King made a memorable impact on the audience with his dramatic and dynamic character performance vividly bringing the stories to life. Our final talk of the year was by Janice Moulds who spoke about 17th Century Christmas. This was a fascinating talk which put into historical context many of the traditions of Christmas celebrations that we enjoy today.

Our outings this year included one to Cromford Village in Derbyshire where we enjoyed a guided walk around the village built by Arkwright. Our excellent guide pointed out places of interest. He brought them to life with details of the positive contribution Arkwright made to his workers' lives, by being one of the first industrialists to provide good housing and take an interest in the welfare of his employees.

In June we visited Ellys House. This was another interesting visit with its owner having a real passion for his house and its contents. The highlight of the visit was a tour of the hallways



Ellys House



A most fascinating hole in Cromford...

and bedrooms containing medieval wall paintings. For many centuries these had been painted over. They were only discovered again in the last century.

Our final visit in July was to Southwell with Val Henstock. Unable to be there myself, I understand from members that this was well attended. Also, as we have come to expect from Val, a fascinating guided visit around one of our local historical places.

Our meetings at the Women's Institute Lowdham continue to be a success with our members and 'visitors' including our

friends from the Lowdham Historical Society.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in and made our 30th birthday party such a success. The event started with a historical 'whistle stop' tour talk on Nottinghamshire (including Lambley) by our President Chris Weir. Followed by food, wine, quiz, raffle and a lovely birthday cake – yummy!

As you know Celia is stepping down as Secretary and Alan from the committee at the AGM. Celia has been our Secretary since the inception of the Society over 30 year ago. Celia along with Alan (behind every successful woman there is a man!) has made the Society the success it has been in the past and is today. Celia and Alan, on behalf of the Society thank you for all that you have done for us over the last 30 years.



Looking ahead to 2011

The committee has been busy putting together another exciting year of talks and visits.

The Society has been approached by Media Archive for Central England (MACE) to take part in a project in 2011 to record local film.

Their brief is as follows:

Tucked away in boxes in attics and sheds, cupboards and garages are the filmed records of families and communities which are a uniquely important window into our local and community history.

MACE the regional moving image archive for the East and West Midlands, is seeking 60 partner

organisations to look for this valuable material in their own communities as part of a project to find and uncover the hidden filmed heritage of the Midlands.

The project will provide new copies of film for depositors and for the community use in local schools, community archives and local collections. It will ensure the long term preservation of the materials found so that it can go on being used by future generations.

Further information can be found on their Website www.macearchive.org.uk

The committee is looking to organise an event to support MACE.

If any members would like to get involved with this exciting project then please speak to me. We plan to hold an event in the spring/early summer similar to the very successful Lambley Focus days we have held in the past, but this time focus on movie film. I will announce more details at our meetings in 2011.

If you have any film or know of anyone who has film that we could submit to MACE for archiving, then again please speak to me.

I would like to record my thanks to members for their support in 2010. I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and events in 2011.

To the committee members, as always, a sincere big thank you! Without your commitment, dedication and hard work the Society would simply not exist. Together, let us make 2011 another successful year for the Society.

Finally, and most importantly, we have to appoint a new Secretary to organise talks and visits. Will a member or perhaps a couple of members please come forward and volunteer to take this job on. Without a Secretary/s the Society simply cannot go on beyond 2011.

John Smith Chairman LHS.

Origins of Lambley Historical Society

In the summer of 1979 the Reverend William Gull of Lambley approached the Adult Education Department of Nottingham University to set up a course on local history in the village as part of the quincentenary celebrations of the church. A local History Research Group was established initially for one year. At the end of the first year an exhibition of church and village history was held in the church to coincide with the quincentenary celebrations.

The Society was established in 1980 from this Research Group and its work continues to this day. Over this period we have successfully involved the community in local history projects with special events where we have collected and recorded local people's history and photographs. We have published two books: Lambley a Village Study and Living in Lambley – both these books can be purchased from the Society.

The Society Today

The society is a friendly group that meets on a monthly basis. During the autumn, winter and spring months we have indoor meetings, where we invite guest speakers to give talks on a range of historical subjects with a particular focus on Nottinghamshire. During the summer months we organise visits to places of local historical interest which are sometimes not accessible to the general public.

We are always pleased to see new people who wish to join the Society or non members at our talks or visits. So, if you live locally and wish to come along then please do so. You will be most welcome.

