

WHISTON HERITAGE SOCIETY

Dear Member,

The next meeting of the Heritage Society is to take place on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at the Parish Meeting Rooms, Whiston – Well Lane. commencing at 7 p.m.

There were no minutes of the last meeting.

Should you wish to include a further item into the Agenda please contact me on 365791 or by e-mail Tompbox1@aol.com.

H.W.Tompkin (Secretary)

MEETING AGENDA

Welcome. Please note this meeting will continue to introduce our new payments structure – members will continue to pay £2 but visitors and friends now to pay £3 per meeting.

1. An illustrated talk by Mrs. Margaret Jackson on the Chapel on the Bridge.
2. Short business meeting for news and views
3. Refreshments

Important reminder.

Membership fees for 2019 will be payable at the AGM in May (unless you joined recently when your membership will not be due again until 2020. The membership fee will be finalised at the AGM but is likely to remain at £10 per member or couple.

News and Views –

As usual some books will be available for you to purchase (£2 per copy)– though most of our stock is elsewhere in the Rotherham Information Centre on High Street.

I will bring along a few copies of our 2019 Calendar in case any member would like one.

We are going to publish an A4 Calendar for 2020 – planning for this is underway and we may also branch out into Christmas Cards too.!

We have also been promised some Whiston material by a lady living in Australia – I await its arrival with eager anticipation – so far it has still not arrived. However we are in correspondence with another lady from Australia who is trying to find out more about her relations in the Roddis family some of whom moved to Australia early in C,20 and some still living in the village. Mr. Pikes memories have been very useful in helping this correspondent.

We are also dealing with a request concerning Rev. Benjamin Birkett who was our curate in 1822. He applied for some money from Queen Anne's; Bounty as his income was only £90 pa and he was married and had six children! This has proved most interesting – Rev.Ben was headmaster of Rotherham Grammar School in Jesus Gate between 1810 and 1839 (when he died). His wife, Mary long outlived him and died in Rotherham aged 98! Two of his daughters followed in his footsteps and became teachers. He had married in 1798 – his wife Mary came from South Anston and at the time he was living in Wales. Whether he got any money from his request I have not been able to ascertain.

Remember to let me know if you want to borrow any of the books we now have available and I will bring them for you to the meeting.

Our May meeting will start with the AGM – we need a Treasurer – hopefully someone will volunteer for this post or may wish to join our committee!! After the AGM our speaker will see the return of Mr.Pat McLoughlin – speaking on Signs, Symbols and Secrets !!!