



All Saints Christmas Tree Festival 14 – 20 December

If you didn't manage to get to the church to see the first Christmas Tree Festival, you missed a treat. 20 voluntary groups throughout our village decorated a tree to reflect the work they do.

Each group was provided with a 5ft Christmas tree and a set of lights and this one was decorated by the History Club.

We used some of the DVD's we have produced over the years and printed out old photos and stuck them on the shiny side of the DVD, tied coloured ribbon through the middle and hung them on the tree. They looked very attractive, as did all the trees.

The overall look of the exhibition after dark and with only the lights of the tree, was very nostalgic.

The carol singing in church on the final night of the exhibition was well attended.

This is to become a bi-annual event in Wheatley Hill Church.

HISTORY CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2022

DUE NOW

We are very grateful to everyone who continues to support the History Club by paying an annual membership fee.

This is our only regular income and remains £6.00 per household for 2022.

PAYMENT METHODS

BACS PAYMENTS

Bank: Barclays
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MEETINGS IN WHEATLEY HOUSE

All Meetings Start at 11.00am

- 26 Jan Lord Gort (**ZOOM mtg**)
6.30pm
- 23 Feb Reminiscences
- 23 Feb History of Postcards (**ZOOM mtg**)
6.30pm
- 30 March Citizens Advice Bureau in the '60's



CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND

Thanks to the above fund, the History Club have been awarded £2178.58 this year. Thank you to everyone who supported the scheme at the Co-op and selected the History Club as their chosen cause. Joan and Sheila went along to the Co-op (in disguise) to collect the cheque on Saturday 20 November.

The money will be used in the continuing task of upgrading our archive holdings to the newest electronic format and will include our new documentary film that we are working on in conjunction with Lonely Tower Film & Media.

The task of collecting contributions from History Club members and other interested parties has already begun and those involved are loving the opportunity to talk about the past.

REMEMBRANCE 2021: WHEATLEY HILL ALWAYS REMEMBERS



Remembrance Day images by Keith Gilson



The History Club & The Heritage Society took the opportunity to attend the RBL (Wheatley Hill Branch) Service of Remembrance on the 11th Day at the 11th Hour at the war memorial and also the village event on Sunday 14 November.

Our wreaths were laid on both occasions by George Cook for the History Club and Keith Gilson for the Heritage Society.



REMINISCENCE

In the October newsletter I announced a new project to remember things in Wheatley Hill by people who were actually there at the time. In that article I said: *"It will provide accurate and informative detail about a way of life that existed before 1968, through the eyes of people who were there"*, and it did.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to that session and took part in discussions centred around a number of still images and our film of the winding engine. The end result was fascinating and will eventually be uploaded to YouTube.

Those who came to that session asked if we could hold another one and so Ian Craggs kindly offered to record a second session that took place in December, again with excellent results. We plan to hold yet ANOTHER one in February, so if you would like to be involved, try and get along to the February session. Date and time is on page 2.

The above is in addition to the already excellent oral histories available on our website and you can hear them by following this link: <https://wheatley-hill.org.uk/oral-histories>. Most of the Wheatley Hill ones were recorded in 2012 at the time of our Limestone Landscape project and they consist of memories from Albert and Jean Turner (nee Jordison), Connie Gregory, Dorothy Peacock, Keith Newton, Robert Frost, Tony Robinson and Jim Lomax.

There is also a much older recording by Finn Haddock, son of Lucy Hutton who was a pilot during the second world war and shot down in France. He talks of his experiences of his time in France and whilst it is not about the history of our village, it is a very important story about a local man, and told in his own words.

The above link will also give you access to Thornley oral histories which were recorded well before 2012 at the time of the Thornley Past and Present project.



Some of the images that were discussed

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We will be celebrating the jubilee by joining forces with the Mothers Club.

Everything is in the planning stages at the moment BUT we could do with your help.

We are looking for any family photos you may have of street parties or children dressed up etc at the time of the Coronation or any of the Queen's jubilee celebrations since.



Or any photos that members of your family had taken as part of a local group that were celebrating the Coronation or subsequent royal celebrations.

Babies born in 1953, weddings in 1953 - they will all add to a photo display we are planning.

More details in the next newsletter.

Wheatley Hill Community Association T: 01429 820214



OPENING HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 8.30am - 8.45pm
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