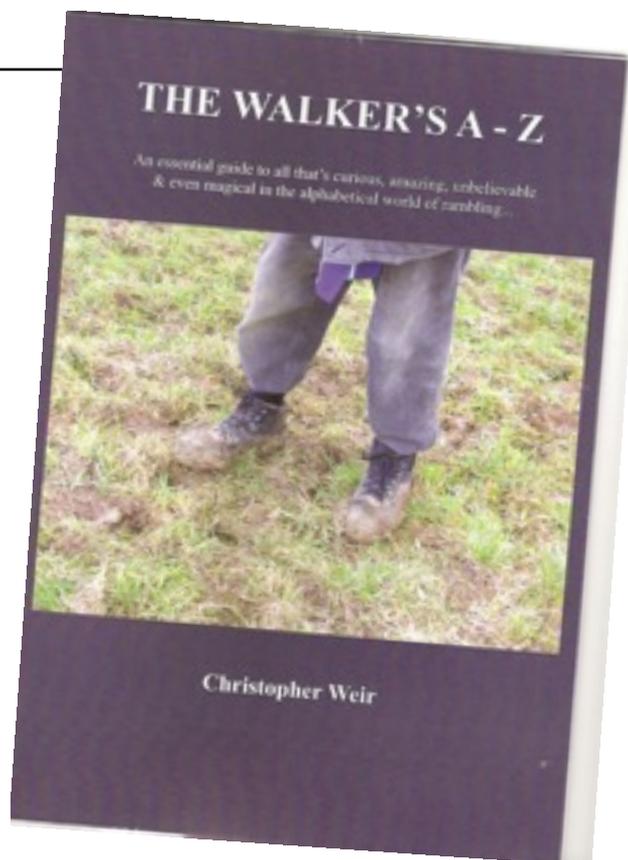
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WALKING INTO HISTORY

Chris Weir

Lambley delights in its surrounding network of public footpaths. Whatever the season, they offer a wonderful variety of views and landscapes. At one time footpaths were mainly a way of getting from one place to another but their use for recreation is more recent.

Many public footpaths were identified and safeguarded by the Enclosure Acts of the 18th and 19th centuries and a number of organisations evolved to help protect them for public use. In 1824 a Society for the Preservation of Ancient Footpaths in the Vicinity of York was formed to protect local paths and in 1865 the creation of the Open Spaces Society provided a focus for preserving common lands and footpaths all over the country. In 1932 the mass trespass at Kinder Scout highlighted the issue of public access to land for walkers. The formation of the Ramblers Association in 1935 attracted 300 affiliated clubs and 1,200 individual members. In more recent times, Long Distance Paths have been established, like the Pennine Way and Offa's Dyke, offering major challenges to enthusiastic walkers. The popularity of rambling has hit new heights since Wainwright's amazing series of books following his walks in the Lake District.



Over the past two years my brother and I have been tackling Offa's Dyke, though as we can only meet up for occasional days we are still only just over half-way! Apart from enjoying the lovely countryside along Offa's Dyke the walk gave me an idea for a little publication – I compiled a short 'Walker's A-Z', 'an essential guide to all that's curious, amazing, unbelievable, and even magical in the alphabetical world of rambling' – there's at least one entry for each letter of the alphabet. It's just a bit of fun really but there's a lot of historical snippets in it that I just couldn't resist! For H there is Helyer Jack (of course!). I've published it myself with copies donated to the Offa's Dyke Centre and I'm selling others to cover my costs, at £1.90p each or £2.70 by post from 28 Kirk Road, Nottingham NG3 6GX).

Since 2003, when it first began, I have supported the Nottingham Inclosure Walk. The Walk (about 5 miles) celebrates all the paths and open spaces, like the Forest and the Arboretum and finishing at the Inclosure Oak that was planted to commemorate the passing of the Inclosure Act that protects all the open spaces. The Act, related Award and maps are preserved at Nottinghamshire Archives (CA 6014). This year the Inclosure Walk will be held on Sunday 26th June (it usually starts at 2pm from the bottom of Queen's Walk). Along the route there are stops for short local history chats and it's good exercise – perhaps I will see you there!

Lambley Historical Society Treasurer's Report 2010

This has been another successful year for the Society, made memorable by the celebration of the 30th anniversary of our inauguration in September. We had a 'members only' party, funded by the Society, including a cake with candles. Unfortunately these remained unlit as we had not thought to supply matches!

Membership over the year has increased to 31, including two honorary members, most of whom attend the meetings on a regular basis. Membership subscription will remain at £10 this year and the charge for visitors will remain at £3 – very good value for excellent talks, a friendly atmosphere and tea/coffee and biscuits after the meeting.

We are very happy to welcome visitors, some of whom have seen our advertisements in the free press. We are happier still if they then decide to join the Society and take full advantage of all we can offer, including several summer outings to places of historic interest.

All in all, Lambley Historical Society continues to thrive and the accounts to remain in credit. We look forward to another successful year in 2011. **Jackie Mansfield, Treasurer**

2011 Programme

Monday, 31st January

AGM followed by Capt. Geoff Dyer talking about "Dambuster Guy Gibson – The Man"

Monday, 21st February

Peter Hammond takes a nostalgic look at the history of buses in a talk entitled "On the Buses: Remember the trolleybuses, back-enders and clippies?"

Monday, 21st March

Stuart Rose of Laxton will talk to us about this fascinating village (to be followed by a walk in May)

Monday, 18th April

Tina Lee will let us know about "Victorian Village School Days".

Monday, 23rd May

Guided walk of Laxton with Stuart Rose.

Monday, 13th June

Visit to Marston Hall Gardens and Hall, near Grantham.

Monday, 11th July

Val Henstock will give a guided walk of Plumtree and Normanton.

Monday, 19th September

Dave Walker, who is currently doing a survey of the Nottingham Caves, will talk to us on "Nottingham Caves"

Monday, 17th October

Jean Townsend will give us an insight into "The Real Queen Victoria".

Monday, 21st November

Ted White will let us know about the Georgian building on Beastmarket Hill, Nottingham called "Bromley House",



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