

North Duffield Conservation and Local History Society
Archaeology North Duffield

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th February 2015

Apologies for Absence There were apologies from Bob Wells-Treasurer, Paul Allison, Conny Bolton, Brian Elsey, Margaret Gibson, Ron Haywood, and Elaine Wells.

Present:-

John Ellwood -Chairman, Tony Stevens -Secretary. Jean Apperly, Joyce Bains-Holgate, Richard Baker, Maxine and Brian Burkit, Deirdre Busfield, Rodger Carter, Beryl Clayton, Geoff and Susan Eastwood, Maureen Fernyhough, Phyllis Holling, Winnie Kraft, David Mc Sherry, Roberta Pullen, Betty Raper, Mark Simpson, Angela and Simon Stallard, Gordon Taylor, Rhonda Wells, Roger Wetherall, Jean Wilkinson, Val Witty and two visitors, Dr Jon Kenny and Eliabeth Deer,(secretary of Riccall History Group)

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 20th January were distributed and accepted as correct.

Matters arising

Tony reported on the visit to Potteric Carr and informed everyone of the forthcoming trip to collect Norfolk Reed. He said that the staff at the nature reserve were very helpful and would be providing waders where required and would cut the reeds and transport them to the car park.

Correspondence

The only correspondence had been by email to Potteric Carr.

Treasurers report

As the treasurer was not present there was no report but Bob has assured that we are still solvent.

Any Other Business

David McSherry asked what happened to the meeting regarding the new History of North Duffield. Tony replied that we had been busy and we would organise something after the reed gathering.

Tony displayed the shield given to the society from the effects of Muriel Patrick. It is the Fisons Floral Award presented by the now defunct North Duffield Horticultural Society for the best garden in the village. David asked if it was for gardens or allotments and said the concept was very different.

Speaker

Our speaker was Dr Mark Whyman from York Archaeological Trust who expanded his hypothesis on the transhumance of Iron Age and Romano/British people and their herds and flocks between the Vale of York and The Yorkshire Wolds. He included connections between the trackways from the Wolds, the pastoral systems, the boundary ditches and enclosures, and the pottery finds from excavations. It was very gratifying to learn that the findings from the excavations at North Duffield led by Brian and Archaeology North Duffield had played an important part in Dr Whyman's theory, which could be such a significant paper on the history and pre-history of the Vale of York.